

Good Gifts Catalogue

8004: Get Rid of Bombs



Good Gifts uses your money to make land safe in former conflict areas. Support is given to allow families to return to these areas safely, encouraging economic regeneration as these returning communities engage in agriculture, cattle grazing, and traditional vocations such as fishing, brick building and cane cutting. The land-clearing work is therefore of enormous value to post-conflict development of such areas of the world.

Land can be cleared of antipersonnel mines, cluster bombs and other weapons through a combination of manual and mechanical techniques, and liaison teams deliver safety briefings and other services to many thousands of local people. Over 2,666,625 square metres of land was searched and cleared in this way in 2008, which facilitated the safe return of thousands of families to their homes, and also cleared places of worship, schools and farming land.

Mechanical clearance uses remote-controlled Bozena B4 flails to clear suspected areas, but often mines are found close to buildings or underneath trees, where the flail is unable to access, and manual clearance using raking methods by trained and protected personnel is needed.

Your Good Gift allows this invaluable work to continue, so that even more communities can return to their towns and villages, and rebuild their lives. Thanks to Good Gifts, our partner charity has been able to clear larger and larger areas of land of guns, shells, mines, and other weapons.