

# Douglas BRODERICK



With the 11MSP, the Convention is returning to a place where the mine ban movement started two decades ago. It is an opportunity for the international community to recall how far this movement has come and how much work still remains to be done. It is also an opportunity to remember that there are many faces of the landmine movement in Cambodia. Douglas Broderick is one of these.



Douglas Broderick first came to Cambodia in the war-torn 1980s, as an international worker in refugee camps along the Thai-Cambodian border. Douglas Broderick came back to Cambodia in 2008 to lead the UN's mine action efforts. He currently serves as the United Nations Resident Coordinator.

For the past 20 years, the UNDP has worked in cooperation with the Government of Cambodia to address the suffering caused by landmines and to achieve progress towards the milestones set by the Convention. "Thanks in part to the UN's efforts, thousands of women, men and children have been educated on the dangers posed by landmines and other explosive remnants of war," said Douglas Broderick. "Thousands of landmines have been destroyed and millions of square metres of land have been cleared. This has saved lives and limbs, supported resettlement efforts, and assisted in the development of communities in the most affected provinces."

When he returned to Cambodia, Douglas Broderick was surprised to see how much progress had been achieved since his days in the camps. "It is now essential to continue our mine action efforts to achieve the Millennium Development Goals and to build a safer and more prosperous world for all."

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