



'Rogerio Area Segura' is three months old. His mother Natalia lives in the neighbourhood of São Damasio in the outskirts of Maputo in a small house close to electricity pylon 183. There are 200 pylons transporting electricity along the 80km from the South African border to the city of Maputo. These pylons were mined in 1986, during the civil war, to defend them from sabotage. Now 16 years after the war ended these mines are still causing accidents and preventing the communities living along the pylon line from moving freely and developing their own land. They are a persistent reminder of a sad and traumatic past.



Rogerio has a look at the cleared area.



A mine is destroyed.

Natalia was pregnant when The HALO Trust started to clear the land surrounding pylon 183. Every time a mine was found and destroyed she would feel her baby kicking. The team cleared a total of 48 mines from this pylon before handing the now safe land back to the community. Natalia's son is named after the radio call that confirms that the area is secure before a demolition; 'Rogerio Area Segura' will now grow up in a community that does not have to fear the presence of mines; a right that all children in Mozambique deserve.



A HALO deminer.



During the handover to local people.