10TH ANNIVERSARY

ORDINARY PEOPLE EXTRAORDINARY IMPACT

2004-2005 ANNUAL REPORT
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We thank you for your continuing commitment and support.

MAC Coalition 2004-05

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United Nations Association in Canada — National Capital Region Branch
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YMCA Canada — International Programs
1994

MAC has a part-time coordinator, Celina Tuttle, and a small operating budget administered by Physicians for Global Survival. Coalition activities are focused on urging the Canadian government to put the landmine issue on the agenda for its upcoming foreign policy review.

2004

MAC has a permanent staff including 10 full-time employees, one part-time employee, and an annual operating budget of $1.56 million. MAC marks the culmination of its successful domestic outreach initiative, the Youth Mine Action Ambassador Program; expands its youth programming internationally; and hires its first full-time staff person dedicated to work on the cluster munitions issue. Other coalition activities include public engagement, research and monitoring, and advocacy.

About Us

Message from the Executive Director

Ordinary People – Extraordinary Impact. That is the anniversary theme for our 10th year as a coalition of organizations who have come together to eradicate the threat that antipersonnel landmines pose to millions of people in thousands of communities around the world. Concerned about the increasing devastation antipersonnel landmines were causing in almost half the countries in the world, a group of 15 people from about 12 organizations met in September 1994 to discuss what could be done in Canada. That meeting led the creation of Mines Action Canada (MAC), the Canadian component of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL).

In the decade since, MAC has grown into a coalition of over three-dozen organizations, which was able to change the Canadian government’s position on landmines. Having changed its position, our government became the world leader in creating an international treaty banning antipersonnel landmines commonly known as the Ottawa Treaty. MAC worked in partnership with the Canadian government to develop the landmine treaty and now we work together to ensure that the Ottawa Treaty is fully and effectively implemented.

The ICBL itself has grown into an international coalition of over 1400 members in 90 countries, and was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, along with its then Coordinator Jody Williams, for the Campaign’s work in bringing about the treaty banning antipersonnel landmines. MAC has been and remains one of the most active members of the ICBL.

Our anniversary year has been remarkable as well. The Nairobi Summit for a Mine-Free World, the first review conference of the Ottawa Treaty, was the largest gathering of governments, UN agencies and civil society since the treaty signing in Ottawa in December 1997, and a testament to the continued commitment to a worldwide ban on landmines. MAC organized the first ever International Youth Symposium on Landmines during the Nairobi Summit and one of our delegates presented a youth declaration during the closing ceremonies concluding with the youth’s commitment: “No more landmines. No more new victims. In our lifetime. We are ready.” The Symposium is a key part of our new Youth Leadership, Education and Action Program (Youth LEAP). We have also become the lead agency in the annual Landmine Monitor, an unprecedented civil society monitoring mechanism. In cooperation with our colleagues from Landmine Action (UK) and Actiongroup landmines.de, we have also researched and published the most extensive report to date on the socio-economic impact of explosive remnants of war including unexploded cluster munitions.

Canadian NGOs launch Mines Action Canada

MAC and individual Canadians lobby hard for the democratization of defence and foreign policy process
As we report on our last year of activities and reflect on a decade of advocacy, education, research and monitoring, I believe we have been able to make an important and hopefully extraordinary impact. We could not have done it without the support and encouragement of people across Canada who have donated time, money, resources and energy to MAC and its members.

Use of landmines has dramatically decreased; there is virtually no new production or trade; millions of landmines have been destroyed from stockpiles and in minefields; and, the number of new victims has dropped significantly. It has been a remarkable decade. Much work remains, but if we can build on the successes of the last 10 years then possibly the next will be the last decade of the landmines crisis. We have achieved a lot together: let’s finish the job and cross landmines off the world’s to-do list.

Paul Hannon
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
MAC is founded at a meeting of 15 representatives of civil society organizations and faith-based groups, under the direction of Physicians for Global Survival. Five of the organizations present at the initial meeting are operational overseas.

MAC is a national coalition of 40 member organizations in six provinces. Coalition members represent a broad range of sectors, including organized labour, disability rights, humanitarian relief, peace and peacebuilding, human rights, poverty, development, law, science, and the environment. At least 11 members of the coalition are active in mine-affected countries such as Bosnia-Herzegovina, Cambodia, Mozambique, Sudan, and Uganda.

About Us

Message from the Chair

Our theme for this special 10th anniversary annual report is “Ordinary People, Extraordinary Impact.” This slogan underlines one of the most important aspects of the Ottawa Treaty prohibiting anti-personnel landmines: the fact that it is a people’s treaty. Unlike other international legal instruments, the Ottawa Treaty emerged from the concerted actions and convictions of hundreds of thousands of people: students, professionals, workers, members of faith communities, advocates — in short, it came from civil society.

As Mines Action Canada (MAC) celebrates its first decade, it is appropriate that we take time to reflect on all that has been accomplished since this ever-growing coalition began its work. Since the Ottawa Treaty received its first signatures in 1997, there have been fewer new landmine casualties each year, vast tracts of land have been cleared, trade in mines has all but ceased, and millions of stockpiled mines have been destroyed. In Canada, MAC has kept the landmines issue in the public eye through its innovative outreach and youth programming. A new international norm continues to gather strength, compelling even those states that have not joined the Treaty to abide by its spirit.

MAC’s milestone anniversary also represents an opportunity to reflect on the critical work that remains to be done. Continued mine use by states and non-state actors in several conflicts – although greatly reduced - is of grave concern, as is continued production in a number of countries. The absolute number of mine survivors grows year by year, and their needs are not being adequately met. Nor can it be taken for granted that the Canadian government will remain committed to finishing the job of banning landmines.

Our coalition is also concerned with the humanitarian threat posed by other victim-activated weapons that function as landmines or have similar impacts on civilians. Since 2001, MAC has taken a role of international leadership on the issue of cluster munitions, playing a key role in the formation of the Cluster Munition Campaign (CMC).

Our challenge in the next ten years is to sustain the Ottawa Treaty by making governments accountable for their commitments, to amplify the pressure on countries that have stood outside the Treaty to ratify it, and to reduce the humanitarian impacts of all victim-activated weapons. To meet this challenge, MAC and its partners will continue to engage Canadians and others around the world, reminding them that the Ottawa Treaty represents a model of ordinary people achieving the extraordinary.

Steven Estey
Chair

Canada announces an immediate moratorium on the use, production, trade and export of AP mines

Historic Ottawa Conference brings together 75 governments and yields a commitment among participating states to negotiate a treaty banning AP mines — these negotiations will become known as the “Ottawa Process”
About Us

Mandate
Mines Action Canada (MAC) is a coalition of over 40 Canadian non-governmental organizations working in mine action, peace, development, labour, health and human rights that came together in 1994. It is the Canadian partner of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL), the 1997 co-recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize.

The coalition’s primary concerns are the human and socio-economic impacts of landmines and weapons with similar effects. As such, the MAC coalition is committed to a complete ban on the use, production, stockpiling, and trade of anti-personnel mines and other weapons which function like anti-personnel mines, including cluster bombs and anti-vehicle/anti-tank mines with anti-personnel effect. The coalition is also committed to ensuring that the needs and aspirations of people physically, socially and economically affected by mines are met.

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122 nations sign a comprehensive mine ban treaty in Ottawa—a treaty that will become known as the “Ottawa Treaty”

ICBL shares the Nobel Peace Prize with its coordinator, Jody Williams
MAC increased and strengthened its role in research and monitoring during 2004-2005. MAC continued as a member of the Landmine Monitor Core Group and coordinated research in the Western Hemisphere in 2004.

MAC participated in a series of activities organized to prepare research and support preparations for the Nairobi Summit on a Mine-Free World, held from 29 November to 3 December in Nairobi, Kenya. These included the Global Researchers Meeting held during May in Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina; the Intersessional Standing Committee meetings held during June in Geneva, Switzerland; and the Americas Regional Mine Action Seminar in Quito, Ecuador, hosted by Ecuador in August with the support of Canada and the Organization of American States (OAS).

In anticipation of the Nairobi Summit, the Landmine Monitor Report 2004 included a five-year overview of mine action and implementation of the Ottawa Treaty for each country report. MAC was responsible for producing five-year overviews for all reports in the Western Hemisphere. MAC staff participated in the Nairobi Summit itself and organized meetings with government delegations to discuss research findings. Discussions were held with Her Excellency the Governor General of Canada, and the Vice-President of Colombia.

In January 2005, MAC assumed new responsibilities as the lead agency and global coordinator for Landmine Monitor, a task previously carried out by Human Rights Watch. MAC is responsible for implementing decisions made by the Landmine Monitor Editorial Board, of which MAC is a member, and for coordinating the production of Landmine Monitor research products. To help fulfill its new role as lead agency, MAC increased its capacity by hiring a Landmine Monitor Project Manager, Thematic Coordinator for Non-State Actors, Project Support Officer, and Final Editor. The former Americas regional coordinator became the Americas Research Specialist.

MAC hosted the Landmine Monitor Editorial Board meeting from 7-9 February in Ottawa, during which research grants were approved. A network of 77 researchers from 72 countries have prepared Landmine Monitor Report 2005, to be released 23 November.

**Explosive Remnants of War**

MAC was active in researching and monitoring policy developments surrounding explosive remnants of war (ERW), including cluster munitions and mines other than antipersonnel mines. MAC participated in meetings of the Convention on Conventional Weapons (CCW) in Geneva, Switzerland in July and November 2004. MAC continued to serve on the Steering Committee of the Cluster Munitions Coalition (CMC). Together with Landmine Action UK and Actiongroup Landmine.de, MAC coordinated the research and production of the Global Impact Survey of ERW and anti-vehicle mine impact in post-conflict zones. Entitled *Explosive Remnants of War and Mines Other than Anti-Personnel Mines: Global Survey 2003-2004*, this is the first such report produced by civil society, and was launched in early March 2005. MAC’s former ERW research coordinator is now the interim coordinator of the CMC.
Global Landmine Monitor Researchers Meeting
Over 100 researchers and campaigners from some 70 countries took part in the ICBL’s annual global experts meeting from 3 to 5 May 2004 in Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina.

As one of the five Core Group member agencies responsible for the annual coordination and production of the Landmine Monitor Report, MAC’s main contributions to the meeting were providing governance support and leadership in the finalization of plans to complete the Landmine Monitor in 2004; building action strategies for the upcoming Nairobi Summit on a Mine-Free World; and providing specialized research expertise on the landmine situation in all countries in the Americas. As the Sarajevo event was one stop on the road to the Nairobi Summit, MAC also contributed human resources to the ICBL media team that planned successful high-profile media field trips for the President-designate of the Nairobi Summit, Ambassador Wolfgang Petritsch from Austria, and ICBL Nobel Laureate Jody Williams in and around Sarajevo, which was covered by over 20 international and national media houses.

“Building the Road Beyond Nairobi” International Symposium
As part of the preparation for the Nairobi Summit and beyond, MAC invited key players from governments (mine-affected and donor countries), campaigns, landmine survivors, youth, experts in development, humanitarian mine clearance, mine risk education, and victim assistance to “Building the Road Beyond Nairobi” which took place in Ottawa, Canada from September 15-17, 2004.

The main objective of this uniquely structured 2.5-day symposium was to provide an opportunity for the development, policy and mine action communities to come together and discuss strategies for concretely and proactively paving the future towards the full implementation of the Ottawa Treaty post-Nairobi. The symposium also aimed to provide an opportunity for focused, thorough discussions by important stakeholders to try and turn these ideas into real plans for the future. The event was structured using a facilitation technique which is highly participatory and dynamic, appropriate for encouraging the full, inclusive, and equal participation of marginal groups.

In the end, 78 people from 23 countries participated in the event. The event was opened with a ceremony, attended by participants, marking the official handover of ICBL archives into the National Archives of Canada. This collection, representing our living history, will be accessible to the public now and for decades to come. With Canada’s strong leadership role in the movement to eliminate landmines and the actual treaty signing taking place in Ottawa, the National Archives of Canada was selected by the ICBL as the most appropriate home for its historic documents.
Advocacy

Civil Society-Government Dialogue: “Removing Threats to Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Development”

In an effort to provide MAC members and other non-governmental organizations with a chance to feed into Canada’s Foreign Policy Review, MAC organized a half-day civil society-government dialogue on Canada’s plans for post-conflict development in countries affected by landmines or other explosive remnants of war (ERW). Government representatives Ross Hynes (Canada’s Ambassador for Mine Action) and Jean Devlin (Chief of CIDA’s Mine Action Unit) discussed Canada’s plans to mainstream mine action and potential implications of Canada’s Foreign Policy Review on Canada’s implementation of its Ottawa Treaty obligations. Over 20 Canadian non-governmental organizations participated in this event.

Nairobi Summit for a Mine-Free World

The purpose of the Nairobi Summit was to review the operation and status of the Ottawa Convention and adopt an action plan for the next five years. Representatives of 135 states participated in the Nairobi Summit, including 110 States Parties to the Convention and 25 states that have not yet joined. The event also featured the largest-ever gathering of representatives of non-governmental organizations concerned with the landmine problem, including hundreds of campaigners from the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL) - one of the world’s leading civil society movements, whose member organizations provide the voice and energy for continuing action on universalization and implementation of the Ottawa Treaty.

While the central focus of the Summit was dedicated to finalizing the Nairobi Action Plan, numerous side events took place to highlight civil society activities promoting the actions discussed in these meetings. Participants had the opportunity to partake in such events as the Nobel Laureates Panel; a Survivors Summit; and the first-ever, large scale International Youth Symposium, coordinated by Mines Action Canada. Governor-General Adrienne Clarkson, the Honourable Paddy Torsney, Parliamentary Secretary for the Minister of International Cooperation, and Member of Parliament Diane Bourgeois met with young activists during the launch of the “Working with Young People for a Mine-Free World” resource manual, and took part in roundtable discussions on youth leadership and activism on the landmines crisis.

Other special MAC contributions to the success of the Summit include:

- Attending and participating in the Summit as part of the official Canadian delegation;
- Contribution of human resources and expertise to the ICBL media team which generated the most media stories globally since the signing of the Ottawa Treaty; and
- Raising the profile of youth contributions to a mine-free world, culminating in an official invitation for a MAC IYS participant to deliver an international youth declaration during the official closing ceremony of the Nairobi Summit.
During its 10th anniversary year, MAC celebrated the involvement of many Canadians dedicated to the landmines movement. Canadians have shown leadership at the local, national, and international levels, which is why MAC chose the theme: Ordinary People — Extraordinary Impact.

**Canadian Landmines Awareness Week (CLAW)**

Each year MAC hosts an awareness-raising week to remind Canadians of their commitment to the Ottawa Treaty and to landmine-affected people around the world. This year, Canadian Landmine Awareness Week (CLAW) took place from Feb. 28 to March 5, 2005 and featured over 50 events in 18 cities and towns across Canada. CLAW produced media articles and website features discussing the landmines issue and what Canadians are doing about it. Thousands of people were engaged through events and fundraisers such as:

- **March of Soles: One Step at a time towards a Mine-free World**, in which Canadians from coast-to-coast participated in marches, processions, and vigils to raise funds and awareness for mine-affected people globally;
- **Legacy of a Perfect Soldier**, a photo exhibit by Giovanni Diffindenti with guest speakers from the government and civil society;
- **And then everything changed…**, a dramatic presentation by a community theatre group;
- **Beats not Bombs and Bands for the Ban**, benefit concerts in Halifax, Vancouver, and Ottawa that included speakers, experts, and international youth activists;
- **Landmines Leadership: It’s Our Responsibility**, skills-based workshops on the issue and what youth can do to help; and,
- **Soul Jam!**, an urban slam poetry and music session to raise money for MAC member programs in Northern Uganda.

CLAW is an annual event that provides all Canadians with an opportunity to make an extraordinary impact for a mine-free world.
Public Engagement and Outreach

The Extraordinary Impact Tour – Western Canada
In 2004-05, MAC traveled to numerous Canadian cities meeting with organizations and citizens interested in the landmines issues. The main objective of this special 10th anniversary tour was to raise awareness about the links between landmines and development, and to diversify our donor base and membership.

MAC staff met with 46 different non-governmental organizations and volunteer network representatives in Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Edmonton, Calgary, Vancouver, and Victoria. In the coming year we will extend the tour to Ontario, Quebec, and Atlantic Canada. Events in the Western tour involved many donors, members and supporters. There were public and private engagements including speakers’ panels featuring local and national development experts, information sharing sessions for members and others in the community, plus art and music-based fundraisers. The tour was an inspirational opportunity to re-connect with MAC members, donors and supporters across Canada.

As a core component of the tour, MAC highlighted the importance of incorporating landmines into the broader development context. By using Canada’s policy on mainstreaming, MAC provided organizations with opportunities to compare their programs with the Nairobi Action Plan, and helped to identify key areas of programming for collaboration.

CATIMAC
The Canadian Appropriate Technologies in Mine Action Competition (CATIMAC) is run largely through universities providing technical and practical information for students to create appropriate technologies for mine action. In 2004-05, CATIMAC marked its sixth and final year, and the third one in which MAC has partnered with Engineers Without Borders (EWB) to promote and administer the competition.

Final projects were submitted to our panel of international experts who reviewed them for effectiveness, appropriateness, simplicity, and cost. Submissions came from teams across the country and included designs for prosthetics, water purifiers, fragment removal devices, and vegetation cutters. In 2004, a previous CATIMAC winner tested their project in Bosnia with the support of CIDA and the Canadian International Demining Corps (CIDC). The team designed a system to keep demining dogs cool and productive in extreme heat.

Mines Action Canada would like to acknowledge the support of its Members Committee: Science for Peace and CAMEO. Science for Peace was a founding member of the competition and has offered expert support throughout the program. CAMEO has brought demining expertise, problem statements, and generously donated award plaques to the winning faculties.
PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH

YMAAP

In partnership with the Canadian Red Cross and the Mine Action Team of Foreign Affairs Canada, MAC implements the Youth Mine Action Ambassador Program (YMAAP). This year marks YMAAP’s seventh and final year of successful programming. YMAAP was the major delivery program for education and public awareness on landmines in Canada. It is an internship program that builds a sustainable network of active, articulate young Canadians who broaden the reach of public engagement efforts on the landmine issue.

The Youth Mine Action Ambassadors (YAs) began their internships with five weeks of intensive training, including a Study Tour to Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia. The six YAs made a significant impact while posted in Vancouver, Winnipeg, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal and Halifax. During their nine-month placements, the YAs:

- Delivered 395 presentations at elementary and high schools, post-secondary institutions and other venues;
- Hosted 42 displays;
- Visited 66 cities and towns;
- Reached over 20,500 people directly and hundreds of thousands more through the media;
- Generated 76 media pieces through print articles, radio pieces, TV clips, and the web;
- Trained and involved 103 volunteers who contributed over 4088 hours; and,
- Organized events to commemorate the Nairobi Summit for a Mine Free World, the December 3rd Anniversary and Canadian Landmine Awareness Week.

A few highlights from the 2004-05 program year:

- YMAAP received funding from CIDA’s Stand Alone Public Engagement Fund to facilitate three Landmines and International Development Youth Symposia in Winnipeg, Montreal and Halifax. The project engaged 68 youth to work on issues linked with landmines and international development. The Symposia had a great impact on youth participants resulting in: participants organizing community events, facilitating presentations, coordinating fundraisers, writing opinion editorials, engaging their schools and communities, and requesting follow-up workshops.
- During the Study Tour, YMAAP and the Embassy of Canada in Sarajevo co-hosted a Youth Roundtable, bringing together Canadian and Bosnian youth interested in and active on the issue of anti-personnel landmines. The Youth Roundtable presented an opportunity for youth from different countries to discuss issues of common concern, potential linkages between their respective organizations and activities, and the significance of youth participation in the Nairobi Summit.
- All YAs noted the time, effort and dedication of their volunteers as a definite highlight throughout the program year. Volunteers are a tremendous source of continuity and sustainability for the program, as many still continue to make presentations and organize events after the YAs’ terms end, and return as volunteers year after year.
An estimated 26 000 new landmine casualties occur each year. More than 100 countries are affected to some extent by landmines and unexploded ordnance.

Overall, Year VII of the Youth Mine Action Ambassador Program fulfilled its objectives and exceeded expectations. Youth continue to be an outstanding example of Canadian creativity and expertise in mine action. With the support of its partners and donors, YMAAP continued its excellent work in catalyzing sustainable community action and awareness on the landmines issue. YMAAP gratefully acknowledges the contributions of the organizations that hosted YAs across the country: the Canadian Red Cross, Manitoba Council for International Cooperation, Mines Action Canada, and Oxfam Canada.

As YMAAP ends its final year in 2004, the program is now evolving to mobilize volunteer working groups across Canada. MAC is proud to be able to rely on long-time YMAAP volunteers and partners to be vehicles of outreach during the next phase of domestic programming; this would not be possible without the strong foundation of seven years of successful YMAAP programming.
Youth Leadership, Education and Action Program

In 2004, MAC launched the Youth Leadership, Education and Action Program (Youth LEAP) to infuse the post-Nairobi mine ban movement with new energy and momentum. Youth LEAP seeks to enable young people to become effective mine action campaigners by equipping them with the necessary skills, knowledge, and networks while building the capacity of key campaign actors. Youth LEAP builds on the success of MAC programming, such as YMAAP, and applies best practices from our domestic work on an international scale. Youth LEAP is undertaken with the financial support of the Government of Canada as well as various international donors.

A cornerstone of Youth LEAP is the resource manual entitled Working with young people for a mine-free world: How to engage young people in campaigning. Developed with an international advisory committee, the resource manual provides practical tools and tips to pro-ban organizations seeking to mobilize and engage young women and men as contributors to — rather than subjects of — mine action campaign work. Learning activities and case studies capturing the experiences of nine different campaigns are integrated throughout the 111-page manual. The English-language version of the manual was launched at the Nairobi Summit, and translations are now available in French and Russian.

Youth LEAP also supports campaigns in key regions where support for the Ottawa Treaty prohibiting landmines remains politically challenging. Regional activities include: campaigners’ workshops involving interactive seminars for senior campaigners on how to involve young people in campaigning and advocacy work; workshops for mine action youth leaders that focus on skills-building and networking; plus a small grants program helping under-resourced campaigns by offering funds for capital and operational costs.

Regional programming commenced in the countries of the Former Soviet Union (FSU) in 2004-05. Campaigners from three countries gathered in November 2004 for a five-day workshop in Tbilisi, Georgia, to share best practices and brainstorm strategies for youth engagement. A Russian-language workshop in Moscow, Russian Federation, was attended by 39 youth from nine countries in February 2005, with skills-building sessions covering facilitation, mine risk education (MRE), volunteer management, fundraising, and media engagement. Regional mine action campaigns also took part in the first phase of the small grants program. In March 2005, MAC disbursed small grants to seven partners to fund activities such as a summer training camp for youth in Tajikistan, youth-led thematic dialogues with government officials in Armenia, and the purchase of computer equipment in Belarus.
International Youth Symposium on Landmines
Timed to coincide with the landmark Nairobi Summit, In Our Lifetime: The 2004 International Youth Symposium on Landmines was one of Youth LEAP’s flagship activities in its inaugural year. Attended by 39 young people from 25 countries, the International Youth Symposium (IYS) will be an annual event, drawing youth from around the world and connecting them to the global mine ban movement. Over the course of nine days, youth delegates built on their existing campaign skills, from fundraising and media outreach to facilitation and utilizing information technologies, in workshops delivered by more than a dozen ICBL campaigners.

The impact of the youth symposium was felt at the highest levels of the Nairobi Summit. The Secretary-General of the United Nations, the President of the Summit, and the Head of the ICBL Delegation all noted the important role of the youth in their addresses. At the closing ceremony a youth delegate from Liberia presented the Youth Declaration on a Mine-Free World, which concluded with the commitment: “No more landmines. No more new victims. In our lifetime. We are ready.”

Young Professionals International Mine Action Program
Youth LEAP contributes to strengthening the capacity of the worldwide movement to ban landmines by placing Canadian young professionals with campaign host organizations. These six-month internship placements provide under-resourced campaign partners with crucial human resources, and offer valuable career-related work experience to young Canadians. In 2004–2005, eight young professionals were placed in Australia, Kenya, Lebanon, Switzerland, Uganda, and the United States. They helped mobilize local young people in the movement for a mine-free world, developed advocacy and education materials, researched landmine-related topics, and contributed substantively to preparations for the Nairobi Summit.
Summary of Revenues and Expenses

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# Statement of Financial Position

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### Capital Assets

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<th>Description</th>
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### Restricted Cash

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<td><strong>Total Restricted Cash</strong></td>
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| **Total Assets**             | $405,310|

## LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

### Current Liabilities

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<td>Bank indebtedness</td>
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<td>Accounts payable and accrued liabilities</td>
<td>$64,282</td>
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<tr>
<td>Deferred revenue</td>
<td>$62,104</td>
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### Net Assets

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<td>Invested in capital assets</td>
<td>$19,244</td>
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<tr>
<td>Unrestricted</td>
<td>$116,349</td>
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<td><strong>Total Net Assets</strong></td>
<td>$135,593</td>
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<tr>
<td>Internally restricted reserve fund</td>
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<td><strong>Total Net Assets</strong></td>
<td>$211,393</td>
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| **Total Liabilities and Net Assets** | $405,310 |