

## CANADIAN LANDMINE FOUNDATION – SCHOOL LESSON PLANS

### Lesson Four Impact of Landmines

**Purpose-** to become aware of specific problems created by landmines.

1. **Review** previous lesson.

Review definition of an anti-personnel landmine : a munition designed to be placed under, on or near the ground or other surface area, to be exploded by the presence, proximity or contact of a person and which will kill or injure one or more persons.

2. **Discuss- Why do you think landmines are designed to maim and injure, rather than specifically to kill?**

(injured soldiers or civilians are a drain on resources, morale is affected, populations already poor or ravaged by conflict become more isolated, etc.)

3. Have any **Canadians** been injured or killed by mines in recent times?

- There are no mines in Canada however a number of Canadians have been directly impacted by landmines while traveling or before they immigrated to Canada.
- In addition landmines pose the greatest single threat to [Canadian Peacekeepers](#)
  - Mark Isfeld [www.isfeldbc.com/](http://www.isfeldbc.com/)

4. Write these three words on the board (to head three lists)

#### **Economic, social, medical**

Discuss the meanings of these words and either in small groups or in one large group begin to list specific ways that landmines impact an area under each heading.

If done in small groups, allow about ten minutes, then display and present lists

#### Teacher's notes- suggested responses

**Economic**-farming is disrupted and water supply can be lost; transportation, roads and access to villages may be destroyed; factories may be shut down and sources of livelihood taken away; lack of economic development in a region may result; education may be interrupted or lost; dependency on foreign aid may be initiated

**Social**- in many countries, females maimed by mines become outcasts and not marriageable; for males the ability to be productive is impaired or lost; education is limited; morale and hope for the future is diminished

**Medical**- lifelong medical support needed for survivors; prostheses must be regularly replaced; drugs and pain management are needed; infection; psychological damage; blindness and hearing impairments ;rehab and retraining are needed; some survivors in remote areas get none of these supports

#### Resources

[www.mines.gc.ca/pdf/VI\\_F-en.pdf](http://www.mines.gc.ca/pdf/VI_F-en.pdf) Foreign Affairs Canada Mine Action Workbook.