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- Founded at JMU in 1996 (formerly the Mine Action Information Center-MAIC), now in our 23rd year!
- Operates through partnerships with nongovernmental organizations and government agencies in the U.S. and other countries
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- Annual report of US-funded CWD programs around the world – DOS, DoD, USAID
- Produced in cooperation with DOS-PM/WRA
- Document current activities and historical funding
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• Focus on the Middle East:
  • Editorial from Prince Mired of Jordan
  • UNMAS reports on simple vs. complex IEDs clearance in Fallujah and Mosul
  • Food Security in Lebanon (FSD)
  • Ammunition stockpile management
  • KPI’s by Roly Evans (GICHD) and David Hewitson (Fenix Insight)
  • Thermite Systems (HALO)
The Journal - CFP: Fall 2019

• Editorial: Assessing New Technology?
• Explosive Legacy in Southeast Asia
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AID Database

Accident and Incident Database: AID

- Part of the Global CWD Repository
- Based on the Database of Demining Accidents by Andy Smith

A relational database containing accident and incident reports (since 1998) from non-conflict or post-conflict explosive hazard survey and/or clearance.

- Search and filter by YEAR, COUNTRY, MINE/DEVICE and/or ACTIVITY:
  - Excavation
  - Missed Mine
  - Handling
  - Demolition
  - Vegetation Removal
  - Mechanical Excavation
  - Survey
  - Trip Wire
  - Victim Initiation
  - Other

- Separate casualty and hazard data within main dataset
- Names/organizations redacted in public database (but made available by special request)
- Reports never added based on anecdote or hearsay*
  * For this reason, very few records describe accidents involving military personnel because those accident reports are rarely made public

To submit an accident or incident report, or request a custom database query:
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AID Database

- Off-line relational Access database with hundreds of search criteria
- Detailed documentation of demining accidents (with casualties) and incidents (without)
- Online reports are searchable by year, country, activity, or mine type
- Names and organizations redacted for privacy
AID Database

- IMAS 10.6 could make reporting to the AID database mandatory
- Need organizations to participate in reporting
- How do we get buy-in?
- What information do YOU want from this database?

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