

Over 1,000 Landmines Deactivated In 2005

04/13 - Around 1,550 anti-personnel and 138 anti tank landmines were deactivated and destroyed in 2005, in the eastern Province of Moxico, reads the balance report of the Provincial Humanitarian Co-ordination Group.

According to a document distributed to the press, during the action that took place in almost every district of the province, more than 9,000 explosive devices were also deactivated.

The demining work guaranteed, in that period, the clearing of eight million square metres around the population's resettlement area and 169 kilometres of road.

In the light of the demining process, over 108,000 citizens, amongst children and adults, received education about the dangers of landmines, an awareness campaign carried out by four groups.

In Moxico three foreign NGOs operate in mining activities, such as the British Mines Advisory Group (M.A.G.), Norwegian People's Aid (NPA), and the Danish Christian Aid (DCA), apart from sappers of the National Demining Institute (INAD) and of the Angola Armed Forces (FAA).