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Young landmine survivor Areej gets fitted for a prosthetic leg in Yemen

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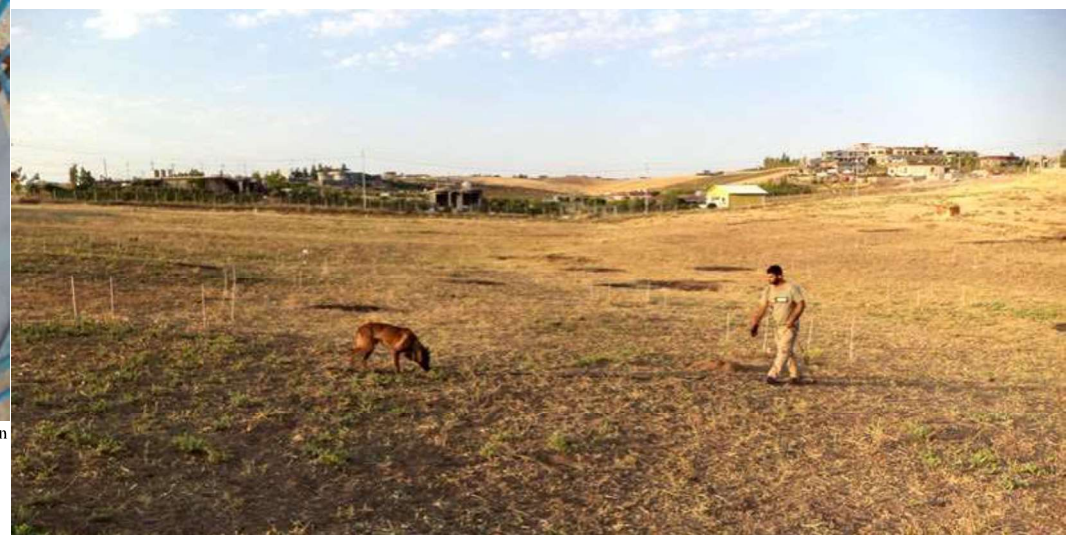
ABOUT US



Mine Detection Dogs take a mid-day break in MAG's swimming pool, Iraqi Kurdistan



Top: Lynda Rotter (left), teacher from Glenelg Country School (MD) with MDD *Woody*, who was sponsored by CHAMPS Glenelg and named in honor of Lynda; Bottom: MDD *Woody* training with the Mines Advisory Group (MAG) in Iraqi Kurdistan



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Our Year at a Glance



729,852 m² searched in Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Iraqi Kurdistan, Lebanon, and Sri Lanka



88 landmine survivors received medical assistance, prosthetic limbs and vocational training



3,827 children received mine risk education



4 Mine Detection Dogs and 4 Explosive Detection Dogs donated

MLI staff at Glenelg Country School's annual K9 9K walkathon and run



Statement of Activities		2016
Support and Revenue		
Private Contributions		\$344,939
Government Grants		\$661,938
Foundation Grants		\$399,814
Investments and Interest		\$785
Other Incomes		\$118
Total Support and Revenue		\$1,407,594
Expenses		
Program Services		
Mine Detection Dog Partnership Program		\$1,180,496
CHAMPS and Survivors' Assistance Programs		\$92,982
Total Program Services		\$1,273,478
Supporting Services		
Management and general		\$103,085
Fundraising		\$93,298
Total Supporting Services		\$196,383
Total Expenses		\$1,469,861
Change in Net Assets		(\$62,267)
Net assets at the beginning of the year		\$627,664
Net assets at the end of the year		\$565,397

Fig. 2 Support and revenue

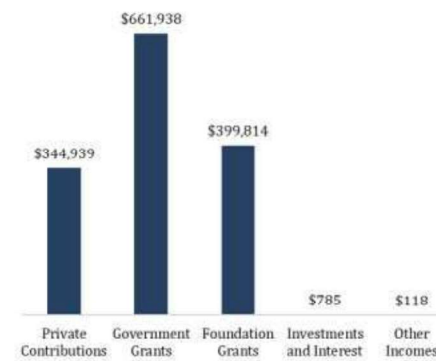
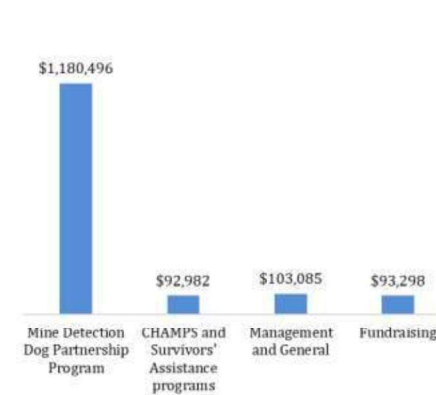


Fig. 3 Total expenses



2016 FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance Sheet		2016
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents		\$316,868
Grants and contributions receivable		\$351,182
Prepaid expenses		\$26,151
Total Current Assets		\$694,201
Property and Equipment		
Furniture and equipment		\$17,460
Website		\$11,040
Leasehold improvements		\$7,135
Less, accumulated depreciation and amortization		(\$34,683)
Property and Equipment, Net		\$952
Other Assets		\$4,133
Total Assets		\$699,286
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable		\$120,538
Deferred rent		\$7,351
Total Current Liabilities		\$133,889
Net Assets		
Unrestricted net assets		\$450,516
Temporarily restricted net assets		\$114,881
Total Net Assets		\$565,397
Total Liabilities and Net Assets		\$699,286



Who We Are

The Marshall Legacy Institute (MLI) is a Virginia-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that was founded by General Gordon R. Sullivan (Ret.) in 1997 to extend the vision of Nobel Peace Prize laureate George C. Marshall and the Marshall Plan, which was designed to alleviate suffering and promote hope, growth, and stability in war-torn countries. For many nations, a primary obstacle to achieving sustainable progress is the deadly legacy of landmines and other unexploded ordnance, 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 daily.

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. These efforts include 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 **Children Against Mines Program (CHAMPS)**, which promotes global citizenship and engages American youth in service learning projects to help children living in war-torn countries; and the **Survivors' Assistance** program, which helps those injured by landmines acquire prostheses and attend vocational training for a swift reintegration into the community.

These three programs (1) educate citizens about the dangers of mines, (2) provide valuable resources for landmine clearance, especially MDDs, (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 demining programs.

In 2016, MLI was recognized by Washington's Catalogue for Philanthropy as "One of the Best" charities in the region for its rigorous adherence to fiscal responsibility and for its humanitarian work in post-conflict countries.

WHERE WE WORK

For the past 19 years, MLI has strived to assist severely mine contaminated countries by helping them help themselves. MLI is a strong advocate for affordable and sustainable programs.

By the end of 2016, MLI had:

- 1) provided **220 mine detection dogs** to **11 war-torn countries** and **trained and certified indigenous handlers** to safely employ the dog teams in national landmine clearance programs;
- 2) engaged **tens of thousands of youth** from America and abroad in the **global landmine issue**;
- 3) and provided **critically needed medical assistance, prostheses, mobility devices, and vocational training** to hundreds of landmine survivors.

Bosnia & Herzegovina



Aleksa Santic Elementary, Vojkovići

Dr. Boris Coric Elementary, Kreševo

9th May Elementary, Pazaric

Trnovo School, Trnovo

Kiseljak School, Kiseljak

6 March School, Hadzici

Yemen



Al Yaqadhah School

Hamdan School

Nobalaa Al Yemen School

CHAMPS students in Bosnia on April 4th, the International Day for Landmine Awareness





CHAMPS student in Bosnia

CHAMPS SCHOOLS

United States

Connecticut

The Beacon School
Brunswick Middle School
Brunswick Upper School
Central Jr. High School
Cos Cob Elementary School
Glenville Elementary School
Greenwich Country Day School
International School at Dundee
Middlesex Elementary School
New Lebanon School
North Mianus School
Parkway School
Sacred Heart Middle School
Sacred Heart Upper School
St. Luke's School
Stanwich Intermediate House
Stanwich Primary House
Weston Intermediate School

Maryland

Glenelg Country Day School

North Carolina

Hickory Career & Arts Surrey Early College High School
Forest Hills High School
Grandview Middle School
Parkwood Middle School
Polk Central School
Sun Valley High School
Sun Valley Middle School
Waxhaw Elementary School

Pennsylvania

Anna Linglebach School
John Moffet School

Texas

Coulson Tough Elementary School

Virginia

Willow Springs Elementary School

MDDPP Countries

2016: Armenia, Bosnia Herzegovina, Iraq, Lebanon, and Sri Lanka

1999-2016: Afghanistan, Angola, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia Herzegovina, Eritrea, Iraq, Lebanon, Nicaragua, Sri Lanka, and Thailand.

CHAMPS Countries

2016: Bosnia Herzegovina, United States, and Yemen

2003-2016: Afghanistan, Bosnia Herzegovina, Iraq, Lebanon, United States, Vietnam, and Yemen.

Survivors' Assistance Countries

2016: Lebanon, Bosnia Herzegovina, and Yemen

2003-2016: Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia Herzegovina, Lebanon, Iraq, Vietnam, and Yemen.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW



MDDPP Facts

Launch year: **1999**
 Active MDDs by end of 2016: **70**
 MDDs donated in 2016: **4**
 EDDs donated in 2016: **4**
 MDDs and EDDs donated since launch: **220**
 Land searched in 2016: **729,852 m²**
 Land searched since launch: **45,711,233 m²**

CHAMPS Facts

Launch year: **2003**
 MDDs sponsored since launch: **37**
 Survivors assisted in 2016: **43**
 Participating American schools in 2016: **31**
 Participating foreign schools in 2016: **9**
 Mine Risk Education provided to: **3,827**



Survivors' Assistance Facts

Launch year: **2003**
 Survivors who received medical assistance and vocational training in 2016: **45**
 Types of assistance: **prosthetic limbs, rehabilitative care, and mobility devices; vocational training in sewing, carpentry, poultry production, apple and olive tree production, and beekeeping**



2012

Baccus, gift of an anonymous foundation
Bael, gift of an anonymous foundation
Boris, gift of an anonymous foundation
Sammy, gift of an anonymous foundation
Bennett, gift of the U.S. Department of Defense
Chandi, gift of the London Stock Exchange Group
Karna, gift of the London Stock Exchange Group

Thailand

2003

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

Annual CHAMPathon fundraiser organized by Greenwich, CT schools



MDD & EDD Donors cont.

Champlain, gift of Girl Scout Troops 125 and 820, of Essex Junction and Williston, Vermont

Tiger, gift of the Hilda & Preston Davis Foundation and Joan Wismer

Nutmeg, gift of Kirsten Parkinson and the schoolchildren of Greenwich, Connecticut

Cedarlane, gift of the LA Cedars Rotary Club

Harry, gift of MLI and Joan Wismer

CIMGO, gift of the Partnership for Lebanon

Shreek, gift of the Partnership for Lebanon

Shadow, gift of the New Lebanon School, Connecticut, and the John Vrabec Shadow Foundation

Tornado, gift of the Trinity Episcopal School in Austin, Texas

2010

Sergeant, gift of the Association of the U.S. Army

Bison, gift of General Dynamics

Fox, gift of General Dynamics

Joan, gift of the Hilda & Preston Davis Foundation

Tristan, gift of the Laura J. Niles Foundation

Jonas, gift of Michael Lazar family

2014

Nadia, gift of Pippa Scarlett and Family

Fema, gift of U.S. Department of State

Atos, gift of American Task Force for Lebanon

2015

Ari, gift of Stephen and Jaqui Edelmann

Bingo, gift of MDDC

Cowgirl, gift of Wyoming Broadcasters Information

Leader, gift of Orbital ATK

Atilla, gift of U.S. Department of State

Max, gift of ITF Enhancing Human Security

Nadia II, gift of U.S. Department of State, named by Pippa Scarlett and Family

Nicaragua

1999

12 MDDs, gift of the U.S. government Connecticut

Sri Lanka

2004

Blek-Hannah, gift of Don McCoy and the Sri Lankan Association of Washington, DC

Lehigh, gift of Dr. Beall and Linny Fowler, and residents of Lehigh Valley, New Jersey/Pennsylvania

Galleon, gift of the Galleon Group CC, gift of the Hilda & Preston Davis Foundation and Chubb Insurance

Wyoming, gift of schoolchildren of Wyoming

Trusty, gift of the Trust Family Foundation

2005

Connor, gift of Chubb Insurance

Galleon II, gift of the Galleon Group

Macho-McCoy, gift of MLI and friends of Don McCoy

Spirit, gift of Qwest Communications

Kirk, gift of the Rotary Club of Coral Gables, Florida

Winona, gift of the Sri Lankan Association of Washington, DC

Fernandez, gift of the Synchronicity Foundation

2011

Spartacus, gift of CHAMPS Katy, Texas

Yankee, gift of the Parkinson family and Greenwich, Connecticut, schools

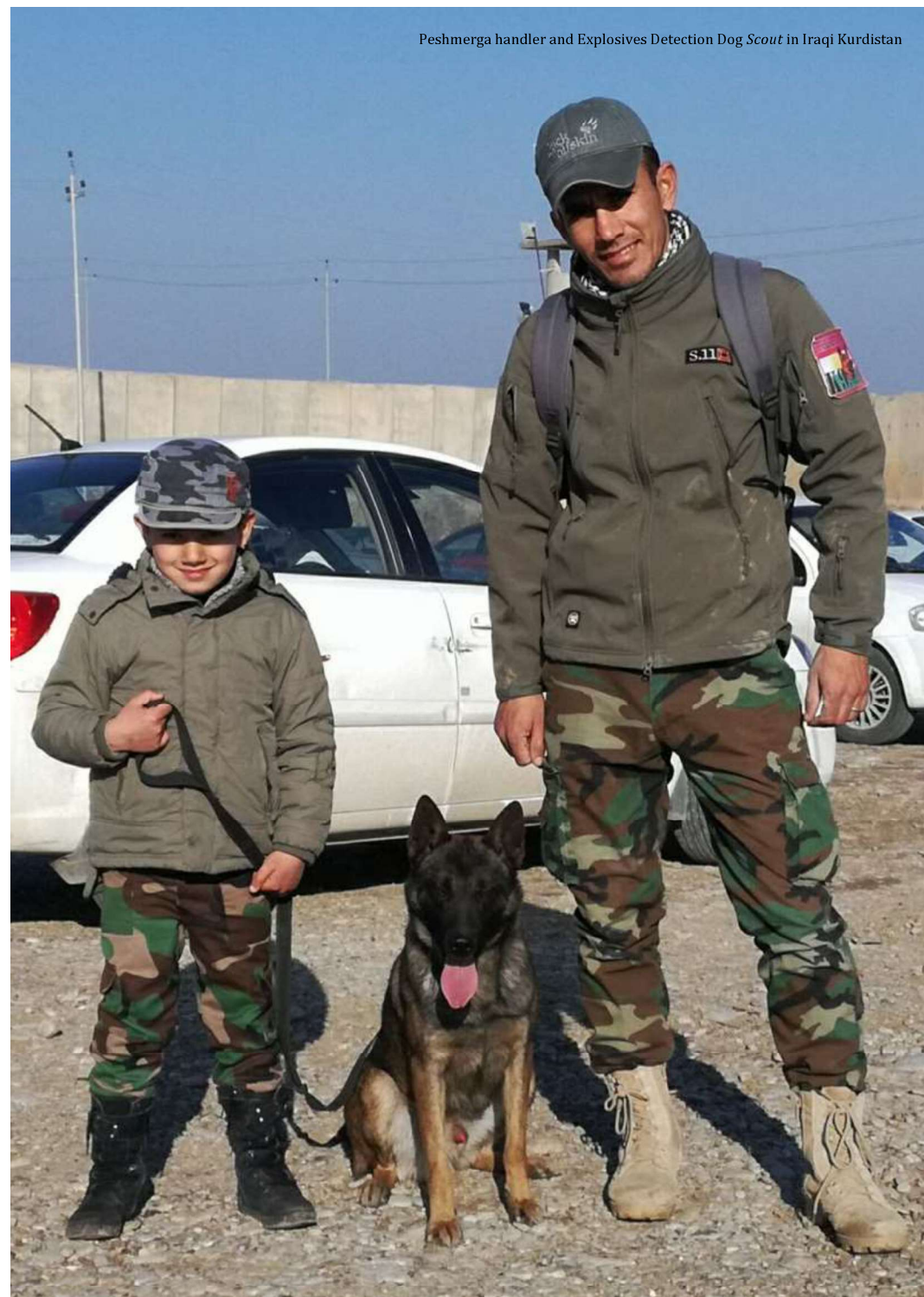
L'il Swoop, gift of the Philadelphia Eagles and Wister Elementary School, Pennsylvania

Jeckie, gift of the U.S. Department of Defense

Taso, gift of the U.S. Department of Defense

Madjesty, gift of the U.S. Department of Defense

Peshmerga handler and Explosives Detection Dog *Scout* in Iraqi Kurdistan



Peshmerga K9 team with EDDs donated by MLI, Iraqi Kurdistan



Mine Detection Dog Partnership Program (MDDPP)

MLI’s longest running program is the Mine Detection Dog Partnership Program (MDDPP). The program utilizes government and private donations to purchase, train, and deliver Mine Detection Dogs (MDDs) and Explosive Detection Dogs (EDDs) to indigenous demining organizations within mine-affected countries. There are currently more than 900 MDDs working in 24 countries; MLI has donated 220 of those dogs and the requisite training to successfully incorporate them into dozens of indigenous demining organizations world-wide. Since the program’s launch in 1999, MLI’s life-saving dogs have searched more than 45 million square meters, or nearly 11,300 acres, of mine-contaminated land, saving countless lives!

In 2016, MLI expanded the MDDPP to include the training and donation of EDDs. The first 4 EDDs were donated to the Ministry of Peshmerga in Iraqi Kurdistan, to help them bring stability back to the region in the wake of the Islamic State’s retreat. Due to the surge in the use of improvised explosive devices (IEDs) by insurgent groups around the world, MLI will continue providing the highly-needed explosive detection dogs to indigenous organizations.

MDDs and EDDs are a crucial component to mine action programs because of their incredible sense of smell, which allows them to “sniff out” the explosive odors of landmines. Unlike metal detectors, tools commonly used in demining, a dog is able to locate both metal and plastic landmines. MDDs and EDDs work in teams with human handlers; this team can search up to 30 times faster than a manual deminer without compromising accuracy.

Granite, gift of schoolchildren of Kingston, New Hampshire, and John Laughner
Arizona, gift of schoolchildren of Phoenix, Arizona, and Qwest Communications

2008
Betsy, gift of the Geoffrey, Sr., and Elizabeth Parkinson family
Sully, gift of MLI

2009
Tony, gift of Julie Katzmand and the Anthony Lake family

2010
Julie, gift of Anthony Lake
Lago, gift of Julie Katzman and the Anthony Lake Family

2014
Jason, gift of Glenelg Country School, Maryland
Rachel, gift of CHAMPS Greenwich, Connecticut
Oggie, gift of the U.S. Department of State

2016
Booster, gift of Orbital ATK
Emily, gift of CHAMPS Greenwich, Connecticut

Eritrea

2001
Brenda, gift of James V. Kimsey
Sascha, gift of James V. Kimsey
Utsi, gift of James V. Kimsey
Bart, gift of MLI and the Humpty Dumpty Institute
Ben, gift of MLI and the Humpty Dumpty Institute
Don, gift of MLI and the Humpty Dumpty Institute

Iraq

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

2010
Patriot, gift of Raytheon
Diesel, gift of the U.S. Department of State
Paco, gift of the U.S. Department of State
Texas, gift of Woodlands High School, Texas

2012
Legacy, gift of CHAMPS Texas and Model United Nations in San Antonio, Texas
Kimberly, gift of the Parkinson Family and CHAMPS Greenwich, Connecticut
Friendship Too, gift of the U.S. Department of State
Parkie, gift of the U.S. Department of State

2013
Hawk, gift of CHAMPS Greenwich, Connecticut
Blaze, gift of Cody Treybig and the MDD Blaze team
Victory, gift of the Philidelphia Eagles Youth Partnership
Barrett, gift of Robbie Goodman and Glenelg Country School, Maryland

2016
Troja, gift of the Hilda & Preston Davis Foundation
Scout, gift of General Dynamics
Cybil, gift of Chandi Duke Heffner
Josh, gift of Stephen and Jaqui Edelmann

Lebanon

2001
Ben, gift of William Rouhana, Jr., and Amy Newark
Bookman, gift of William Rouhana, Jr., and Amy Newark
Rex, gift of William Rouhana, Jr., and Amy Newark
Sally, gift of William Rouhana, Jr., and Amy Newark
Speedy, gift of William Rouhana, Jr., and Amy Newark
Toughy, gift of William Rouhana, Jr., and Amy Newark

2008
Iris, gift of Anthony Lake and Julie Katzman
Hardini, gift of friends and family of the St. Kassab al-Hardini family

MDD & EDD Donors cont.

Azerbaijan

2005

Duco, gift of Alliant Techsystems
Fowler, gift of Dr. Beall and Linny Fowler
Danik, gift of the Laura J. Niles Foundation
Oscar, gift of the Laura J. Niles Foundation
Tessa, gift of the Laura J. Niles Foundation
Lipscomb, gift of Lipscomb University Students for International Peace & Justice and the Laura J. Niles Foundation
Ronny, gift of the Synchronicity Foundation

2006

Alma, gift of the Alma Gibbs Donchian Foundation
Rotary, gift of the 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
Marcos, gift of Griselda Hale
Nina, gift of the Hilda & Preston Davis Foundation
Dexter, gift of the Joan Wismer Foundation
Noble, gift of the Joan Wismer Foundation
Donohue, gift of Lehigh Valley and Griselda Hale
Akela, gift of MLI
Bobby, gift of MLI
Canto, gift of MLI

2007

Brownie, gift of the 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

2010

Beti, gift of the Laura J. Niles Foundation

2013

Rocket, gift of ATK
Elke, gift of ITF
Kora, gift of ITF
Roki, gift of MLI
Mace, gift of Stephen and Jaqui Edelmenn

Bosnia & Herzegovina

2004

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

2005

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

2007

South Hadley, gift of Chelsea Fernandes and John Laughner
Parky, gift of the Geoffrey & Elizabeth Parkinson family
Oscar, gift of the Hilda & Preston Davis Foundation
Perry, gift of the Hilda & Preston Davis Foundation
Vita/Lester, gift of the Hilda & Preston Davis Foundation
Connecticut, gift of schoolchildren of Greenwich, Connecticut

When properly integrated with other technologies (manual demining and machines), the mine/explosive detection dog team is an incredibly valuable tool for detecting mines and explosives. None of MLI's MDDs or EDDs have ever been hurt or killed while working.

MDDs and EDDs donated by MLI

MLI donated 4 MDDs and 4 EDDs in 2016. Two MDDs were provided to the indigenous demining organization UEM

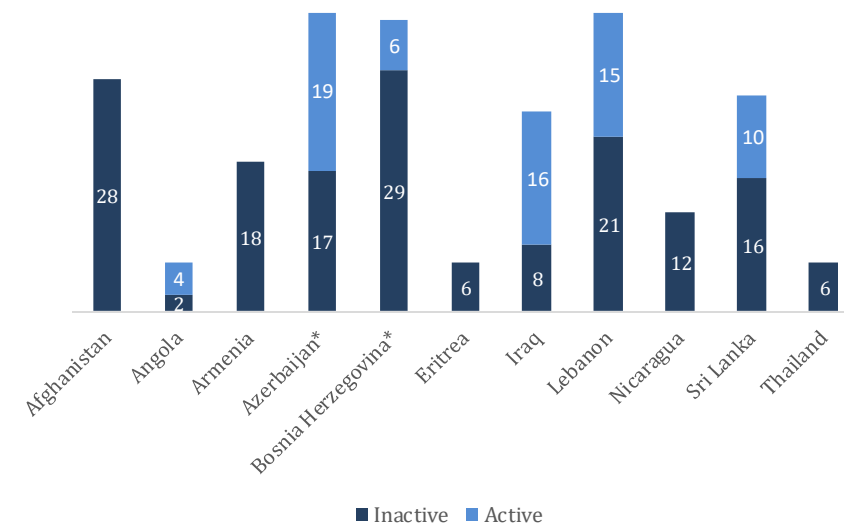
in Bosnia Herzegovina, another two MDDs were donated to the Mines Advisory Group (MAG) in northern Iraq, and four EDDs were provided to the Peshmerga.

Retired MDDs and EDDs

After a lifetime of saving lives, MDDs retire to loving homes to enjoy the rest of their lives with their handler or, when that is not possible, MLI finds them loving homes in the United States.

Fig. 1 MDDs and EDDs by country

The figure below displays the total number of MDDs and EDDs provided to each country and how many of them were actively working by the end of 2016.



*The count for active MDDs in Azerbaijan and Bosnia and Herzegovina include reassigned MDDs from Afghanistan.



Students meet MLI's K9 Ambassador, MDD *Nutmeg*

Children Against Mines Program (CHAMPS)

In 2003, MLI's Children Against Mines Program (CHAMPS) was founded by Diana Enzi, wife of Senator Enzi (R-WY). This unique program promotes global citizenship and engages American children in the landmine issue, to which they would unlikely otherwise be exposed. MLI's CHAMPS team travels throughout the United States with our K9 ambassador, a retired Mine Detection Dog, to spark interest among the American youth in the landmine issue and inspire them to explore the problem and to become part of the solution.

Through CHAMPS, students raise funds to sponsor life-saving MDDs and provide medical assistance and prosthetic devices to landmine survivors. Through hard work and dedication, CHAMPS youth sponsored 37 MDDs and helped hundreds of landmine survivors in the 14 years since the program's launch.

CHAMPS also links U.S. schools with schools in mine-affected countries, enabling kids to work together in service-learning projects that help children who have been injured by landmines and to prevent future accidents through mine risk education. American children have conducted video-conference calls with youth in Afghanistan, Bosnia Herzegovina, Iraq, and Yemen.

MDD & EDD Donors

Afghanistan

2007

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

2008

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

2009

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

2011

Holly, gift of the Alma Gibbs Donchian Foundation*
EMBA, gift of the Executive MBA Program at Boston University**
Axel, gift of General Dynamics**
Jet, gift of General Dynamics
Country, gift of Glenelg Country School, Maryland, and K9-9K**
Goodrich, gift of the Goodrich Foundation
Luke, gift of the Hilda & Preston Davis Foundation
Siggi, gift of the Laura J. Niles Foundation
Samsung, gift of Samsung Semiconductor, Inc.**

2012

Spirit, gift of the U.S. Department of State**

Angola

2011

Boe, gift of Boeing
Mary-Bona, gift of the Laura J. Niles Foundation
Zafira, gift of the Laura J. Niles Foundation
Zuja-Anda, gift of the Laura J. Niles Foundation
Aaron, gift of Stephen and Jaqui Edelmenn
Kuito, gift of Anthony Lake and the 1994 White House Delegation

Armenia

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
Katja, gift of the Armenian Assembly of America
Koni, gift of the Armenian Assembly of America

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
Mona Lisa, gift of the Children of Armenia Fund
Opie, gift of the Children of Armenia Fund
Sammy, gift of the Children of Armenia Fund

2015

Astro, gift of Orbital ATK
Buck, gift of the Laura J. Niles Foundation
Cosby, gift of Henry Harris and the Brunswick School, CT
Gizmo, gift of the Laura J. Niles Foundation
Simone, gift of Stephen and Jaqui Edelmenn
Tiger Pride, gift of Lisa Hires and Greenwich Country Day School, CT

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- ◆ Northrop Grumman
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- ◆ Association of the U.S. Army
- ◆ Azerbaijan National Agency for Mine Action
- ◆ Global Training Academy
- ◆ ITF Enhancing Human Security
- ◆ Iraqi Mine and UXO Clearance Organization
- ◆ Landmine Resource Center at the University of Balamand, Lebanon
- ◆ Lebanese Mine Action Center
- ◆ Mine Detection Dog Center in Bosnia & Herzegovina
- ◆ Mines Advisory Group
- ◆ Ministry of the Peshmerga
- ◆ Office of Civil Protection—Federation of BiH
- ◆ Office of Civil Protection—Republika Srpska
- ◆ Sri Lanka Army Humanitarian Demining Unit
- ◆ U.S. Department of State—PM/WRA
- ◆ Yemen Association for Landmine & UXO Survivors
- ◆ Yemen Executive Mine Action Center

Interethnic Reconciliation

In 2015, MLI launched a new component within CHAMPS in Bosnia Herzegovina, which connected Bosnian students from majority Bosniak, Croat, and Serb schools to ease ethnic tensions and advance the cause of reconciliation. Students were able to interact with each other and share their experiences with their counterparts in the U.S. Following widespread success, this program was expanded in the fall of 2016 with the addition of three new Bosnian schools.

CHAMPS MDDs

In 2016, the campaign for MDD *Emily* was completed by CHAMPS students in Connecticut. MDD *Emily* underwent training and began sniffing out landmines in Bosnia with the demining organization UEM.

In 2016, MDD Nutmeg, who was sponsored by CHAMPS Connecticut students in 2008, retired from her work in Lebanon and returned to the U.S. where she became MLI's new K9 Ambassador. MDD Nutmeg lives with MLI's VP of Children's Programs and travels to schools throughout the U.S. to help promote CHAMPS and raise awareness about the global landmine issue.



Kirsten Parkinson with MDD *Nutmeg* in 2008, after she led the 2008 CHAMPS campaign that sponsored MDD *Nutmeg*



Kirsten (right) with her mother Nicole Parkinson and MDD *Nutmeg*, following *Nutmeg's* return to the U.S. in 2016

Fathia, a landmine survivor in Yemen, takes MLI's vocational training course in sewing



This year, MLI also honored a Yemeni landmine survivor, Labibah Saif, who suffered from a landmine injury 17 years ago when she was just nine years old. In the explosion, she lost her right eye and right leg and suffered severe facial wounds. Despite all odds, Labibah persevered to overcome enormous obstacles to complete her education and receive treatment from the Yemen Mine

Action Center. Labibah completed courses in computer science and English, and started working at YALS and the Ministry of Social Affairs to help others. MLI presented her with the Survivor of the Year Award at the 19th Anniversary *Clearing the Path* Gala in Washington, DC.

Quick Glance at Yemen



28 landmine survivors received prosthetics and medical assistance



20 survivors completed vocational training courses in sewing, carpentry, and weaving

Young survivor Abdul gets fitted for his prosthetic leg



Yemeni landmine survivor shows her handicrafts after vocational training course in sewing



Labibah (second from right) receives MLI's Survivor of the Year Award at MLI's Clearing the Path Gala



Yemen



An intensification of armed conflict in Yemen in March 2015 severely impacted communities throughout the country. Not only have over 600 schools shut down, depriving thousands of children of their education, but there has also been further contamination of land by mines and other dangerous explosives, putting even more citizens in harm's way. MLI is one of the few NGOs continuing to work in Yemen through our CHAMPS and Survivors' Assistance programs. These programs have been providing hundreds of children and landmine victims hope for a safe and fulfilling future.

MLI has been actively supporting Yemen's Association for Landmine Survivors (YALS) since 2010, a local organization helping mine survivors reintegrate into society. During 2016,

MLI successfully provided medical assistance and vocational training to 48 survivors, and held monthly video conference calls between U.S. and Yemeni children, despite school closings. This program will continue in 2017, aiming to involve more students, assist more survivors, and pair student-led mine-action clubs in Yemen with sister schools in the U.S. through CHAMPS. The extension of the program will provide medical assistance, rehabilitative care and vocational training for one hundred survivors.

In 2017, 10 graduates of the 2015 carpentry vocational training course will be using their carpentry skills to build wheelchair ramps in schools and hospitals around Sana'a, generating income for themselves while reducing physical barriers to mobility for other survivors.

Survivors' Assistance

Each year, innocent men, women and children are injured or killed by landmines or other dangerous explosives. The increase in the use of IEDs by insurgent groups in the past few years in countries such as Iraq and Yemen has not only endangered civilians as they move around but has also prevented the return of internally displaced persons to their homes.

For children who are injured by landmines, their physical injuries are often more severe than adults, their emotional trauma greater, and their economic prospects significantly bleaker. They have little chance of getting a prosthetic limb or even a wheelchair in many war-torn countries. With no mobility, they are unable to attend school and lead sad and desperate lives, sequestered in their homes.

MLI's Survivors' Assistance Program began as a way to implement a variety of projects to assist those who have been injured by

mines and other dangerous explosives. MLI provides prosthetic devices, rehabilitative treatments, and vocational training to hundreds of landmine survivors each year.

For example, in 2016, 88 landmine survivors in Lebanon received medical care and vocational training. Vocational training was provided to 45 landmine/UXO survivors and their family members in poultry production, apple and olive tree production, and beekeeping. Additionally, a portion of the graduates received small income generating grants to help them start small businesses. An additional 43 survivors received similar assistance in Bosnia and Yemen, with mine survivors receiving medical care and vocational training.

In recent years, MLI has helped survivors in Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Bosnia Herzegovina, Iraq, Lebanon, Vietnam, and Yemen. The survivors have received training in computers and IT, sewing, and carpentry. Through these classes, the survivors have been able to use the new skills to secure gainful employment and provide for themselves and their families.

"[After my leg was amputated following the mine explosion,] I lost all of my dreams and my life became dark in front of me. I thought about what kind of future will my family and my children have with a mother that is handicapped—in the difficult circumstances of our lives that require me to work hard for them.

"When I heard that YALS [Yemen's Association for Landmine Survivors] and MLI will assist me in training and work in sewing, this made me feel happy, because with this training, I can help my family and my children to complete their education and to make a different life for them than what I have been through." — Fathia, a landmine survivor from Yemen, recalls her experience

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the Year Award, which he and his handler, Lance Corporal Nawarathne, received at MLI's 19th Anniversary *Clearing the Path* Gala in Washington, DC. MDD *Madjesty* has detected nearly 500 landmines and unexploded ordnance in northern and eastern Sri Lanka.

By the end of 2016, MLI's partner, GTA, started training four new MDDs that will be provided to the HDU in early 2017 to replace retiring MDDs. HDU handlers will also receive advanced training, which will allow them to accelerate their efforts towards a mine-safe Sri Lanka.

Quick Glance at Sri Lanka



1,051,128 m² of land searched



26 MDDs donated to the Sri Lankan Engineer Regiment's Humanitarian Demining Unit



10 MDDs active by end of 2016

MDD team performs a mine detection demonstration



MDD *Madjesty* with handler Lance Corporal Nawarathne



Sri Lanka

Following three decades of civil war and conflict between the Sri Lankan Army and the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, Sri Lanka was burdened with landmines and other dangerous explosives. These remnants of war continue to perpetuate socio-economic challenges in mine-contaminated areas and inter-ethnic tensions. Most of the contamination occurs in Sri Lanka's northern districts, preventing communities from farming their land and internally displaced persons from returning to their homes. An increase in mine action efforts in 2016 decreased the amount of contaminated land from 68km² in 2015 to 26km² by the

end of 2016 and Sri Lanka is making rapid progress to meet its 2020 deadline of becoming mine-safe

MLI started working in Sri Lanka with the first donation of 13 MDDs in 2003 and 2004 to the Sri Lankan Army Engineer Regiment's Humanitarian Demining Unit (SLA HDU). These MDDs performed remarkable work sniffing out landmines and returning land back to the people, and when they were ready for retirement in 2011, MLI donated thirteen additional dogs to the HDU to continue improving its demining capacity. One of these MDDs, *Madjesty*, donated by the Department of Defense and named by Seneca Hill Animal Hospital Resort & Spa, which provides pro-bono services for MLI's K9 Ambassadors, won MLI's MDD Team of

Bosnia



Herzegovina

Lebanon



Yemen



Sri Lanka





MDD *Cosby* with handler in Armenia



Beehives cared for by landmine survivors



Participants of the beekeeping vocational training course

Armenia



The 1988-1994 armed conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan left both countries littered with landmines and explosive remnants of war (ERW). The most heavily impacted areas are along the border of the two countries and in the Nagorno-Karabakh region. Mine action activities are governed by the Armenian Centre for Humanitarian Demining and Expertise (ACHDE).

In 2002, the Minister of Defense of the Republic of Armenia requested MLI's assistance to increase Armenia's demining capacity through the donation of highly-trained MDDs. MLI responded to the request by providing 12 MDDs to

the ACHDE. These dogs helped to search and ultimately release 400 acres of land back to the people.

The Deputy Minister of Defense of Armenia requested MLI's help once again in 2015 to help accelerate the pace of landmine clearance operations and to update national MDD standard operating procedures (SOPs). MLI provided 6 MDDs to the Centre for Humanitarian Demining and Expertise's (CHDE) Peacekeeping Engineering Brigade (PKEB) in November 2015. MLI's Master MDD Trainer delivered the MDDs to CHDE/PKEB and commenced training in late 2015. It is anticipated that the dogs will complete training and attain certification in the Spring of 2017.

Vocational training is scheduled for January 2017, with courses in bee and honey production to be held at Jdeidah-Couf, as well as a poultry raising course at the Cooperative of Victims in Jezzine. With the provision of medical assistance and vocational training, including a limited number of small income-generating grants, survivors can experience a higher quality of life, greater mobility and better economic opportunities.



120 survivors have received vocational training since 2012



An additional 120 survivors received medical assistance and were fitted for prosthetic limbs



Landmine survivor getting fitted for a prosthetic limb

Lebanon: Survivors' Assistance

In 2016, MLI continued its successful Survivors' Assistance program in Lebanon, which has helped hundreds of survivors with vocational training and medical assistance. Last year, the program assisted an additional 75 survivors through a partnership with the Landmine Resource Center (LMRC) at the University of Balamand and provided agriculture and business-related vocational training courses. The program also partnered with CareFit to provide prosthetic limbs, repairs to existing prosthetic limbs, and mobility aids to landmine survivors. In 2015, 45 landmine survivors were identified to receive

assistance and they were fitted for prosthetics in early 2016. Twelve of the 30 survivors who completed vocational training courses in 2015 received small income-generating grants in 2016, allowing them to pursue their businesses of beekeeping, apple production, and poultry production.

The program is supported by the U.S. Department of State's Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement, and was extended in March of 2016 to continue through the end of the year. An additional 45 survivors were identified by the LMRC to receive medical assistance and 30 survivors were identified to undertake vocational training courses. The identified survivors will be fitted for prosthetics in 2017.

Quick Glance at Armenia



1,606,645 m² of land searched since 2002



18 MDDs donated



MDD *Tiger Pride*



MDD *Gizmo*



MDD working in a mine-field in Azerbaijan



Azerbaijan

MLI's partnership with the Azerbaijan National Agency for Mine Action (ANAMA) started in 2005, with a donation of seven mine detection dogs to increase the nation's demining capacity. MLI continued to expand the MDD Partnership Program in Azerbaijan, and by the end of 2016, had provided 36 lifesaving dogs to ANAMA who have searched more than 25.5 million square meters of land in their working years. Four of these MDDs were sponsored by American children through CHAMPS campaigns.

In 2016, the MDD teams worked throughout Azerbaijan, concentrating in districts such as Fizuli and Tartar, which lie on the border of Nagorno Karabakh, the site of the 1988-1994 dispute between Armenia and Azerbaijan that left large swaths of the border regions between the countries littered with mines. The MDD teams also worked in the northern and northwestern districts of Azerbaijan – Gabala district and Gazakh district. All of the released land has been returned back to the people for use in agricultural and socioeconomic development purposes.

Towards the end of 2016, LMAC requested three additional dogs to replace retiring dogs so that they may continue their critically important demining operations. MLI will be providing these dogs in early 2017.



989,165 m² of land searched since 2001



33 MDDs donated to Lebanese Mine Action



15 MDDs active by end of 2016



MDD *Nutmeg* with Kirsten Parkinson and her mother; Kirsten led the campaign to sponsor *Nutmeg* in 2008 and was excited to see her again in 2016 after *Nutmeg*'s return to the U.S.



MDD *Nutmeg* with students at Glenelg Country Day School in Ellicott City, MD with CHAMPS Assistant, Rachel (back)



MDD Atos trains with his handler

Lebanon

Following a 15-year civil war and multiple conflicts with Israel, Lebanon's southern and northern provinces were left contaminated by landmines and other dangerous explosives, prohibiting people from using the land safely and productively. By the end of 2016, there were 20km² of confirmed mined areas in the country, a significant decrease from 29 km² the previous year.

MLI has been working in Lebanon since 2001, when we established a long-lasting partnership with the Lebanese Mine Action Center (LMAC), which operates within the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF), by donating six highly-trained MDDs. This training and provision of dogs helped to establish LMAC's mine detection dog capacity and expedite the organization's demining operations.



Since 2001, MLI has donated a total of 33 MDDs to LMAC, which have helped to search nearly 250 acres of mine-contaminated land. In 2016, the active MDDs worked mostly in southern Lebanon, where they helped to release land for agricultural use in the provinces of Demachkieh and Nabatieh Casern. The dog teams also cleared a large area in a tourist spot in the northern Tannourine Cedars province, an area which hosts festivals in the summer and is visited by tens of thousands of people. The release of land will help to further develop the region's tourism.

One of the LMAC's MDDs, *Nutmeg*, who was sponsored by a 2008 CHAMPS campaign in Greenwich, CT, retired in February and joined MLI's team as the new K9 ambassador. *Nutmeg* now lives with MLI's CHAMPS team, travels around the U.S. to visit schools and helps to spread the word on the important work of MDDs around the world.

Quick Glance at Azerbaijan



25,545,822 m² of land searched since 2005



29 MDDs donated by private Americans and **7 MDDs** reassigned from Afghanistan



19 MDDs active by end of 2015



MDD working in the Jojug municipality of Azerbaijan



MDD Betsy helps to sniff out explosives

Bosnia Herzegovina

Bosnia Herzegovina continues to suffer from the impact of landmines and unexploded remnants of war, more than twenty years following the Dayton Peace Accords. The continuation of key activities is crucial to alleviating the impact of mines and unexploded devices, and assisting those injured by mines. Although progress has been made in recent years to remove landmines and return land back to the people, 1,170 square km of land is either suspected or confirmed to be contaminated by landmines.

MLI started working in Bosnia when it developed a strong partnership with an indigenous demining organization, the Mine Detection Dog Center (MDDC), in

2004. The MDDC trains dogs to become MDDs and conducts demining operations. During the thirteen years that MLI has been active in Bosnia, we donated 35 MDDs to the MDDC and five other non-governmental organizations. These highly trained canines have helped search and release millions of square meters of land during their working lives. Eleven of the MDDs have been sponsored by CHAMPS students.

In addition to providing Bosnia with dogs to enhance demining efforts, MLI's CHAMPS program has been active in Bosnia since 2006. In 2016, MLI expanded CHAMPS in Bosnian schools, connected more American and Bosnian children, and provided medical assistance and prosthetic devices to nine landmine survivors.

Iraq: central & southern



In central/southern Iraq, 70% of the southern governorate of Basra is contaminated with mines, making it the most severely mine-contaminated area in Iraq.

The Iraqi Mine and UXO Clearance

Organization (IMCO), has been operating in Basra since 2010, when MLI established a partnership with them to help accelerate their clearance operations. MLI provided 12 MDDs and advanced training to IMCO between 2010 and 2013. The MDDs have helped to search 270,000 m² of land, improving the safety of communities, and bringing back stability and investment to the region.

Quick Glance at Iraq



20 MDDs donated (12 to central Iraq, 8 to Kurdistan)



2,052,632 m² of land searched since 2009



4 EDDs donated (to Kurdistan)



IMCO handlers with MDDs Texas, Parkie, and Kimberly, and MLI's President, Perry Baltimore (middle)



Iraq: Kurdistan



Although Iraq is one of the world's most mine-contaminated countries, demining operations slowed down between 2015 and 2016 due to regional crises and the rise of the terrorist group Islamic State (IS). MLI has supported demining efforts in Iraqi Kurdistan since 2009, when we provided six MDDs to the Mines Advisory Group (MAG). The dog teams have searched over 500 acres to save lives & improve livelihoods, allowing thousands of residents in Kirkuk, Suliminyah, and Chamchamal to return to their homes and safely use the land. In 2016, MLI provided two more MDDs to MAG to replace retiring dogs and continue to support Kurdistan's demining efforts.

In early 2016, the Ministry of Peshmerga requested MLI's assistance to help clear Kurdish land of dangerous explosives. In its fight against IS, the Peshmerga forces have suffered thousands of casualties, and over 60% of these were due to improvised explosive devices (IEDs) and mines that were left behind in the wake of IS's retreat. The Peshmerga required highly trained explosive-sniffing dogs to support their efforts against IS and to safely return recaptured lands and villages to the Kurdish people. In the fall of 2016, MLI provided the first four of the eighteen requested MDDs and EDDs, and by the end of 2016, these dogs had completed training and were certified to search for IEDs and other explosives. In 2017, MLI will continue to seek funding to sponsor the remaining dogs and assist the Peshmerga in helping to bring greater stability to the region and facilitate the return of refugees and IDPs to liberated areas.

Quick Glance at Bosnia



2,150,646 m² of
land searched



35 MDDs donated
since 2004

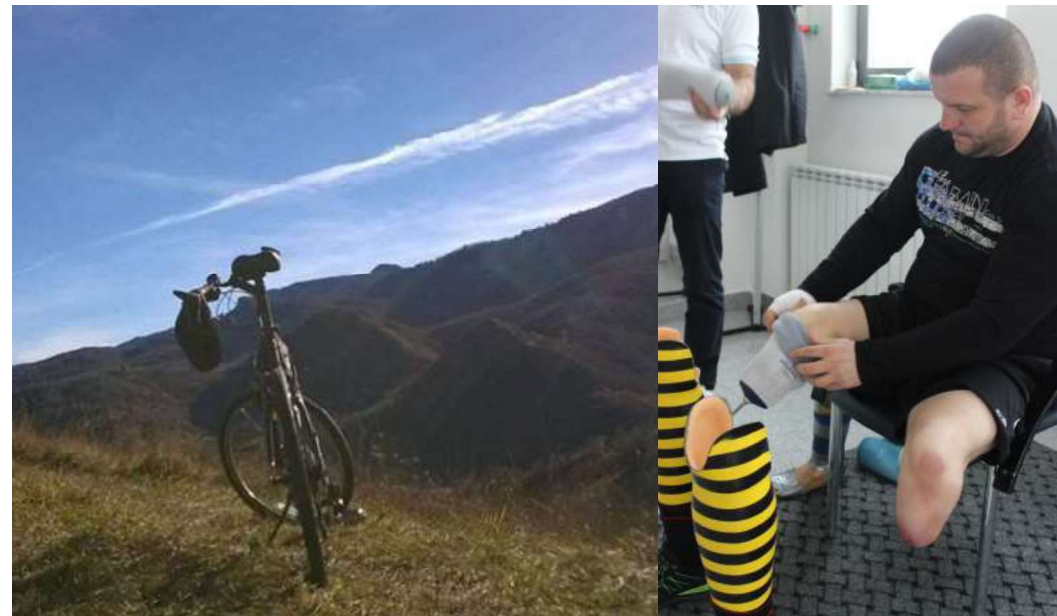


6 MDDs active by end of
2016



**3,827 students and
community members**
received mine risk
education in 2016

Landmine survivor Dejan, who received prosthetic legs in 2016 through CHAMPS, is happy to be riding his bike again





Bosnia's sitting volleyball team Fantomi plays a game with CHAMPS students

Bosnia: CHAMPS

Through CHAMPS, participating Bosnian and American schools conduct internet-based videoconference calls so that the students can get to know one another and promote the exchange of common ideas as they work together to raise awareness about landmines and provide medical assistance & rehabilitative care to survivors. With the help of their teachers and MDDC instructors, the Bosnian students learn about mine risk education (MRE) and conduct presentations to other children and teachers in their schools and communities.

Throughout 2016, nearly 4,000 teachers and kids received MRE. This will help them to remain safe and reduce the likelihood of accidents in potentially hazardous areas, which surround many of the villages and schools in which they live. Students also delivered MRE with the world-renowned Bosnian sitting volleyball team *Fantomi* to

help gain publicity and raise additional awareness about the dangers of mines. The *Fantomi* is comprised of individuals who have lost limbs to landmines in Bosnia and have gone on to become world-champion volleyball players.

Nine landmine survivors received medical assistance and prosthetic limbs through CHAMPS this year. With help from the MDDC, students in Bosnia identified landmine survivors in need of assistance and their peers in the U.S. helped to raise money. CHAMPS students in the U.S. were able to meet some of the survivors via the videoconference calls.

CHAMPS teacher Larisa Jahic, who teaches English at the 9 May School in Pazarić, Bosnia, received MLI's "CHAMPS International Teacher of the Year Award" for her tireless and dedicated work in engaging students in CHAMPS.

Bosnia: Interethnic Reconciliation

In 2014, MLI launched a new CHAMPS project – interethnic reconciliation – in Bosnia, creating opportunities for active and energetic Bosnian youth to learn about others from different religious and ethnic backgrounds. Although the Balkan conflicts of the early and mid-1990s are now part of history, lingering tensions remain between Bosnia's three majority ethnic groups – Bosniaks, Croats, and Serbs, and continue to threaten the country's long-term stability.

Through MLI's Interethnic Reconciliation project, youth are able to step across racial and religious divides to work together toward mutual understanding, tolerance, and a common goal – to help mine survivors and to promote MRE in mine-affected communities. Following the project's success in 2015, three new Bosnian schools joined the project in the fall of 2016 for the 2016/2017 school year. By the end of the year, three American schools and six Bosnian schools were participating in the program. Twenty students are involved in CHAMPS in each school – or 180 total CHAMPS students across Bosnia and the U.S.

"This was my first time [talking to kids in another country] and I had no idea how similar they were to us – and yet they have a continuous threat of landmines around them." — student from a U.S. school talks about his impressions after his first videoconference call with Bosnian students



Bosnian CHAMPS students Skype with CHAMPS students in the U.S.