

GLOBAL MAP OF LANDMINE RISK 2005

Maplecroft launches interactive 'Global map of landmine risk' to mark International Day of Peace

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Landmines and unexploded ordnance (UXO) maim and kill 20,000 people every year. The majority of victims, many of whom are children, are innocent civilians, living in countries that are now peaceful. Landmines remain a considerable problem in more than 80 countries, undermining the stability and prospects for sustained economic and social development. Some of the worst affected countries are those attracting high levels of foreign investment such as Angola, Afghanistan, Colombia, Georgia, India, Iraq, Pakistan, Russia, Sudan and Turkey.

Despite an effective advocacy campaign contributing to a significant reduction in landmine production and use over the last decade, there is considerable scope for further progress towards the eradication of their legacy.

With global consensus achieved for the banning of landmines and commitment to alleviate their devastating impacts, it is the responsibility of all actors, public and private, to actively engage.

To assist in raising awareness of this and to coincide with the International Day of Peace on 21 September, Maplecroft has created an interactive 'Global map of landmine risk 2005'. This research resource contains key information regarding countries' perceived landmine risk, together with a framework for action that highlights how certain organisations have minimised the risk encountered through engagement programmes.

This web-based map is an innovative awareness-raising and management tool for business. It forms part of the Maplecroft '*Global maps*' series – a vast resource of data and analysis covering more than 20 sustainability risk issues, including aid and debt, child rights, climate change, conflict, corruption, displacement, HIV/AIDS, human rights, hunger, oil and gas, politics, poverty, TB and water. The '*Global maps*' series includes both hard copy and interactive web-based maps. Our new expanded portfolio covers sectors and countries, as well as issues.

Features of the map of landmine risk include:

- **Risk analysis** – a uniquely derived Landmine Risk Index is used to provide a measure of the risks and impacts of landmines to populations and companies doing business in or in partnership with each country. Countries are shaded to identify their relative levels and rate of change in landmine risk.
- **Private-sector impacts** – providing detailed analysis of the sources and impacts of risk as it relates to landmines, including those concerning operational security and reputation.
- **Stakeholder perspectives** – insights into the different stakeholder perspectives of the role and use of landmines in society, including their effects as a barrier to investment, poverty reduction and sustainable development.
- **Spotlights on engagement** – extended set of case studies that profile how business is working in partnership with government, non-governmental agencies and local communities around the world to reduce the impacts of landmines and associated risks.

This project has been informed by the most recent and authoritative research available: 'Landmine Monitor Report 2004: Toward a Mine-Free World', authored by the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL).

Partners are being sought for the development of a hard copy map of landmine risk – please contact Maplecroft for further information. Other interactive maps relating to security issues, including those covering conflict and political risk, are regularly updated by the Maplecroft team. For information contact info@maplecroft.net.

Notes for editors:

- **Maplecroft** assists companies address their social, environmental, economic and ethical responsibilities through research, training and the development of innovative communication and management tools. For further information, please visit <http://www.maplecroft.net>
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