



# **Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD)**

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## **The GICHD**

- ❑ **Independent organization founded in April 1998 and based in Geneva**
- ❑ **Governing body: Council of Foundation (18 countries - Ambassador level)**
- ❑ **Consultative group: Advisory Board**
- ❑ **40+ staff members**
- ❑ **Financed by voluntary contributions of states and through commissioned work**

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## **GICHD Strategy 2006 - 2008**

1. **Operational Assistance**
2. **Create and disseminate knowledge**
3. **Quality Management and Standards**
4. **Support to International Treaties**

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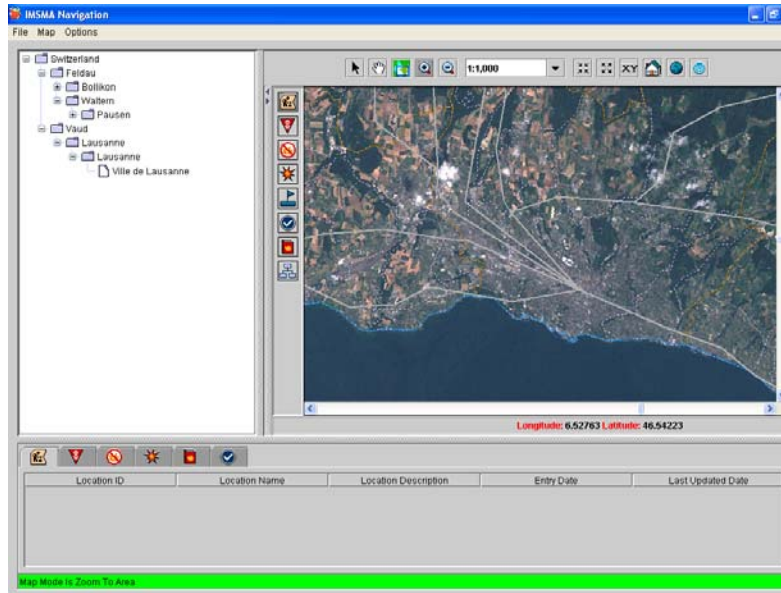


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- ❑ **Information Management System for Mine Action (IMSMA)**
- ❑ **Short term technical support missions**
- ❑ **Provide outreach activities and training**
- ❑ **Support the development of national strategies, legislation and standards**
- ❑ **Priority setting : socio-economic techniques**
- ❑ **Support with stockpile destruction**

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## IMSMA



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## 2. Create and disseminate knowledge

- **Develop improved methodologies**
  - **Manual demining activities**
  - **Mechanical demining activities**
  - **Use and testing of dogs and rats**
- **Undertake studies**
- **Publish handbooks**
- **Conduct evaluations**

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### Mine Clearance and Survey





### 3. Develop the International Standards for Mine Action (IMAS) on behalf of UNMAS

*International  
mine action standards*



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### 4. Support to International Treaties

- **Ottawa Convention (ISU)**

#### **Technical Input**

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- **CCW – Amended Protocol II**
  - **Protocol V ERW**

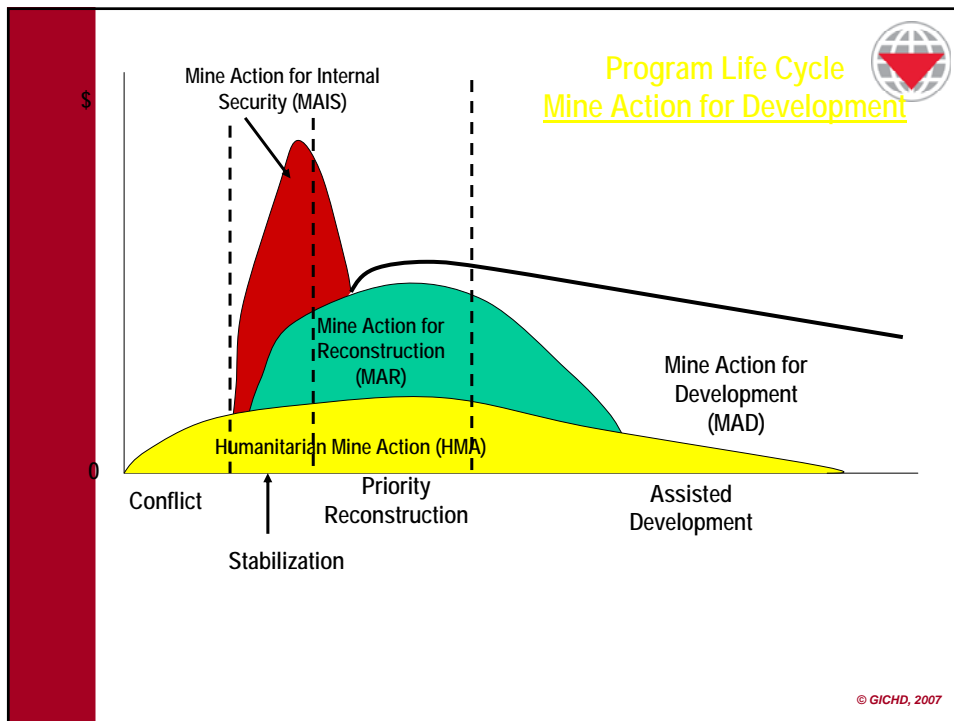
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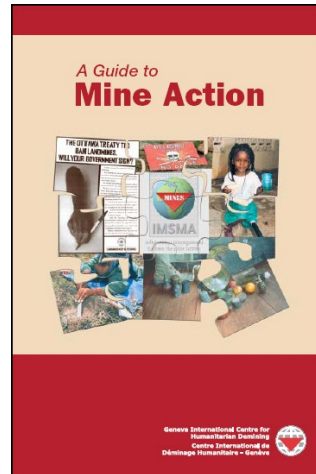
- Installation of and operational support to IMSMA
- Operational support through advice and training activities:
  - Introduction to Mine Action
  - Development of national legislation
  - Priority setting based on socio-economic approaches
  - Destruction of anti-personal mine stockpiles
  - Development of National Mine Action Standards
  - Linking mine action and development
  - Risk management
  - Technical advice to field operations
  - Introduction of new demining techniques and methodologies
- Specific field oriented research work
- Evaluations and reviews

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## A Guide to Mine Action

- Basic reference
- Available in English, Russian, French, Spanish, Arabic
- Distributed free
- [www.gichd.org](http://www.gichd.org)



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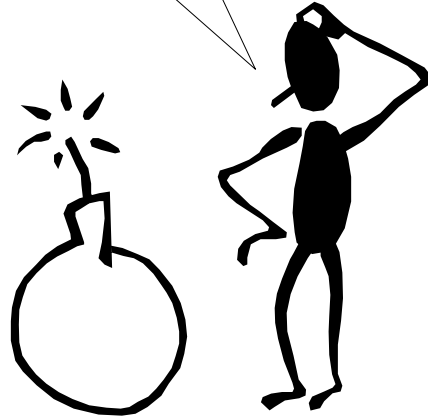
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