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Caritas Internationalis: A confederation of Catholic organizations, Caritas Internationalis contributes to the socio-pastoral mission of the Catholic Church by spreading solidarity and social justice. Members

- Provide a dialogue and exchange forum,
- Advocate the cause of the poor and enable them to act as their own voice, and
- Facilitate cooperation within and beyond Caritas Internationalis.

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Children's Aid Direct: An organization dedicated to making an immediate and lasting improvement in the lives of children and their carers who are affected by conflict, poverty or disaster, Children's Aid Direct is committed to working with children and their communities to help support them as they move from crisis to recovery. It accomplishes this goal by providing food, shelter, healthcare, education, training and advice, empowering communities and involving donors and volunteers in the process.

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DCA/ACT: Action by Churches Together (ACT) is an international alliance of churches and relief agencies that assists people recovering from emergencies in more than 50 countries worldwide. ACT International offers assistance to victims of both natural disasters and emergencies caused by war and civil conflict and strives to reach needy populations across front lines, national borders and other ethnic, political or religious divides.

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HALO Trust: A non-political, non-religious British registered charity that specializes in the removal of the debris of war, HALO employs 3,000 deminers active in nine countries. Through its work, HALO has gained immense demining experience over the last 10 years and is improving its programs in efforts to clear more mines.

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Handicap International: This organization strives to intervene as rapidly as possible in favor of the handicapped and the most vulnerable populations wherever and whenever armed conflict has destroyed existing systems of assistance and solidarity. Its operations are based on three priorities:

- Reinforcement of local capabilities,
- Support for development and integration initiatives, and
- Prevention of handicap-inflicting conditions.

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International Committee of the Red Cross:
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Islamic Relief Worldwide (IRW)
 The IRW, founded in Birmingham, England in 1984, as a response to the famines in Ethiopia and Sudan, strives to reduce poverty, provide emergency relief and aid those in times of need or crisis. The IRW workers are located throughout the world to encourage greater development in both urban and rural areas, foster income-generating capabilities and community self help for long-term

sustainability in areas of health, education, training and skills.

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Mines Advisory Group (MAG)
 See page 40 (this issue)

KFOR
 KFOR is a NATO-led international force responsible for establishing a security presence in Kosovo. Concerned by the crisis caused by ethnic tensions in Kosovo and its potential consequences on international peace and security, the United Nations decided to deploy international civil and security presences in Kosovo.

Swedish Mine Awareness Training Team (SWEMATT)

The Swedish Kosovo Battalion contributes to creating a secure and stable environment as a foundation for the building of a working society, securing that entered agreements are fulfilled, and supporting and carrying out humanitarian aid.

British Mine Awareness Team

This team's operational responsibilities include implementing the peace treaty, controlling the borders, maintaining law and order and assuring the freedom of movement for KFOR and civilians. The humanitarian responsibilities include assisting in reconstruction and EOD operations.

French Mine Awareness Team

In addition to collaborating with the efforts of the British Mine Awareness Team, the French Mine Awareness Team also provides medical assistance to the local population, assists UNMIK in their winterization program and conducts safety and health assessments to municipal buildings.

Finnish Mine Awareness Team

This team's area of responsibility is the area around the city of Lipljan. The Finnish Mine Awareness Team provides humanitarian assistances and promotes a safe and secure environment in the Lipljan area.

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CARE/MineTech
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 See *Journal of Mine Action* 3.3, page 40

Norwegian People's Aid (NPA)
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Vietnam Veterans of America Foundation
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HMD Response
 Founded in 1993, HMD Response seeks to relieve the suffering of the most vulnerable groups in war and conflict torn countries. HMD Response not only deals with present emergency situations, but also seeks to have a lasting impact in the community by training local people in areas of health care, psychosocial services, reconstruction and mine action. Current efforts are underway to relieve the suffering of the victims of conflict in Former Yugoslavia, Lebanon and Angola.

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Mines Awareness Trust (MAT)
 The MAT is seeking funding to support its proposed MA efforts in Kosovo. With adequate funding the MAT will carry out reconnaissance within the country, train educators as MA instructors, produce educational materials and become involved with Mines Casualty network and rehabilitation.

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