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# REQUEST TO RENEWAL PROROGATION 2023 – 2025



# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- In March 2017, Ecuador submitted a request to renew a prorogation for the years 2018 - 2022, which was approved within the framework of the 16th Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention held in Vienna, from December 18 to 21, 2017.
- In the years 2020 and 2021, the budget for humanitarian demining operations was not allocated, due to the fact that financial resources were channeled at the national level to attend the global health emergency caused by COVID-19, which significantly affected Ecuador.
- Ecuador has managed to release, from the beginning of operations in the year 2000 until December 2019, a total area of 551,741.56 m<sup>2</sup>; the destruction of 12,193 antipersonnel mines; 74 anti-tank mines and 35 UXO's.
- Ecuador resumed demining operations at the end of August 2022. To date, 1,860 m<sup>2</sup> have been cleared and 17 antipersonnel mines have been destroyed.
- Until the end of 2022, it is planned to release an approximate area of 10,056.00 m<sup>2</sup> and destroy 239 antipersonnel mines corresponding to the province of Zamora Chinchipe.
- **Pending areas to demine until 2025:**
  - Total number of dangerous areas: 53 areas
  - Total amount of mined area : **40.056,00** m<sup>2</sup>
  - Total number of mines laid : **2.941** antipersonnel mines (quantified according to existing records)



# LIMITATIONS

## TERRAIN WITH DIFFICULT ACCESS TO DANGEROUS AREAS, TO PERFORM DEMINING OPERATIONS

- The dangerous areas to be cleared are found in mountainous areas in the jungle region.
- The areas that are not yet demined, have extensive and dense vegetation with cliffs and ravines that are difficult to access.
- Heights up to 2400 meters above sea level.
- Weather conditions are also another factor that limits the fulfillment of planned operations
- The climate is varied, presenting temperatures that oscillate between 12°C and 35°C, with permanent humidity and precipitations in almost the entire year.



## LIMITATIONS

- The only way to enter mined areas is through the use of aircraft, which makes operations difficult.
- A light helicopter must be available permanently during operations to carry supplies and execute air evacuation with medical support, in case of an accident.



## LIMITATIONS

- Limited economic resources to be allocated by the State.
- The Ecuadorian State, committed to complying with its obligations before the States Parties to the Convention, prepared and approved the Project called "Liberation of lands polluted by land mines or explosive devices in a state of risk known up on the common border between Ecuador and Peru", with which the allocation of resources for demining operations is planned for a period of four years.



Year	Total USD
2022	2.448.041,00
2023	2.353.079,06
2024	2.307.109,68
2025	2.341.290,06
<b>Total</b>	<b>9.449.519,80</b>



# INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

- Ecuador requires international support to execute the demining process, so in March 2022, the signing of the Cooperation and Technical Assistance Agreement on demining issues between the Organization of American States - OAS and Ecuador was approved.
- This agreement will contribute to finalize the pending activities related to the liberation of lands with special attention to the Quality Control of the cleared areas in the provinces of Pastaza, Morona Santiago and Zamora Chinchipe, which are pending for execution.



# HUMANITARIAN DEMINING PROGRAM 2022 – 2025

Year	Pending area (m <sup>2</sup> )	Projected Progress in Release
2022	10.056,00	25,10%
2023	10.000,00	24,97%
2024	10.004,00	24,98%
2025	9.996,00	24,96%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>40.056,00</b>	<b>100%</b>

# GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OF PENDING AREAS

## Zamora Chinchipe

Affected communities in the cantons of:

- **Nangaritza** : Guayzimi
- **Yanzatza**: Los Encuentros
- **El Pangui** : Cónдор Mirador
- **Chinchipe**: Chito

Area of land affected:

**40.056,00 m<sup>2</sup>**

Pending mines to be destroyed:

**2.941 antipersonnel mines**



## DETAIL OF SECTORS AFFECTED BY ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES

ORD	PROVINCE	CANTON	PARISH	AMOUNT OF DANGEROUS AREAS	PENDING AREAS M2	PENDING MINES	TYPE OF MINES
1	ZAMORA CHINCHIPE	Nangaritza	Guayzimi	14	4.577,00	110	AP TAB - 1
2		Yanzatza	Los Encuentros	3	6.565,00	320	AP PRB M-35
3		El Pangui	Cóndor Mirador	35	21.905,00	1.231	AP TAB - 1
4		Chinchiipe	Chito	1	7.009,00	1.280	AP PRB M-35
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>53</b>	<b>40.056,00</b>	<b>2.941</b>	





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