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U.S. Supports the Disabled from Catatumbo

LIFE OPTIONS FOR COLOMBIAN ANTI-PERSONNEL LANDMINE VICTIMS



Site of the mine rehabilitation center for victims of antipersonnel landmines in Cucuta.

On November 19, 2006 the U.S. Government assisted with the opening of a mine rehabilitation center for victims of antipersonnel landmines in Cucuta, in the department of Norte de Santander. This is the first center in northeast Colombia to provide care for the civilian population disabled as a result of abandoned antipersonnel landmines and explosive artifacts in the Catatumbo region. Most of the fields found in this area protect coca crops.

The U.S. Government, through the U.S. Southern Command (SOUTHCOM), donated \$87,000 dollars towards the construction of this assistance center to produce prosthesis and orthosis devices. It will also render rehabilitation services to the disabled population. The Colombian Government agreed to supply the resources necessary to serve the region and the victim of these landmines.

HUMAN CRISIS IN CATATUMBO

Cucuta is one of the Colombian cities with the largest number of victims of antipersonnel landmines. Thirty-six percent of the Colombian disabled population lives in Cucuta and its surrounding areas.

From 1990 to 2005, 248 people have fallen victim of these devices in the Catatumbo area.



THE UNITED STATES IS COMMITTED TO VICTIMS OF ANTIPERSONNEL LANDMINES



De-mining equipment donated by the U.S. Government on October 2004.

On October 2004, the United States, through its ATF agency, delivered 110 metal landmine detectors to the Colombian Government to help it with the mine field eradication program in Colombia. Each one of these detectors is valued at \$2,200 dollars and similar detectors are currently being used by the Army, the Navy, the D.A.S. (Colombian Secret Police), the C.T.I. (Technical Investigation Corps of the Colombian General Attorney's Office) and the National Police.