



An overview of the projects that received funding support through the disbursement of small grants issued by both the International Campaign to Ban Landmines and Mines Action Canada in support of events commemorating the December 3<sup>rd</sup> signing anniversary of the Mine Ban Treaty, the Convention on Cluster Munitions and the International Day of Persons with Disabilities.



## Burundi – Centre d’Encadrement et de Développement des Anciens Combattants (CEDAC)

To help mark December the 3<sup>rd</sup>, CEDAC in partnership with the Community Network on Victim Assistance or (RECOVI) hosted a roundtable discussion and a press conference which was attended by national media outlets and various stakeholders including representatives from the Burundian Government, international NGOs and many former combatants were also in attendance. There was also a commemoration of all three anniversaries that included a performance by traditional Burundian drummers and also an awareness raising march. 1 100 people attended this groundbreaking event, including 200 persons living with disabilities.



## Cambodia – Arrupe Welcome Centre for Disabled Children

On December the 5<sup>th</sup> 2010, the International Half Marathon at the Temples of Angkor in Siem Reap, Cambodia takes place; the Arrupe Welcome Centre for Disabled Children used this international event as the backdrop for their commemoration events. 10 students from the centre took part in the race using tricycles and clearly demonstrated to all those in attendance and taking part in the race their resolve and athletic prowess. A musical group made of survivors and victims of Polio played traditional Cambodian music to help encourage the runners as they made their way through the course. At the end of the marathon Tuk-Tuk's were driving around Siem Reap with banners promoting a musical and dance performance at the centre, which began after the conclusion of the race. In addition to this information was provided to 170 people in attendance at the performance about the two December signing anniversaries and the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. Over 600 leaflets were distributed at both the event and at the marathon that contained information about the Mine Ban Treaty, the Convention on Cluster Munitions and the International Day for Persons with Disability. Special attention was paid to the need for Cambodia to accede to the Convention on Cluster Munitions before the 2<sup>nd</sup> MSP in Beirut, Lebanon. To view a youtube clip from this event just click on the link listed below.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gx4iwclTIAk>

## The Democratic Republic of Congo – INFOGROUP International

The campus of the University of Kinshasa was the setting for a large gathering of Congolese academics, civil society actors, students, politicians, artists and survivors who helped to mark December 3<sup>rd</sup> by taking part in large conference on raising awareness both on the Convention on Cluster Munitions and also related to the promotion of the rights of the disabled. 105 people attended this event. The vast majority of which were youth, a large percentage of those in attendance were people living with disabilities. There was widespread coverage of this event within the Congolese media.



## Georgia – International Campaign to Ban Landmines Committee of Georgia

Events in Georgia marking the December 3<sup>rd</sup> the twin anniversaries and the International Day of Persons With Disabilities centred on the staging of a sweeping theatrical production entitled “Red Line”. Red Line is a play based the experience of a young man who was conscripted into the Soviet Army. The young man is then sent to fight as part of the Soviet invasion force in the war in Afghanistan. During the conflict he becomes disabled due to contact with a landmine. He returns Georgia and is forced to confront the emotional trauma and physical challenges that this situation has forced on him and his family. The play was put on at the N.Dumbadze State Theatre as part of a partnership between the Union of Afgan and Other War Participants, Youth for Peace and Development and the International Campaign to Ban Landmines Committee of Georgia. Well over 500 students, politicians, representatives from NGOs, survivors and other persons living with disabilities attended this performance.



## Italy – Campagna Italiana Contro le Mine

Sporting events are a great way to reach out to a wide and diverse audience and this is just what the Campagna Italiana Contro le Mine did for their December 3<sup>rd</sup> event. The Italian event was a fully inclusive sporting event featuring some Italy’s top wheelchair basketball players and disabled athletes including Giusy Versace, who is the most famous disabled athlete in the country. Parts of the proceeds from this event were used to support the survivor assistance work of Alberto Cairo in Afghanistan. 170 students take part in this tremendous awareness-raising event.



## Mozambique – RAVIM

RAVIM facilitated a training session that involved both representatives from the Government Mozambican including members of the Ministry of Youth and Sport and the Ministry of Education and Culture, Youth and disabled members of Mozambican civil society were a key part of this session as well. In total, 151 attended this session. In addition to this training session a play depicting what life looks like for survivors and other citizens of Mozambique who are living with disability was staged by the NHUVUKU theatre group, which is made up of disabled actors. 100 people got the chance to view this insightful and informative production.



## Nepal – Ban Landmines Campaign Nepal (NCBL)

NCBL's December 3<sup>rd</sup>, awareness raising efforts focused on an inter school painting completion entitled: "Painting for Universalization of the Conventions and to Protect the Rights of Civilians". 38 students from 20 different school submitted work for this contest and 300 teachers, students and representatives from various organizations viewed the exhibition. The Nepalese Minister of Justice and Law distributed the prizes to the three winners of this competition. After the contest was finished the artwork was compiled into a stunning book that has been distributed to members of Nepal Parliament, social justice activists and media outlets throughout the country. This book has proven to be a forceful advocacy and lobbying tool.



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## Nigeria – IANSA Women Network-Nigeria

IANSA ran an awareness-building workshop for youth and other stakeholders on both the Convention on Cluster Munitions and the Mine Ban Treaty. The need for disability to be mainstreamed into in all development activities occurring within Nigeria was also discussed during this workshop. At the conclusion of the workshop the participants embarked on an advocacy visit to the Nigerian National Assembly to lobby members of the assembly to ensure that Nigeria fully ratifies the Convention on Cluster Munitions. Reporters were invited from the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) and the Nigerian Television Authority (NTA). Reports about the event were aired on national TV during the national newscast at 7pm and 9pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December 2010 and at 7am the following day.



## Philippines - Philippine Campaign Against Cluster Munitions (PCCM)

PCCM ran a one-day youth training workshop on the many complex issues that surround the production, use and stockpiling and clearance of cluster munitions and landmines. The main focus of this session was on highlighting the social, economic and cultural rights of survivors. The need to provide enhanced assistance to survivors was also looked at. What role the various mechanisms contained within the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities can have in supporting this work was also examined. At the conclusion of the workshop a documentary film screening was held. This event was a great opportunity for PCCM to reach out to and engage with both new and established partners and youth campaigners.



## Rwanda – Association of Landmine Survivors and Amputees of Rwanda (ALSAR)

Events in Rwanda were primarily focused on shedding some much needed light onto the lack awareness that surrounds both the Mine Ban Treaty and the Cluster Munitions Convention within Rwanda. Media outlets, representatives from civil society organizations, government officials and members of the general public all attended an awareness-generating workshop. Also in attendance were 50 Rwandan survivors who pushed the other guests to support the full implementation of the Cartagena Action Plan. Representatives from ALSAR gave numerous interviews with local reporters from newspapers and radio/television stations. At the conclusion of the day the ALSAR survivor cultural group held a performance.

## Senegal - Association Sénégalaise des Victimes de Mine (ASVM)

The town Ziguinchor was the location for the actions and activities that ASVM held on December the 3<sup>rd</sup>. ASVM continued to provide support to survivors and other people living with a disability by hosting a series of rights awareness raising events. These events included an inclusive rally that was pushing for greater respect and better understanding of the rights that disabled people in Senegal are legally entitled to. More than 300 people took part in these events.



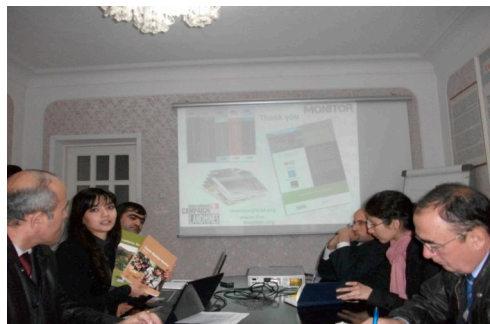
## Sudan – Sudan Campaign to Ban Landmines & Cluster Munitions (SCBL/CM)

In keeping with the understanding that sport can be a powerful force for good and equality, the SCBL/CM hosted a well attended sporting event. An inclusive football match was played and track and field competitions including a marathon were also staged. Both genders were equally represented within the field of competitors. Academics and local mine action campaigners gave speeches about the three treaties, local media outlets also attended this awareness raising event. Press information kits were produced and distributed to all of the journalists in attendance. At the end of the day a traditional Sudanese dance was performed. To view a youtube clip from this event just click on the link listed below.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ixl9ZIsFPXQ>

## Tajikistan –NGO Harmony of the World/Tajikistan Campaign to Ban Landmines

Events related to December the 3<sup>rd</sup> in Tajikistan occurred in and around Dushanbe. One of the main awareness raising events that took place in the capital was the launch of the Cluster Munitions and Landmine Monitor reports. Numerous local and national media outlets attended this event. A roundtable discussion was held to attempt to promote greater awareness about the impact that landmines and cluster munitions have had in Central Asia. The Government of Tajikistan was urged to enhance their participation in the diplomatic process that surrounds the Convention on Cluster Munitions. In order to support these efforts press packages were produced and distributed. In addition to this, promotional materials were also distributed to local NGOs and to the general public.



The United States of America (Morgantown, West Virginia) - Proud Students Against Landmines and Cluster Bombs PSALM/West Virginia Campaign to Ban Landmines and Cluster Bombs WVCBL

PSALM hosted an art exhibition of photographs from the 1st Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions in Vientiane Laos. The pictures were taken by PSALM/WVCBL coordinator, Nora Sheets. The exhibition included photos of survivors, advocates, and most importantly, images from a field visit to Xiengkhuang, which is one of the most heavily impacted areas within Laos. Also included in this showcase was an art installation consisting of painted shoes hanging from the ceiling with stories of the survivors of cluster bombs and landmines attached to them. There were also pieces of art work displayed at the show that were produced by the student members of PSALM. In just two days well over 250 people attend this cultural event.



Vietnam - Landmine Survivors Aid Group (LSAG)

LSAG worked with the Hue University's Youth Union to form a partnership in order to host and facilitate the celebration for International Day for People with Disabilities and the signing anniversaries of both treaties. A slow moving bicycle procession made its way through the streets of Dong Ha City, which helped to, drawn attention to the pressing need for persons with disabilities to be fully included in all aspects of life in Vietnam. Huynh Nguyen gave a presentation to 100 students at the university about his life and also about the current state of mine work in Vietnam.



Mines Action Canada would like to thank all of our December 3<sup>rd</sup> small grants recipients for the tremendous work that they did to both celebrate and draw attention to the signing anniversaries for the Mine Ban Treaty and the Convention on Cluster Munitions and also for the International Day of Persons with Disabilities.