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Armenia has been gaining strength after a decade of conflict in Nagorno-Karabakh. Armenia, a member of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), has not signed the Ottawa Convention. Under the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW) but volunteered to submit a re-signation letter. Armenia is one of 43 nations to participate in a workshop on the Ottawa Process. The workshop was held in Washington, D.C. Participants in the workshop received information and training on carrying out Trust Fund projects in Armenia.

Azerbaijan has also supported the banning of anti-personnel landmines but has not signed the Ottawa Convention. Azerbaijan is one of 10 survivors received training in management, medicine, small business, mine-risk education and computer literacy. An additional 20 mine survivors also volunteered to help with the project, which ended in May 2007. In 2007, with the financial support of the U.S. DOS, the IEPE plans to establish other branches of the Association and ensure their sustainability.

Victim Assistance
In 2006, Azerbaijan developed a National Mine Action Strategic Plan (2005–2008) which set out a national mine-action strategy. The plan included a three-year plan to coordinate and implement mine-risk education and victim-assistance activities. Azerbaijan also set up the Parliament on mine clearance and victim assistance.

Conclusions
With the presence of such an organized and dedicated mine-action program, the mine and UXO threat in Azerbaijan is slowly disappearing. Azerbaijan and other countries in the post-Soviet region are helping to make Azerbaijan safer by ensuring the recovery of survivors and the prevention of new mine and UXO accidents, one project at a time.

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