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# A MESSAGE FROM MLI'S FOUNDER AND BOARD CHAIRMAN

February 2, 2012

Dear Friends,

This past year has been one of accomplishment and growth for the Marshall Legacy Institute. We provided critically needed assistance to some of the most landmine-affected regions of the world. Our Mine Detection Dog Partnership Program (MDDPP) put 22 lifesaving dogs into service in Afghanistan, Angola, and Sri Lanka. Our Children Against Mines Program (CHAMPS) engaged thousands of American schoolchildren on an important global humanitarian issue and linked them with their peers in mine-affected communities. Dozens of landmine survivors received medical assistance and vocational training through our **Survivors' Assistance programs in Afghanistan, Iraq, Vietnam, and Yemen**, while at-risk populations in Bosnia-Herzegovina received Mine Risk Education through an innovative partnership with the Fantomi Sitting Volleyball team comprised of inspirational landmine survivors.

History has shown that the end of violence cannot be the beginning of peace when chaos, desperation, and fear prevail. Landmines, which may lie hidden beneath the soil for decades, force families to make intolerable decisions. Parents weigh the possibility of injury or death from mines as they tend the land to place food on their tables. Children risk life and limb as they walk to school or play in the fields. While threatening hundreds of thousands daily, landmines also inhibit access to critical resources, prevent the return of the internally displaced, and impede agricultural production and infrastructure development, thereby stifling the economic activity that leads to peace and stability.

**MLI's work in war-torn countries** offers sustainable solutions that provide hope and empowerment for a brighter future. Through cooperation and partnership with the U.S. Government, international mine-action organizations, indigenous demining groups, and concerned citizens, we continue to help eliminate the humanitarian dangers and destabilizing effects of landmines and other explosive remnants of war.

Together, our efforts can replace landmines and fear with opportunity and hope. As we enter 2012, I look forward to continue building upon the generous public and private support that enables MLI to help create a better and safer world free of landmines.

Sincerely,

  
Gordon R. Sullivan  
General, U.S. Army, Ret.



Together, we can help ensure that more dogs are trained to “sniff out” landmines and save lives.



The Marshall Legacy Institute (MLI) is a Virginia-based 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that was formed in 1997 to extend the vision of Nobel Peace Laureate George C. Marshall by alleviating suffering and promoting hope, growth, and stability in war-torn countries. For many nations, a primary obstacle to achieving sustainable progress is the deadly legacy of landmines, the relics of armed conflicts that often ended long ago. Landmines cause long-lasting environmental degradation, halt agricultural production, impede economic growth, slow the return of refugees, instill fear, and kill and maim innocent people and animals on a daily basis.

**MLI's primary mission is to establish practical, affordable, and sustainable indigenous programs to help severely mine-affected countries rid their land of the horrific scourge of landmines.** This includes the development and implementation of the **Mine Detection Dog Partnership Program (MDDPP)**, which provides Mine Detection Dogs (MDDs) to accelerate the pace of landmine clearance operations; the **Survivors' Assistance** program, which helps those who have been injured by landmines; and the **Children Against Mines Program (CHAMPS)**, which promotes global citizenship and involves American youth in meaningful service-learning projects to help children living in war-torn countries.

These three programs: 1) educate citizens about the dangers of mines; 2) provide valuable resources, especially Mine Detection Dogs (MDDs), for landmine clearance; 3) train national leaders charged with mine action responsibilities; and 4) assist landmine survivors with physical and psychological needs. MLI provides resources and training to help countries build their own sustainable humanitarian demining programs.

# Where we work



## Accomplishments

During the past 15 years, MLI has worked relentlessly to assist severely mine-contaminated countries. We provided **172 life-saving Mine Detection Dogs (MDDs)** to 13 war-torn countries. These lifesaving dogs search millions of square meters of land each year so the land can be returned to safe and productive use. During this period, we also provided critically needed medical assistance and vocational training to hundreds of landmine survivors, and engaged tens of thousands of American youth in the global landmine issue.

### Organizational Accomplishments in 2011:

- MLI donated **22 mine detection dogs (MDDs)** to Angola, Afghanistan, and Sri Lanka. Our 106 active MDDs and their brave local handlers searched and **cleared nearly nine million square meters of minefields**, saving & improving lives, and returning land to productive use.
- MLI provided **medical assistance** to hundreds of young landmine survivors in Afghanistan, Iraq, Vietnam, and Yemen.
- MLI provided **vocational training** to hundreds of landmine survivors.
- MLI linked American students with schoolchildren in Afghanistan, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Iraq, and Vietnam to promote landmine awareness and to help children injured by landmines.
- MLI partnered with the Iraqi Mine Clearance Organization and a medical training facility at the University of Tuzla to provide **specialized training to 6 Iraqi physicians** living in mine-affected areas.
- MLI **partnered with the Fantomi Sitting Volleyball team**, the Mine Detection Dog Center in Bosnia Herzegovina (MDDC), and ITF Enhancing Human Security, to initiate an innovative mine risk education program that combines exciting Sitting Volleyball exhibition games with mine risk education classes in at-risk communities in Bosnia Herzegovina. The Fantomi is comprised predominantly of landmine survivors, many of whom are world champion athletes. This program began at the end of 2011 and in just a few short weeks, the Fantomi and the MDDC delivered eight presentations, reaching nearly **400 schoolchildren living in close proximity to minefields**.
- MLI's **CHAMPS team** provided landmine awareness presentations to **10,800 American students, 3,500 teachers, and 3,600 parents** in thirty-eight schools. The team also conducted more than 65 simulated minefield demonstrations with MLI's canine ambassador, Utsi.

# Mine Action Overview



## Mine Detection Dog Partnership Program (MDDPP)

MLI's longest running and most well-known program is the Mine Detection Dog Partnership Program (MDDPP), which works to increase the quality and quantity of life-saving Mine Detection Dogs (MDDs) in countries that are severely affected by landmines. Remarkably, MDDs have proven to be one of the most valuable tools in mine detection, locating landmines 30 times more quickly than many other detection tools. **As part of MLI's overall strategy to build indigenous capacity to remove landmines and establish sustainable demining programs, MLI donates MDDs to mine-contaminated countries and then provides training and support to the beneficiary demining organizations. Typically, the MDDs are sponsored by private donors and program support is generously provided by the U.S. State Department's Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement (PM/WRA).**

In 2011, MLI donated 22 MDDs to three war-torn countries: Afghanistan, Angola, and Sri Lanka. These dogs joined the prestigious ranks of the 106 currently active MDDs that MLI has donated to 11 mine-affected countries. Last year, these dog teams searched **9 million square meters**, or 222,400 acres, of land in some of the most heavily mine-infested countries of the world, thereby making it safe for children to play and communities to grow.

The MDD program that MLI initiated in Angola with the donation of six dogs is the first of its kind in sub-Saharan Africa and these dogs will greatly enhance the country's mine-clearance efforts. The re-establishment of the MDDPP in Sri Lanka was another exciting development. Six highly-trained MDDs were donated to the Sri Lankan Army's (SLA) Humanitarian Demining Unit to help the country recover from more than 30 years of conflict. Finally, MLI donated ten MDDs to three organizations in Afghanistan. These dogs join the eighteen other MDDs MLI has given to Afghanistan since 2007. The MDDs in Afghanistan searched **1.8 million square meters of land** in 2011!

In 2012, MLI is expanding the MDDPP to provide 16 additional dogs to Angola, Iraq, and Sri Lanka.

## Children Against Mines Program (CHAMPS)



Students at Glenelg Country School participate in CHAMPS and have sponsored two life-saving dogs for Afghanistan!

Through the Children Against Mines Program (CHAMPS), MLI delivers landmine presentations and demonstrations to schoolchildren throughout the U.S., inspiring American children to not only explore the global landmine problem, but to also become part of the solution. CHAMPS elevates awareness about landmines, promotes global citizenship, and raises funds to sponsor life-saving MDDs and to help youth who have been wounded by landmines. CHAMPS youth have sponsored 27 Mine Detection Dogs (MDDs) and have helped hundreds of landmine survivors!

In 2011, MLI's CHAMPS team delivered 38 presentations at schools around the U.S., reaching 10,800

students! Additionally, MLI's canine ambassador, MDD Utsi, gave 68 landmine demonstrations, illustrating how dogs are able to "sniff out" landmines and inspiring students to take action.

CHAMPS youth sponsored four MDDs in 2011 and directly helped 44 young landmine survivors, raising money to provide them with prosthetic limbs and critically needed medical care.

## Survivors' Assistance Program

Unfortunately, there are hundreds of thousands of people who have been injured by landmines, and approximately 5,000 additional men, women, and children are hurt by these deadly weapons each year. Therefore, **MLI's Survivors' Assistance Program** began as a way to implement a variety of programs that assist those who have been injured by mines. MLI provides prosthetic devices, rehabilitative treatments, and vocational training to hundreds of landmine survivors each year and we are currently funding a program that provides specialized rehabilitative medical training to doctors in Iraq.

In 2011, MLI provided medical assistance to 37 landmine survivors in Afghanistan, 4 survivors in Iraq, 4 survivors in Vietnam, and 2 survivors in Yemen. MLI also initiated a program in Yemen that established a **computer lab and vocational skills center** for landmine survivors, enabling them to learn employable skills and have the ability to provide financially for their families.



Safa stepped on a landmine and lost her leg as she was gathering vegetables outside of her grandmother's home.

Also in 2011, MLI partnered with the Mine Detection Dog Center in Bosnia and Herzegovina (MDDC) and the Fantomi Sitting Volleyball team, an international championship volleyball team that is comprised largely of landmine survivors, to promote Mine Risk Education to Bosnian youth during engaging exhibition volleyball games. Since the program got underway at the end of 2011, the team has already delivered dozens of presentations, reaching nearly 400 schoolchildren living in close proximity to minefields.

# AFGHANISTAN

## Mine Detection Dog Partnership Program, Survivors' Assistance and CHAMPS Programs in Afghanistan

### 2011 Overview

Afghanistan remains one of the most heavily mine-affected countries in the world. Landmines block access to roads, medical care, water supplies, schools, and jobs. Its civilian population has suffered incredibly because of landmines and Unexploded Ordnance (UXO), which have killed and maimed, instilled fear, and denied productive use of land. Each year, thousands of people are injured or killed by landmines in Afghanistan, and approximately 60% of the victims are children. Today, there are more than **75,000 landmine survivors** living in Afghanistan.

Since 2007, MLI has donated **28 Mine Detection Dogs (MDDs)** to four Afghan demining organizations. In 2011, these amazing dogs and their handlers searched **1.8 million square meters** of mine-contaminated land that had been endangering the lives of **four million people!**

MLI also helped **38 landmine survivors**, provided vocational training to hundreds of survivors, and provided mine risk education to at-risk communities.



When he is not trying to shake hands, *MDD Stitch* is “sniffing out” landmines in Afghanistan!

# Making A Difference in Afghanistan



The Demining Agency for Afghanistan (DAFA) is one of four Afghan demining organizations that has received Mine Detection Dogs (MDDs) from MLI since 2007. Haji Abdullah, a landowner in a village outside of Kabul, Afghanistan, recently spoke with DAFA about their work in his village and the impact of landmines in his community.

*“The existence of mines and other explosive remnants of war (ERW) is a big problem in our country... It not only caused deaths and injuries of innocent people but prevented us from using our land and forced us to migrate out of the country. Our agricultural and residential lands are contaminated with mines, which is a very big blow to our economy and has affected us very badly. Agriculture is our biggest source of income; there are no other sources to earn money aside from farming.*”

*“The villagers requested the help of the Mine Action Program because we want our land to be free of mines and ERW. [Once the land is clear], our lives will become brighter because once again we will cultivate and build on our land, which will help solve our economic trouble. Our children will get an education and become doctors, architects, and teachers, and the lives of villagers will be very cheerful and bright.”*

Since 2007, the Marshall Legacy Institute has provided nine MDDs to DAFA. Daud Farahi, Director of Operations at DAFA added, *“the MDDs donated by the Marshall Legacy Institute are essential and effective in mine clearance operations.”*



## CHAMPS Afghanistan Spotlight

In 2011, MLI’s Children Against Mines Program (CHAMPS) linked three American schools with two “sister” schools in Afghanistan to promote landmine awareness, foster global citizenship, strengthen multi-cultural understanding, and assist young landmine survivors. These CHAMPS schools identified and provided **37 landmine survivors** with prosthetic limbs, other necessary medical care, and vocational training.

*“The partnership between MLI and [Glenelg Country School] has been a true gift in that our students are learning that they can make a difference in the world. Knowing that a dog we have sponsored has cleared land that is now safe for other children to play and grow on is amazing...and seeing first-hand with our monthly communications how our efforts are helping people on the other side of the world to have a better life is extraordinary.”*

-Anne Wooleyhand  
Principal, Lower School at Glenelg Country School



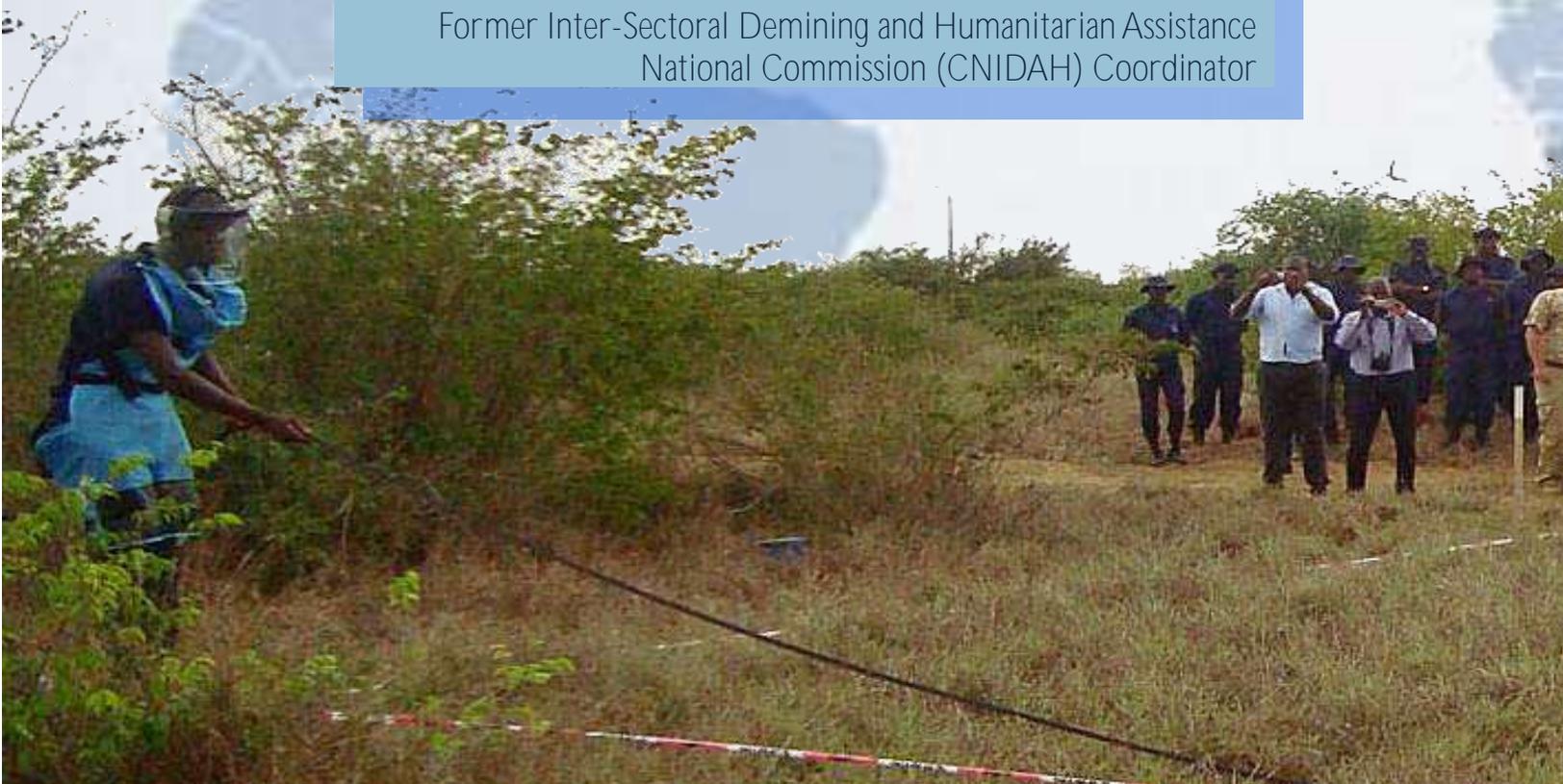
# ANGOLA

Angola continues to suffer horribly after more than four decades of armed conflict, which left its soil littered with landmines. An assessment of Angola's 18 provinces found that they are each heavily contaminated by mines – affecting 2.4 million people who are unable to use the land or travel freely.

*“For us, it is a new experience. [This is the first time] we will work with dogs—[they will be] an asset.”*

-Balbina da Silva

Former Inter-Sectoral Demining and Humanitarian Assistance  
National Commission (CNIDAH) Coordinator



## Mine Detection Dog Partnership Program in Angola

### 2011 Overview

In 2011, MLI established the first Mine Detection Dog program in sub-Saharan Africa by donating **six MDDs** to Angola's National Demining Institute (INAD), which is responsible for the vast majority of landmine clearance in Angola.

After completing their training with Angolan handlers, these life-saving dogs will “sniff out” landmines near villages, along railroads and roadways, as well as in an area in Bengo Province that, once cleared, will be used to build a much-needed deep-water port for Angola.

The ultimate goal of this partnership program is to establish a fully-indigenized MDD capacity in Angola. INAD has requested up to **30 additional MDDs over the next four years**, which MLI hopes to accommodate with the combined financial support of the Angolan government and private donors.



*MDD Arizona and her handler demonstrate to Angolan officials how dogs are able to safely and effectively “sniff out” landmines.*

## Mine Detection Dog Partnership Program in Azerbaijan

### 2011 Overview

Conflict with Armenia and the collapse of the Soviet Union left much of Azerbaijan littered with landmines that **continue to endanger people's lives, threaten livestock, and prohibit the use of farm land for millions of people.** In 2005 **the Government of Azerbaijan requested MLI's assistance** in building a Mine Detection Dog (MDD) capacity, and with support from the U.S. Department of State and private donors, MLI has now donated **twenty-four MDDs** to this highly successful mine clearance program.



# Making a Difference in Azerbaijan

While some of the older MDDs have retired into good homes, in 2011, the eighteen active MDDs searched over **six million square meters** of mine-suspected land in Azerbaijan! This land is now being used for pasture and agriculture by the citizens of Azerbaijan.



MDD *Tessa* and handler Talib search a training minefield in Azerbaijan.

# BOSNIA HERZEGOVINA

## Mine Detection Dog Partnership Program and Survivors' Assistance in Bosnia Herzegovina

### 2011 Overview

Bosnia Herzegovina (BiH) is the most severely mine-affected country in Europe. There are thousands of mine survivors and nearly one million people are directly affected by landmines each day. Since 2004, MLI has donated **twenty-five MDDs** to local humanitarian demining organizations in **Bosnia Herzegovina**. **Six of the MDDs** were sponsored by schoolchildren in MLI's **Children Against Mines Program (CHAMPS)**!

While some of the older MDDs have retired to homes with their handlers, in 2011, the **thirteen active MDDs** searched over **360,000 square meters** that can now be used for schools, roads, and agriculture.

Also in 2011, in partnership with the Mine Detection Dog Center (MDDC) in Bosnia Herzegovina, the ITF Enhancing Human Security, and the OKI Fantomi Sitting Volleyball Team, MLI implemented an interactive Mine Risk Education (MRE) project in Bosnia-Herzegovina. The OKI Fantomi team, whose members have lost limbs to landmines and other accidents, traveled the country to promote mine risk education among students and community members while competing against other BiH Sitting Volleyball teams.

By the end of 2011, Fantomi players and mine awareness instructors from the MDDC had delivered **eight compelling MRE presentations** and reached nearly **400 schoolchildren** living in close proximity to minefields.

# Making a Difference in Bosnia Herzegovina



*"I work with children every day; I watch these young people and am always afraid some of them will become mine victims since we live so close to the minefields. I know how hard it is...I am grateful for what MLI and the Fantomi are doing. It is so important to teach these children how to stay safe...because this evil remnant from the war continues to harm us and put our children in danger."*

*- Mr. Smail, who attended an OKI Fantomi mine-awareness demonstration*

*MDD Avala and handler in Bosnia Herzegovina.*

*The OKI Fantomi Sitting Volleyball Team playing a demonstration game match against a rival Sitting Volleyball team.*



# IRAQ

## Mine Detection Dog Partnership Program, Survivors' Assistance, and CHAMPS Programs in Iraq

### 2011 Overview

Iraq is contaminated by landmines and unexploded ordnance (UXO) as a result of multiple conflicts over the past 30 years. Mines and UXO plague an estimated 1,730 square kilometers of the country, impacting the lives of millions of Iraqi citizens.

With support from the U.S. Department of State and caring, private donors, MLI began the Mine Detection Dog Partnership Program (MDDPP) - Iraq in 2008 to reinstate the use of MDDs in humanitarian mine clearance operations. MLI has since donated ten of these lifesaving dogs to the Iraqi Mine & UXO Clearance Organization (IMCO) and the Mines Advisory Group (MAG).

In 2011, these dogs and their handlers worked in northern Kurdish Iraq and Central/Southern Iraq, searching 230,000 square meters of land, or the equivalent to 57 acres. This land is now being used by community members in Kirkuk, Sulimaniyah, and Baghdad who can safely graze their livestock and grow wheat, barley, and seasonal fruit.

MLI's Children Against Mines Program (CHAMPS) paired sixty Iraqi students with American students to help young Iraqi landmine survivors receive medical and rehabilitative care. CHAMPS students in the U.S. raised funds to support travel and medical & rehabilitative care for four Iraqi landmine survivors, as well as vocational computer training for ten additional survivors. CHAMPS students in Iraq helped to identify these survivors and also promoted Mine Risk Education in their communities.



Young Iraqi girl meets MDD Texas during a Mine Risk Education presentation



Iraqi medical rehabilitation teams receive special training

In 2011, MLI arranged for two three-person Iraqi medical rehabilitation teams to receive specialized training in the treatment of victims of severe trauma, such as landmine-related injuries. After completing an intensive three-week training course at the University Clinic Center in Tuzla, Bosnia-Herzegovina, the teams returned to Iraq to apply their newly acquired skills. As these medical specialists share their knowledge with colleagues, they will increase the quality and availability of traumatic injury care for the tens of thousands of landmine survivors in Iraq.

# Making a Difference in Iraq

Mine Risk Education presentations educate Iraqi citizens about the dangers of landmines and how to avoid them.



*"I feel happy that I can be helpful to the situation. Most kids don't get an opportunity to help other kids in a different country under these circumstances. If our country... was in this predicament, I would want another country to help us."*

-Student at Wister Elementary School after speaking with CHAMPS students in Basra, Iraq

## Survivors' Assistance

Mohammad was only eight years old when he was severely injured in a landmine explosion in the Basra region of Iraq. He lost both arms, a leg, and his right eye. Following the accident, he spent seven years unable to care for himself or attend school.

MLI was introduced to Mohammad in 2011, when he was fifteen years old, and arranged for him to receive medical treatment in Amman, Jordan, since upper body prosthetics are not available in Iraq. In Jordan, Mohammad received a new leg, an articulating right arm and hand, a cosmetic left arm, and a prosthetic eye. For the first time in seven years, he is able to write and feed himself without assistance. Today, Mohammad participates in Mine Risk Education activities in his community to help educate others about the dangers of landmines.



# LEBANON

## Mine Detection Dog Partnership Program and Survivors' Assistance Programs in Lebanon

### 2011 Overview

Lebanon is contaminated with landmines and Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) as a result of a fifteen year-long civil war and ongoing conflicts with neighboring countries. Along the southern UN-delineated Blue Line alone, there are approximately 360,000 mines within a 7.7 square kilometer area. Mines in other parts of the country affect 409 communities; restricting access to roads, stalling agricultural industry, and delaying development in areas designated for infrastructural improvements.



# Making a Difference in Lebanon



Since 2001, MLI has donated 23 Mine Detection Dogs (MDDs) to the Lebanese Mine Action Center. In 2011, the sixteen active MDDs and their handlers searched **174,000 square meters of land, or 43 acres**, and found more than **71 landmines** and other pieces of unexploded ordnance. This land has been

returned to local Lebanese population for infrastructure development and farming.

In 2011, MLI and the American Task Force for Lebanon partnered to launch an exciting new project that will provide rehabilitative care for up to thirty landmine/UXO survivors and computer vocational training for up to one hundred twenty landmine/UXO survivors in 2012. This project is being supported by the U.S. Department of State and private donors.



# Mine Detection Dog Partnership Program in Sri Lanka

## 2011 Overview

Eighteen years of civil war littered the Jaffna peninsula and northern Sri Lanka with landmines and unexploded ordnance that continue to threaten the populace. Tens of thousands of Sri Lankans remain displaced by the aftermath of the conflict.

In 2004 and 2005, MLI partnered with the U.S. Department of State and private donors to provide 13 highly-trained Mine Detection Dog (MDD) teams to the **Sri Lankan Army's Humanitarian Demining Unit**. Unfortunately, the resurgence of violence in 2006 forced the early retirement of these dogs, while dramatically increasing the country's landmine contamination. Peace was finally restored in 2009 and, in late 2010, MLI received a request from the Sri Lankan Government to help re-establish the MDD program.

In 2011, with support from the U.S. Departments of Defense and State and private donors, MLI donated **six Mine Detection Dogs (MDDs)** that were trained and certified with Sri Lankan handlers. Three of the dogs were sponsored through MLI's CHAMPS program. The MDDs began work at the end of 2011 and helped to expedite resettlement activities in a heavily mine-contaminated area adjacent to a fishing village. Upon completion of this task, fishermen will be able to safely access the road, and two hundred residents of the village will be safe from mines

During 2012, the MDD teams are expected to restore the safety of 405 high-priority villages that are contaminated by landmines in the north and east of the country.



A Mine Risk Education sign tacked to a tree in Sri Lanka alerts these villagers that the area is heavily mine-contaminated.

# Making a Difference in Sri Lanka

*"[MDDs are] employed very effectively to contribute to the ongoing Humanitarian Demining Operations while increasing the momentum of the national resettlement plan."*

*KJ Alwis RWP RSP USP  
Major General  
for Commander of the Sri Lankan  
Army*



The MDD teams are already making a big difference in the mine-clearance efforts, in Sri Lanka, "sniffing out" landmines and saving lives.



MDDs are up to 30 times faster than human deminers and add efficiency and effectiveness to a grueling and dangerous job.



MDD Jeckie searches for landmines with her handler in Sri Lanka.

# VIETNAM

## Children Against Mines Program in Vietnam

### 2011 Overview

Vietnam is heavily contaminated by landmines and Unexploded Ordnance (UXO), particularly cluster bombs, that date back to the 1960s and 1970s. Tens of thousands of people continue to be injured and killed by these deadly weapons, which prompted MLI to launch the Children Against Mines Program (CHAMPS) in Vietnam in 2010. With support from the U.S. Department of State and private donors, MLI linked two schools in the Quang Tri Province of Vietnam with two American schools. By participating in monthly tele-conference calls, the students in Vietnam and the U.S. not only learned about each other, but they also participated in service learning projects that helped landmine survivors and provided Mine Risk Education (MRE) to at-risk communities.

During 2010 and 2011, the Vietnamese CHAMPS teams travelled to villages throughout the Quang Tri Province, performing MRE presentations at schools and community centers and reaching more than **2,000 school children, villagers, and members of Women's Unions**. They gave testimonials, distributed leaflets, and performed engaging skits that entertained and educated their audiences.

The youth in Vietnam also identified four young landmine survivors who required rehabilitative care and vocational training, and the children in the U.S. schools worked together to raise money to help them. With the help of medical professionals, MLI developed uniquely tailored care to meet the medical needs and professional ambitions of these survivors. The American youth were able to raise enough money to not only provide the survivors with prosthetic limbs and rehabilitative care, but they were also given computer classes and vocational training courses that have enabled them to earn a living and help their families.

*Miss Ha and her students in Vietnam participate in a video conference call with their sister school in the U.S.*



*Students at Le Loi Secondary School in Quang Tri, Vietnam examine a landmine display.*



# Making a Difference in Vietnam

## A Helping Hand for Hong

Now 17, Hong was injured at the age of 12 when he found “a strange thing” in front of his house. Unsure what it was and curious to see what was inside, he took it to the garden and attempted to use a hammer to open it. Unfortunately, the item turned out to be a landmine, which exploded. Hong lost his left hand and also sustained many burns on his legs from the explosion.

Hong’s family could not afford prolonged medical treatment or a prosthetic limb, so Hong spent the past five years living in shame and without much hope for the future.

In 2011, MLI was able to help Hong through CHAMPS. The students at The Evergreen School in Seattle, WA worked together to raise enough money to send him to Ha Noi by VIECOT, an Orthopedic and Rehabilitation Center, where he was fitted with a prosthetic hand and continues to receive rehabilitative treatment.

Hong reports that his new hand has given him the confidence to continue his education and pursue goals that he had given up after the accident.



Villagers participate in Mine Risk Education classes in Quang Tri Province, Vietnam.



Vietnamese students perform a Mine Risk Education skit to illustrate the dangers of landmines.

# YEMEN

## Survivors' Assistance Program in Yemen

### 2011 Overview

Civil war and conflicts dating back to the early 1960s have heavily contaminated Yemen with landmines and Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) that kill and wound thousands of Yemeni civilians each year. In 2010, MLI began coordinating with the Yemen Executive Mine Action Center (YEMAC) and the Yemen Association for Landmine Survivors (YALS) to provide the care, rehabilitation, and reintegration that is desperately needed by landmine survivors.

Despite continued security threats, MLI, YEMAC, and YALS built a state of the art computer training facility in **Sana'a with funding from the U.S. Department of State**. **Twenty landmine survivors** received computer certification after completing a computer literacy training course that was taught by a local, accredited instructor. This certification will open the doors of opportunity for a lifetime of employment possibilities.

In late 2011, MLI's **Children Against Mines Program (CHAMPS)** was launched in Yemen with funding from the U.S. Department of State. The program paired eager schoolchildren in Yemen with students in two American schools. The CHAMPS teams are communicating with each other in monthly video-conferences and working together to provide **six young landmine survivors** with medical and rehabilitative care.



Yemeni landmine and UXO survivors participate in MLI's vocational training and computer classes.

# Making a Difference in Yemen



Mohammad lost both his arms and sight in his left eye while playing with a landmine two years ago in Yemen. The accident left him unable to care for himself, and vision in his remaining eye continued to deteriorate. Despite his terrific attitude and cheerful smile, Mohammad said that he was embarrassed to ask others for help, regardless of how close they were to him. In 2011, MLI arranged for Mohammad to receive two prosthetic arms, and treatment for

his eyes at a rehabilitation facility in Amman, Jordan.

*"Before I wasn't able to do anything for myself, I always needed someone to help me....you gave me the chance I thought was out of reach. I am not able to find the words to thank you enough."*

*-Mohammad Abdul Karim*



Mine Risk Education in Yemen

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# Mine Detection Dog Donors

\* denotes CHAMPS sponsorship

## Nicaragua

1999

12 Mine Detection Dogs, gift of the US Government

## Lebanon

2001

**Ben**, gift of William Rouhana, Jr. and Amy Newmark  
**Bookman**, gift of William Rouhana Jr. and Amy Newmark  
**Rex**, gift of William Rouhana Jr. and Amy Newmark  
**Sally**, gift of William Rouhana Jr. and Amy Newmark  
**Speedy**, gift of William Rouhana Jr. and Amy Newmark  
**Toughy**, gift of William Rouhana Jr. and Amy Newmark

## Eritrea

November 2001

**Brenda**, gift of James V. Kimsey  
**Sesja**, gift of James V. Kimsey  
**Utsi**, gift of James V. Kimsey  
**Bart**, gift of MLI/Humpty Dumpty Institute  
**Ben**, gift of MLI/Humpty Dumpty Institute  
**Don**, gift of MLI/Humpty Dumpty Institute

## Armenia

November 2002

**Armen**, gift of the Armenian Assembly of America  
**Bibie**, gift of the Armenian Assembly of America  
**Focus**, gift of the Armenian Assembly of America  
**Hester**, gift of the Armenian Assembly of America  
**Koni**, gift of the Armenian Assembly of America  
**Katja**, gift of the Armenian Assembly of America

## Thailand

June 2003

**Bojar**, gift of Royal Dutch Shell  
**Famka**, gift of Royal Dutch Shell  
**Lisa**, gift of the Laura J. Niles Foundation  
**Pipin**, gift of Royal Dutch Shell  
**Rocky**, gift of Royal Dutch Shell  
**Tefka**, gift of Royal Dutch Shell

## Armenia

September 2003

**Boston**, gift of the Children of Armenia Fund  
**Champ**, gift of the Children of Armenia Fund  
**Heros**, gift of the Children of Armenia Fund  
**Ople**, gift of the Children of Armenia Fund  
**Mona Lisa**, gift of the Children of Armenia Fund  
**Sammy**, gift of the Children of Armenia Fund

## Sri Lanka

February 2004

**Blek-Hannah**, gift of Don McCoy and the Sri Lankan Association of Washington, DC  
**CC**, gift of the Hilda & Preston Davis Foundation and Chubb Insurance  
**Galleon**, gift of the Galleon Group  
**Lehigh**, gift of Dr. Beall and Linny Fowler and residents of Lehigh Valley  
**Trusty**, gift of the Trust Family Foundation  
**\*Wyoming**, gift of the schoolchildren of Wyoming

## Bosnia Herzegovina

October 2004

**Andy**, gift of Jane Schultz  
**Geoff**, gift of the Laura J. Niles Foundation  
**Misty**, gift of the Laura J. Niles Foundation  
**Tom**, gift of Jane Schultz  
**Preston**, gift of the Hilda & Preston Davis Foundation

## Azerbaijan

January 2005

**\*Lipscomb**, gift of Lipscomb Univ. & the Laura J. Niles Foundation  
**Fowler**, gift of Dr. Beall and Linny Fowler  
**Duco**, gift of Alliant Techsystems  
**Oscar**, gift of the Laura J. Niles Foundation  
**Danik**, gift of the Laura J. Niles Foundation  
**Tessa**, gift of the Laura J. Niles Foundation  
**Ronny**, gift of the Synchronicity Foundation

## Sri Lanka

February 2005

**Connor**, gift of Chubb Insurance  
**Fernandez**, gift of the Synchronicity Foundation  
**Winona**, gift of the Sri Lankan Association of Washington, DC  
**Kirk**, gift of the Rotary Club of Coral Gables, FL  
**Spirit**, gift of Qwest Communications  
**Galleon II**, gift of the Galleon Group  
**Macho-McCoy**, gift of MLI and friends of Don McCoy

## Bosnia Herzegovina

May 2005

**\*Apollo**, gift of Apollo Junior High School & the Glory Foundation  
**Lyn**, gift of the Charles Engelhard Foundation  
**\*Lilo**, gift of the Michael Lazar Family  
**Charlie**, gift of Pfizer, Inc.  
**Ryno**, gift of Union Pacific  
**Avala**, gift of the Laura J. Niles Foundation  
**Jane**, gift of the Joan Wismer Foundation

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## Azerbaijan

January 2006

**Alma**, gift of the Alma Gibbs Donchian Foundation  
**Bobby**, gift of MLI  
**Canto**, gift of MLI  
**Dexter**, gift of the Joan Wismer Foundation  
**Noble**, gift of the Joan Wismer Foundation  
**Akela**, gift of MLI

August 2006

**Donohue**, gift of Lehigh Valley & Griselda Hale  
**Marcos**, gift of Griselda Hale  
**Nina**, gift of the Hilda & Preston Davis Foundation  
**Rotary**, gift of Baku International Rotary Club, and the Rotary Clubs of Coral Gables, Colorado Springs, North Hollywood, Studio City and Woodland Hills  
**Meta**, gift of the Government of Slovenia  
**Mojca**, gift of the Government of Slovenia

## Bosnia Herzegovina

March 2007

\***Arizona**, gift of the schoolchildren of Phoenix, AZ & Qwest Communications  
\***South Hadley**, gift of Chelsea Fernandes & the South Hadley community  
\***Granite**, gift of the schoolchildren of Kingston, NH & John Laughner  
**Perry**, gift of the Joan Wismer Foundation  
**Oscar**, gift of the Hilda & Preston Davis Foundation  
**Vita**, gift of the Hilda & Preston Davis Foundation

## Azerbaijan

August 2007

\***Brownie**, gift of Browne Academy and Joan Wismer  
**Gaga**, gift of the Laura J. Niles Foundation  
**Gavran**, gift of the Laura J. Niles Foundation  
**Guru**, gift of the Laura J. Niles Foundation

## Bosnia Herzegovina

September 2007

\***Connecticut**, gift of the schoolchildren of Greenwich, CT  
**Parky**, gift of the Geoffrey Sr. & Elizabeth Parkinson Family

## Afghanistan

October 2007

**General**, gift of General Dynamics  
**Dynamic**, gift of General Dynamics  
**Cowboy**, gift of the Wyoming Association of Broadcasters

## Lebanon

May 2008

\***Shadow**, gift of New Lebanon School (CT) and The John Vrabec Shadow Foundation  
\***Champlain**, gift of Girl Scout Troops 125 and 820 of Essex Junction and Williston, VT  
\***Tornado**, gift of Trinity Episcopal School in Austin, TX  
**Cedarlane**, gift of the LA Cedars Rotary Club  
**CIMGO**, gift of the Partnership for Lebanon  
**Harry**, gift of MLI and Joan Wismer

## Afghanistan

June 2008

\***Stitch**, gift of the Michael Lazar Family  
\***Dragon**, gift of Glenelg Country School  
**Raka**, gift of the Synchronicity Foundation  
**Pete**, gift of the U.S. Department of State  
**Gus**, gift of Nicholas and Eleanor Chabreja  
**Soldier**, gift of the Association of the U.S. Army

## Bosnia Herzegovina

October 2008

**Sully**, gift of MLI  
**Betsy**, gift of the Parkinson Family

## Lebanon

November 2008

**Hardini**, gift of friends and family of the St. Kassab al-Hardini Family  
**Shreek**, gift of the Partnership for Lebanon  
\***Nutmeg**, gift of Kirsten Parkinson & the schoolchildren of Greenwich, CT  
**Iris**, gift of Anthony Lake and Julie Katzman  
**Tiger**, gift of MLI and the LA Cedars Rotary Club

## Afghanistan

March 2009

**Abrams**, gift of General Dynamics  
**Stryker**, gift of General Dynamics  
\***Vermont**, gift of the schoolchildren of Vermont and Antonio Pomerleau  
**Toby**, gift of the Laura J. Niles Foundation  
**Blairstown**, gift of the Laura J. Niles Foundation  
**Laura**, gift of the Laura J. Niles Foundation  
**Villano**, gift of the U.S. Department of State  
**Quido**, gift of the U.S. Department of State  
**Friendship**, gift of the Friendship Hospital for Animals

## Northern Iraq

June 2009

**Arco**, gift of Ghalib Bradosti  
**Bowie**, gift of Ghalib Bradosti  
**Dori**, gift of Ghalib Bradosti  
**Eron**, gift of the U.S. Department of State  
**Harry**, gift of the U.S. Department of State  
**Lessle**, gift of the U.S. Department of State

## Lebanon

June 2010

**Tristan**, gift of the Laura J. Niles Foundation  
**Joan**, gift of the Hilda & Preston Davis Foundation  
**Sergeant**, gift of AUSA  
**Bison**, gift of General Dynamics  
**Fox**, gift of General Dynamics  
\***Jonas**, gift of the Michael Lazar Family

# Mine Detection Dog Donors

## Bosnia Herzegovina

June 2010

- Lago**, gift of Julie Katzman & the Tony Lake Family
- Julie**, gift of Anthony Lake
- Tony**, gift of Julie Katzman & the Tony Lake Family

## Azerbaijan

August 2010

- Beti**, gift of the Laura J. Niles Foundation

## Central/Southern Iraq

October 2010

- \***Texas**, gift of the Woodlands High School, Texas
- Patriot**, gift of Raytheon
- Paco**, gift of the U.S. Department of State
- Diesel**, gift of the U.S. Department of State

## Sri Lanka

June 2011

- Jeckle**, gift of the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD)
- \***Lil' Swoop**, gift of the Philadelphia Eagles & Wister Elementary
- Madjesty**, gift of the U.S. Department of Defense: Named by the Homan Family
- \***Spartacus**, gift of the Seven Lakes School, TX
- Taso**, gift of the U.S. Department of Defense
- \***Yankee**, gift of the Parkinson Family & Greenwich, CT schools

## Afghanistan

September 2011

- Axel**, gift of General Dynamics
- Goodrich**, gift of the Goodrich Foundation
- \***Country**, gift of Glenelg Country School and the MLI K9-9K
- EMBA**, gift of the Executive MBA Program of Boston University
- Holly**, gift of the Alma Gibbs Donchian Foundation
- Siggi**, gift of the Laura J. Niles Foundation
- Jet**, gift of General Dynamics
- Luke**, gift of the Hilda & Preston Davis Foundation
- Samsung**, gift of Samsung
- Neo**, gift of the U.S. Department of State

## Angola

November 2011

- Boe**, gift of the Boeing Company
- Kuito**, gift of Tony Lake and the 1994 Africa Delegation
- Zuja**, gift of the Laura J. Niles Foundation
- Nera**, gift of Steve & Jaqui Edelmann
- Mary**, gift of the Laura J. Niles Foundation
- Zafira**, gift of the Laura J. Niles Foundation

## Campaigns in Progress

- \***Kimberly**, gift of Ashley Parkinson and the school children of CT
- \***Mitchell**, gift of school children of Mitchell, TX
- \***MUNSA (Legacy)**, gift of the Model United Nations, San Antonio

## Early Retirement

2009

- Tony**, gift of Julie Katzman & the Tony Lake Family

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# 2011 CHAMPS Schools

MLI is deeply appreciative of the dedicated students, parents, and teachers from communities throughout the U.S. who participated in CHAMPS during 2011. Working to become part of the solution for the global landmine epidemic, they raised thousands of dollars to support landmine survivors and to sponsor Mine Detection Dogs.

## 2011 Participating CHAMPS Schools

Brunswick School  
Central Middle School  
Glenelg Country School  
Community School of Davidson  
Grace Christian School  
Grandview Middle School  
Greenwich Country Day School  
International School of the Americas (MUNSA)  
Katy High School  
Kempner High School  
LaVergne Elementary School  
Mitchell Intermediate School  
Morton Ranch High School  
New Lebanon School  
Northern Elementary School  
Parkway School  
Ridge Road Middle School  
Seven Lakes High School  
Stanwich School  
The Evergreen School  
Wister Elementary School & the Philadelphia Eagles Youth Partnership  
Woodlands High School



Kite Day at Glenelg Country School, where students make kites in honor of Afghanistan and learn more about the landmine problem in that country.



Youth in Greenwich, CT hold a Walkathon to raise money for MDD *Kimberly*.



Youth from Wister Elementary school meet their sponsored dog, MDD Lil' Swoop.

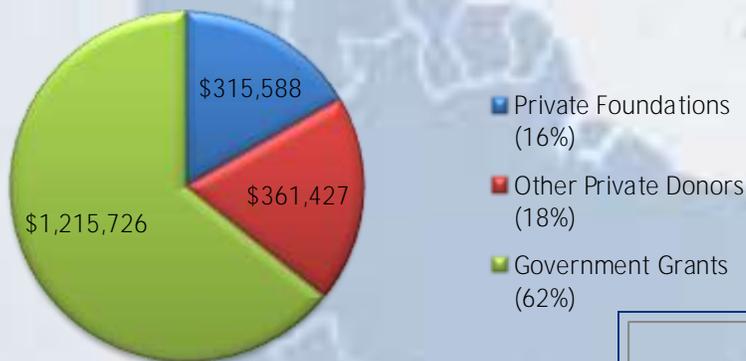
# 2011 Financial Report

Balance Sheet	2011
Assets	
Current Assets	\$792,594
Cash and cash equivalents	\$449,994
Grants and contributions receivable	\$341,210
Prepaid expenses	\$1,390
Property and Equipment	\$14,447
Furniture & Equipment	\$27,467
Website	\$11,040
Leasehold Improvements	\$7,135
Less, accumulated depreciation and amortization	-\$31,195
Other Assets	\$4,133
Total Assets	\$811,174
Liabilities and Net Assets	
Current Liabilities	\$274,108
Accounts Payable	\$263,683
Deferred Rent	\$10,425
Net Assets	\$537,066
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$458,114
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	\$78,952
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$811,174

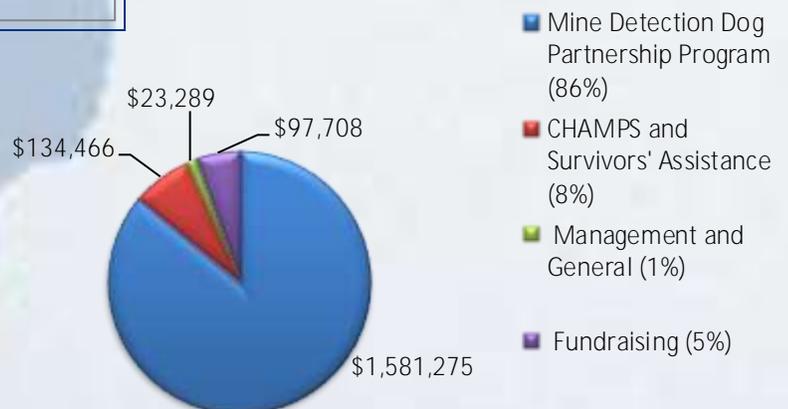
# 2011 Financial Report (Cont.)

Statement of Activities	
Support and Revenue	\$1,892,741
Private Foundations	\$315,588
Other Private Donors	\$361,427
Government Grants	\$1,215,726
Expenses	\$1,836,738
Program Services	\$1,715,741
Mine Detection Dog Partnership Program	\$1,581,275
<b>CHAMPS and Survivors' Assistance</b>	\$134,466
Supporting Services	\$120,997
Management and General	\$23,289
Fundraising	\$97,708
Net Assets at the Beginning of the Year	\$481,063
Net Assets at the End of the Year	\$537,066
Change In Net Assets	\$56,003

## Support and Revenue



## Total Expenses



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Mine Detection Dog *Betsy* and her handler in Bosnia Herzegovina.

