

National Demining Commission NICARAGUA



Executive Secretary

Ministry of Defense

BACKGROUND OF THE PROBLEM

Nicaragua is the most antipersonnel mine affected country in the region. According to registries, 135,643 of these mortal artifacts, were sown as a consequence of the armed conflict the country suffered during the decade of the 1980s.



CONFRONTING THE PROBLEM

- In 1989 the Army initiated demining operations in diverse areas of the country.
- In 1990 the armed conflict concluded, initiating an epoch of peace, stability and moral and material reconstruction at the national level.
- In the same year, Nicaragua formulated their National Demining Program and is presents it to the OAS.

ACTIONS BY NICARAGUA

- ❑ **In Dec. 1997, the “ Convention for the Prohibition of the use, stockpiling, production, and transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines” , known as the Ottawa Convention, is signed.**
- ❑ **On December 3, 1997 Nicaragua signs the Convention and ratifies on November 30, 1998.**
- ❑ **On November 27, 1998, Executive Decree 84-98 is emitted, creating the National Demining Commission (NDC).**

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART OF THE NDC

CHAIRMAN

(Minister of Defense)



EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

(Viceminister of Defense)



TECHNICAL SECRETARY

**DEMINING
SUBCOMMISSION**

**SUBCOMMISSION OF MEDICAL ATTENTION
AND REHABILITATION OF MINE VICTIMS**








**SUBCOMMISSION OF
EDUCATION, PREVENTION,
MARKING AND
REINTEGRATION**

- Min. Def.
- ARMY
- PADCA/OAS
- MINREX
- M. GOB/POL/BOM
- MTI
- MARENA
- EXTERNAL COOP.
- RED CROSS
- MOVIMUNDO

- MINSA *
- Min. Def.
- ARMY
- PADCA/OAS
- EXTERNAL COOP.
- RED CROSS
- INSS
- MINREX
- PAHO
- COM.CONJ.DIS.M
- MIFAMILIA
- HANDICAP INT.
- WALKING UNI.
- C. I. RED CROSS

- MECD *
- MIDDEF
- ARMY
- MINREX
- EXTERNAL COOP
- PADCA/OAS
- INIFOM
- UNICEF
- MAGFOR
- M. GOB/POL/BOM
- CEI
- C.C. DISCP. M.
- INATEC
- MIFAMILIA
- HANDICAP INT.
- PAHO
- MARSHALL LEG
- ACC.MED.CRIST.

FUNCTIONS

-  Support the politics of the National Demining Program and Supervise its development.
-  Take measures to include social programs of rehabilitation and reintegration of mine victims.
-  Manage resources for demining activities.
-  Maintain the international community informed.
-  Protect and dictate development politics that benefit the mine victim population.
-  Maintain a Demining Database.
-  Drive and support mine and UXO risk education.

DIFFICULTIES

- ⌘ Shortage of economic resources (budget).
- ⌘ High rotation of human resources.
- ⌘ Shortage of personnel installations.
- ⌘ Dispersal of efforts.

LESSONS LEARNED!!!

- ✓ **Improve coordination and interinstitutional communication.**
- ✓ **Establishment of certification methods of mine risk education materials.**
- ✓ **Depend on, at least, a minimum operations budget.**
- ✓ **Advance the institutional development of the Commission.**
 - * Adequate level of management
 - * Depend on Adequate installations
 - * Need to depend on database
 - * Prevent, as possible, the high rotation of personnel

WHAT ARE WE DOING

EDUCATION AND PREVENTION COMPONENT

- ☞ **Application of the National Prevention Guide.**
- ☞ **Certification of Education materials.**
- ☞ **Continuation and monitoring of Campaigns.**
- ☞ **Coordination for curriculum design for preventative education concerning the dangers of mines.**

WHAT ARE WE DOING

VICTIM ASSISTANCE COMPONENT

- **With the financing of the PADCA-OAS and the academic support of INATEC, a technical training program is being developed.**
- **Fund raising is being done to support, materially, the graduates.**
- **Psychological attention, through the institutions members of the NDC, is guaranteed.**
- **Attention is paid to the personal materials of the victim, such as eye glasses, specialized medical consultation.**
- **Channel, through the Office of the First Lady, solicitations of a social nature.**

CONCLUSIONS

- 1. As the donor community is aware, the Program has made significant advances.**
- 2. We are half way through and the resources are not abundant.**
- 3. There is much to do and requires everyone's assistance.**

NATIONAL DEMINING COMMISSION

NICARAGUA



THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!!

QUESTIONS, CONCERNS?