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The program focuses on training over 6 to 17 years old to reduce the risk of contamination and injury from mines and unexploded ordnance. The Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and UNICEF will be providing child-to-child guidance and support to children in mine-affected areas. This program is part of a comprehensive mine awareness education program to reduce the risk of mine injuries.

The program has been developed in response to the Ottawa Treaty, which mandates that States Parties take steps to prevent the use of antipersonnel mines and to provide assistance and protection to victims. The program aims to educate children about the dangers of mines and unexploded ordnance, and to promote the establishment of mine-free zones.

The program includes a variety of activities, such as the distribution of information, education and communication materials, and the provision of mine awareness training. Through this program, children will be able to take action to prevent mine injuries and to contribute to the reduction of the risk of contamination.

The program is supported by UNICEF, which has been providing technical and financial assistance to the mine action community since the early 1990s. The program is part of a broader effort by the United Nations and other international organizations to reduce the risk of mine injuries and to promote the establishment of mine-free zones.