Conventional Weapons Destruction

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What is Conventional Weapons Destruction?
The Conventional Weapons Destruction (CWD) account funds State Department humanitarian demining and weapons security programs in over 40 countries, embodying America’s commitment to reducing threats worldwide. CWD programs address the impacts of landmines, improvised explosive devices (IED), and other explosive remnants of war (ERW), and combat the illicit proliferation of small arms and light weapons systems. Landmines, cluster munition remnants, unexploded ordnance (UXO), and other explosive debris of war pose serious threats and cause significant harm in post-conflict countries.

What do the funds support?
- Reducing excess small arms, light weapons, and conventional weapons stockpiles, including man-portable air defense systems.
- Clearing landmines and explosive remnants of war to return land back to productive use.
- Carrying out humanitarian mine action programs, including providing medical and rehabilitative care to survivors of landmines and explosive remnants of war.
- Implementing best practices for physical security and stockpile management at conventional weapons storage sites.

Foreign Aid Delivers
The United States is the world’s leading financial supporter of CWD, providing more than $4.6 billion in assistance to more than 100 countries and territories since 1993. In 2022 alone, CWD demining programs cleared 43,161 acres of land across the globe. Due in part to CWD support, 17 countries have been declared mine-free.

Funding History
Funding levels may not accurately reflect those in the appropriations bills and/or reports due to rounding.