

Public- Private Mine Action Partnerships

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Initiatives and Partnerships

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Engaging Civil Society

- Governments can't do it alone
- People care – give them a way to help
- Organizations need incentives to collaborate

Partnership Vision

- Raise public awareness
- Engage civil society in mine action
- Apply civilian resources to priority needs

Partnership Goals

- Educate the global public
- Capitalize on partners' capabilities
- Attract support for effective organizations
- Connect like-minded entities for efficiency
- Create collaboration with existing organizations

Partnership Activities

- Donor orientation travel
- Introductions and networking
- Co-sponsorship of conferences
- Advice and assistance on action plans
- “Help Desk” for information and materials
- Official recognition for partner contributions

Success Stories

- **Night of 1000 Dinners**
 - *www.1000dinners.com*
- **Rotary International**
 - Fellowship of Rotarians for Mine Action
 - *www.for-mine-action.org*
- **People to People International**
 - Landmine Action Initiative
 - *www.ptpi.org*
- **South Florida Landmine Action Group**
 - www.sflag.org

South Florida Landmine Awareness Conference

- **January 23-25, 2004 in Miami**
- **Focus on Latin America**
 - Carnival atmosphere in Peacock Park
 - Expert practitioners and leading NGOs
 - To raise public awareness and support for mine action
- **Co-sponsored by SFLAG, PTPI, and MAIP**
 - Participation by OAS, Rotary, Kiwanis, and others

Mine Action Challenges

- Create a global mine action strategy
- Connect globally to share information
- Coordinate among hundreds of organizations
- Concentrate resources for maximum impact

New Initiatives

- **Global Mine Action Registry**
 - www.maic.jmu.edu/gmar
- **Mine Action Messenger**
 - New MAIP Partnership Newsletter
- **Global Mine Action Intranet**
 - People to People International project
 - Global collaboration zone for mine action community

Call to Action

- Appoint someone to develop and coordinate mine action partnerships
- Encourage communities and churches to support mine action
- Attend the South Florida conference in January