

Your Impact 2025

Clearing landmines,
creating hope



Our mission is to protect lives and restore the livelihoods of those affected by conflict.

Letter from our Board Chairman

Dear Friends,

I am honored to have been recently elected as Chairman of The HALO Trust USA. I have had the opportunity to witness HALO's positive impact around the world for over 20 years.



HALO's community of donors and supporters help communities overcome the legacy of conflict. Every year since I have served on the board, we have seen the number of our supporters grow and our positive impact expand. Together, we are not only removing landmines and unexploded ordnance, but we are restoring land, improving livelihoods, strengthening food systems, and helping countries torn by conflict rebuild safely.

HALO's mission is simple. Get explosives out of the ground for good. This mission remains as urgent as ever. HALO transforms landscapes once defined by war. Land that was once dangerous and inaccessible is being returned to communities for agriculture, housing, and infrastructure. Communities affected by conflict are able to rebuild their livelihoods and local economies. Cleared minefields enable farmers to replant their land, reduce local poverty, and strengthen global food security.

HALO is advancing new approaches that make mine clearance faster, safer, and more efficient. In Ukraine and other programs, drones, remote-controlled equipment, and advanced mapping technologies are helping deminers locate and remove explosives faster and with greater precision. As you have surely seen in the news, the scale of the challenge in Ukraine remains immense, but I am optimistic we can rise to that challenge. I see our Ukrainian staff challenged in a new way every day, and I watch with awe their resolve, their hard work, and their commitment to helping their country.

While some conflicts rage, and generate new explosive hazards, I am extremely proud that HALO has made huge strides in clearing entire countries. In a matter of years, the minefields of Sri Lanka will be erased. In Zimbabwe, we have removed over 250,000 mines, and we can see the finish line. Erasing these scars of war requires sustained commitment, but the goals are achievable.

I am grateful to help lead this organization because I have seen the bravery and hard work of HALO's teams around the world and I am very thankful for the community of generous donors and supporters who are ensuring that land once defined by conflict can sustain opportunity, stability, and growth for generations to come.

Peace,

Bradley Tirpak

Chairman of the Board of Trustees

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Where We Work

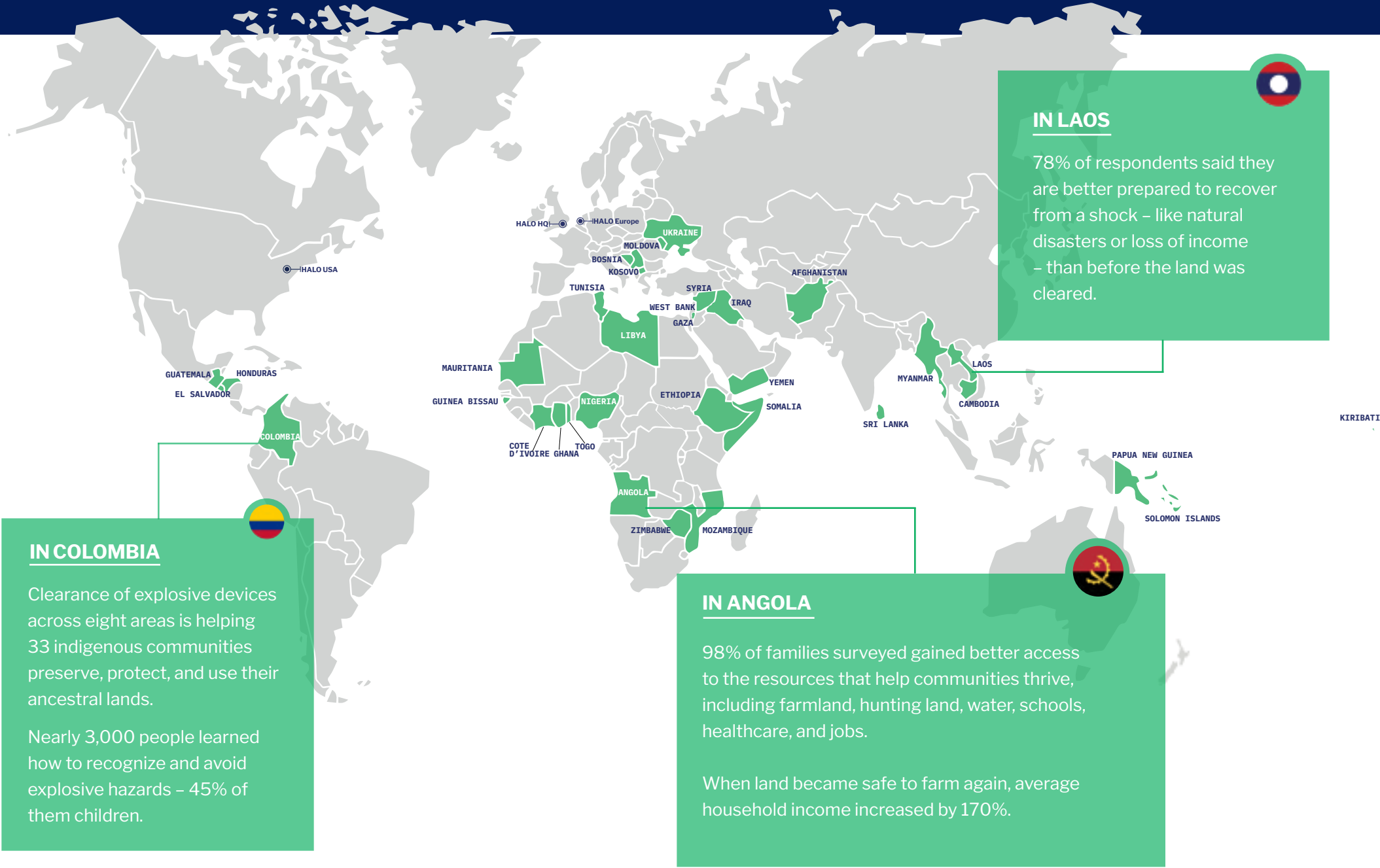
Global Statistics

 **106,516**
mines and explosive items destroyed

 **896,499**
adults and children taught how to stay safe from explosive hazards

 **16,523**
acres of land made safe

 **531,627**
people benefitting from clearance



Protecting What Sustains Us

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This is my first harvest since 2022!

-Mykola, Ukraine



When farmland is unsafe, entire communities suffer. Farmers cannot plant and harvest, fertile fields lie unused, and families lose income they depend on. But every day, deminers are clearing explosives from agricultural land, so that farmers can return to the livelihoods that sustain them.

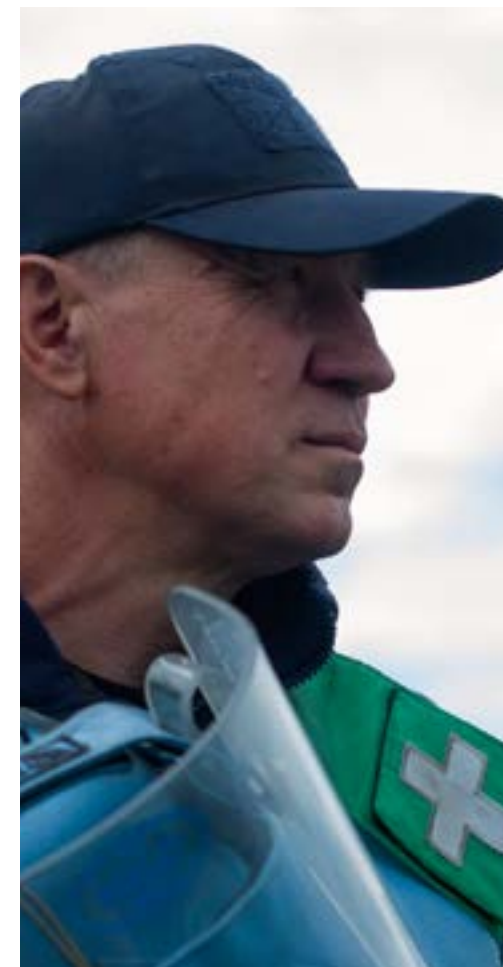
Ukraine: The First Harvest

For three years, Mykola Mural could only look across his fields and wait.

The 64-year-old farmer had spent decades growing wheat, sunflower, and rapeseed in southern Ukraine. But after the invasion, hidden explosives made his fields too dangerous to farm. His village in Mykolaiv region was left devastated by shelling.

In January 2024, HALO started working on Mykola's land. By autumn, he could begin planting again. As of 2025, 99 acres, or about 75 football fields, have been made safe.

Across Ukraine, HALO is helping families reclaim their land and restore their livelihoods.



Cambodia: Rebuilding From the Ground Up

In Cambodia, a farmer and father of six named Ouk couldn't grow enough to feed his family. Landmines buried in his fields made every step dangerous.

“Before HALO arrived, my fields were a graveyard of hidden dangers. Every step I took felt like a dance with death,” Ouk said.

HALO began clearing Chheu Slab in 2002. Over the years, HALO's team cleared more than 940 explosive hazards from the village.

With newfound safety, Ouk began cultivating cassava in addition to rice. He hired over two dozen local workers to help with the harvest and transport—providing jobs and breathing life back into the local economy. He even began renting out his tractor to neighbors, creating additional income for his family.

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“We never imagined we could build a comfortable life after all we've been through. This land was once a battlefield. Now, it is a place of growth, safety, and community. We owe so much to HALO for restoring our hope.”
-Ouk, Cambodia



Local Teams Leading the Way

HALO's greatest strength is its people. That's why 95% of our 8,000+ staff are hired locally – clearing landmines, earning a living, and creating safer futures for generations to come.

Meet the Woman Who Has Cleared Over 200 Landmines

Maheshwary Saththiyananthan knows what it means to lose a home. After her family was displaced during Sri Lanka's 26-year conflict, she joined HALO. Since 2011, she has cleared more than 200 anti-personnel landmines – helping other families while earning a steady income to provide for her own.



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I feel proud to earn a living for my family. We have been able to save enough to buy land, motorcycles, and build a cement-block house.
-Maheshwary Saththiyananthan, Sri Lanka



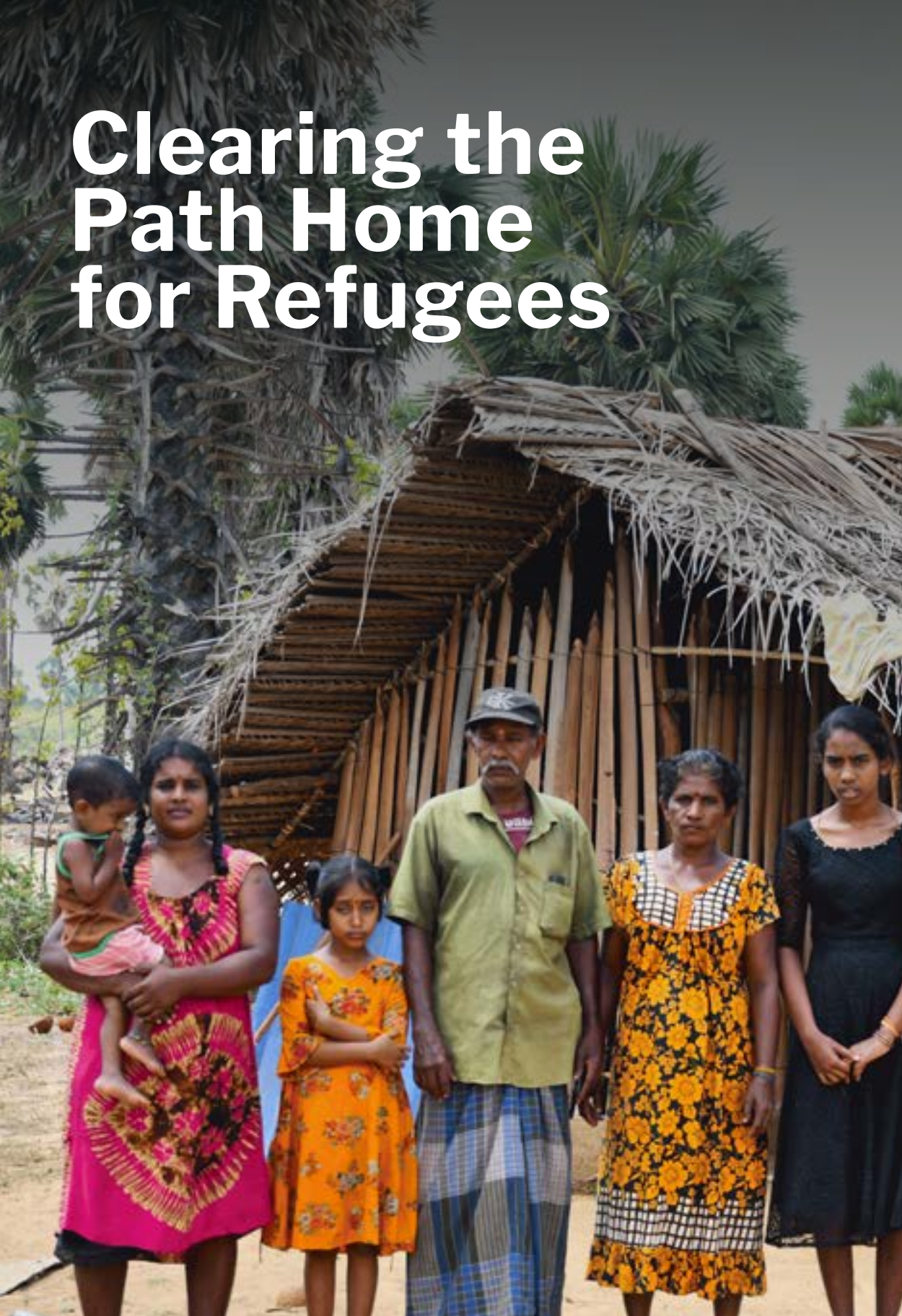
Bringing It Home: Eyder's Story

In Colombia, Eyder Cortés has worn many hats with HALO - from deminer to surveyor to now the National Monitoring and Evaluation Officer. Along the way, he's helped countless families live safely. But one discovery hit closest to home: three large explosive devices buried on his own family's farm.

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It was very hard to know that my farm was contaminated. We had always worked those pastures. We were always at risk and didn't know it.
-Eyder Cortés, Colombia

Clearing the Path Home for Refugees



For families displaced by conflict, returning home is often dangerous even after the fighting has ended. Landmines and unexploded bombs can remain in towns and villages for years after armed forces have left. They threaten lives and limbs, and the fear of encountering one keeps people from accessing their homes, schools, farmland, and medical buildings.

HALO is clearing these deadly remnants of war so that families can return home and rebuild their lives.

Sri Lanka: After Three Decades, Kiddan and His Family Return Home

In 1991, Kiddan and his wife, Rosammah, bought a piece of land in a town called Muhamalai. They hoped to put down roots for their growing family.

But the Sri Lankan Civil War turned Muhamalai into one of the country's most dangerous minefields. Kiddan, Rosammah, and their three daughters had to flee.

They remained displaced for nearly 30 years but finally returned home after HALO cleared their land.



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“We never thought we’d get our land back. But now, we are truly thankful. Having our own land allows us to look to the future with hope. My daughters will stay close, and my children will have a stable home to grow up in.”

-Kiddan, Sri Lanka

Yemen: Mohammad Rebuilds

In the city of Taiz, Yemen, Mohammad once earned a living as a fruit and vegetable vendor at the local market. He had a family, a home, and a livelihood.

But in 2015, a devastating civil war came to Mohammad’s doorstep. The Houthis, a militant group fighting against the Yemeni government, began blockading and attacking the city. His family had no choice but to flee.

When the violence calmed in 2022, Mohammad finally returned to his house. He found it badly damaged – a projectile had ripped a hole through a wall. The interior and roof were littered with explosives.

He hired workers for repairs, but they wouldn’t dare cross the threshold after seeing the dangerous munitions. That’s when he heard about HALO.

Deminers safely removed the explosives so he could begin reconstructing his home. And today, he’s one step closer to bringing his family home for good. His greatest wish is for every family to have the same hope for the future.



Earthquake Response in Afghanistan

In late August and early September 2025, a series of earthquakes devastated several provinces in Afghanistan, killing and injuring thousands and displacing many more as the tremors destroyed their homes.

HALO teams deployed immediately. Vehicles that normally carry deminers and their gear were outfitted as ambulances. Experienced staff navigated damaged roads and ongoing tremors to reach those most in need. Trusted relationships with local communities enabled rapid coordination in critical early hours.

Our teams provided urgent, life-saving support:

- Evacuated 7 people in critical condition
- Set up 35 tents (sheltering up to 12 people each) to help families who lost their homes
- Delivered medical care to 86 people
- Distributed 50 emergency aid packages with essential supplies to keep families fed, warm, and dry

HALO is committed to being first in and last out. The Disaster & Crisis Response Fund ensures we are ready to respond at a moment’s notice — delivering urgent aid and helping communities recover when they need it most.





Knowledge that Saves Lives

Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex, Visits Angola

In Angola, landmines and unexploded ordnance still threaten places where children walk every day.

During his 2025 visit, Prince Harry joined HALO teams for an explosive ordnance risk education session. Children learned how to recognize, avoid, and safely report dangerous items. These simple lessons help keep children safe until the land can be cleared.

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“As a father to young children, it breaks my heart to see innocent children still living and playing next to minefields. All of us have a duty to protect children and future generations from the harms of war, both present and past.”

-Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex



Solomon Islands

On Mbanga Island, more than 1,000 students attend three schools where they learn, play, and help grow food in school gardens. But explosives left behind from World War II still pose a threat. Dangerous items have been found in classrooms, gardens, and play areas.

In 2025, HALO identified more than 58 acres of hazardous land and began delivering explosive ordnance risk education in every classroom.

Ukraine: At Mykolaiv Gymnasium, Students, Teachers, And Families Learn Lifesaving Skills



Between November 2024 and April 2025, HALO delivered over 9,300 risk education sessions. These sessions reached over 76,000 people, including more than 34,000 children.

In frontline areas where large gatherings can be dangerous, teams have adapted by providing household visits and sharing life-saving information on social media, reaching an estimated 1.1 million people.

At schools like Mykolaiv Gymnasium №52 in southern Ukraine, students, teachers, and family members come together to learn how to recognize explosive hazards, avoid danger, and stay safe until the land can be cleared.

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“I don’t know if we have safe places anymore. But that’s why it’s good to learn safety rules. We teach our children about risks and safety. We have to. But you can’t just say these things once and expect them to remember. This is complex work. What HALO is doing adds value.”

-Nadiia, who attended the session with her daughter Sophia

Innovation in Action

Landmine clearance has traditionally been carried out by hand—one careful step at a time. Today, new technology and innovative equipment are helping make this life-saving work safer, faster, and more efficient. Explore some of the tools transforming the way HALO clears landmines.



Operate A Skid Steer With Tetiana

In Ukraine, remote-operated mechanical clearance is making demining safer and faster. Here, Tetiana, a Mechanical Operator, is controlling a skid steer from several meters away.

Skid steers are versatile machines that can be fitted with different attachments, for tasks like sifting soil or removing tripwires.

This technology helps deminers work safer and faster. It can boost daily output to 200 square meters of land compared to 1.9 square meters if done manually, with much less risk to their safety.

Ukrainian minefields contain many different types of threats, each with its own design and trigger. Adaptable tools like these ensure HALO's teams are prepared for any threat they encounter.



Tetiana, a Mechanical Operator, stands in front of a skid steer.



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1. In some cases, large, armored clearance vehicles can be operated directly with someone sitting in the cabin to give a finer control of the machine.



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2. Drone operator Anastasiia helps create maps of hazardous areas.



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3. The images captured by drones can be extremely helpful in mapping where explosives are located.



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4. Mini excavators can scoop buried mines from the soil.

Milestone Moments

Sri Lanka: 280,000 Displaced People Return Home

In June 2025, Sri Lanka deminers safely destroyed their 300,000th landmine. This was a landmark achievement. Having returned almost 30,000 acres of land, this meant more than 280,000 people could return home.



With the landmines cleared, Jaffna’s train station is now bustling with travelers once again.

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“These minefields were laid when I was still in primary school. I remember hearing about them in the newspapers. Today, I’m proud to be part of the team leading their clearance. Reaching the milestone of 300,000 landmines removed is not just a number; it represents lives saved and land returned to communities.”

-Vithoozen Antony, Operations Manager, HALO Sri Lanka



Cambodia: 500-Pound Bomb Removed from Cashew Farm

HALO teams uncovered a large Mk82 bomb in Kampong Chom, Cambodia, an area of heavy aerial bombing during the Cambodian Civil War. The seven-foot-long bomb was found on a cashew farm during survey operations and later safely removed.



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“We are happy to be here helping the community to stay safe from this danger. People go to this area to collect wood, fruits, and vegetables. It’s a major route for people, and families harvest cashews here. Everyone in the village depends on this area being safe and free from unexploded ordnance.”

-Mr. Charng, HALO Survey Supervisor

Angola: Breaking Records, Safer Childhoods

In September, HALO’s Angola program destroyed a record 1,645 landmines in a single month. For families in Bairro Nova Vida, this progress is life-changing. Children here used to walk over 20 minutes every day to a school right next door because the direct route was littered with landmines. Today, that same walk takes just five minutes along a safe path

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“If I could speak to one deminer who worked to clear this land, I would tell them what a great job they are doing. They are not just doing a job to earn income; they are saving lives and making communities better.”

-Augusto, community leader of Bairro Nova Vida



Beyond the Minefield

Clearing landmines is only the beginning. Your impact goes far #BeyondTheMinefield – families return to their land, farmers grow crops, children learn in new classrooms. Across the world, these are the lasting changes made possible when land is made safe.

Growing a Community on Safe Ground

During Angola's 27-year civil war, tens of thousands of landmines were laid along the Lobito Corridor, once the country's most important trade route and the only way to transport minerals, food, livestock, or other goods from Angola to the world.



For decades, communities like Lusselei lived with the danger.

Since deminers began working in Lusselei, over 700 explosive items have been destroyed. Families are growing gardens again and harvesting beans, cassava, and corn. New homes are being built as new members move to the area. Children are playing safely.

One of the community's biggest milestones is a primary school built on a former minefield. Now the only school within 24 miles, it serves children from Lusselei and neighboring villages who before had no access to education.

Just one minefield remains, and once it's cleared, the land is slated for a new medical center.

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“It’s been more than 20 years, but I am proud to still be doing this work. Benguela and Huambo [provinces] are now mine-free. That’s what I want for my province, Bié. I want my children to walk freely, without the danger of landmines.”

–Tito, Mechanical Supervisor



Ukraine: Clearing Land, Restoring Lives

Where Recovery Is Taking Root

Ukraine is now the most heavily mined country in the world. Air raid sirens interrupt school lessons and family meals. Power outages are common, and many families go hours without heat or electricity even in harsh winters. Millions have been displaced. For those who have returned, the fear of landmines remains constant – hidden in fields, along roads, near homes.

But deminers are working every day to make land safe. Recovery isn't just possible. It's already happening. And it's thanks to you.

Your Impact by the Numbers

From February 2022 through 2025, supporters like you made incredible progress possible, even amid ongoing fighting.

 **667,821**
People you helped

 **29,699**
Devices found

 **2,696 acres**
Land made safe

Reducing the Scale of Danger

When Russian forces were pushed back from Kyiv in 2022, an estimated 43 million acres of land—about the size of Florida—was left dangerous and uncertain. Fields, roads, and villages stood silent. Families didn't know what was safe to touch, walk on, or return to.



Today, that picture is changing—because of rapid, large-scale survey work led in part by HALO.

Across Ukraine, 9.8 million acres have already been released for safe use. HALO's teams have played a leading role in this progress, responsible for 65% of the national reduction. Using drones, satellite imagery, and on-the-ground expertise, our teams have helped confirm nearly 7.2 million acres as safe—land where farmers can plant again and families can return home with confidence.

There is still much to do. But countless lives and livelihoods have been transformed even in the midst of an ongoing war.



Making Land Safe – and Proving It

Clearing land is only part of the work. For many farmers, fear of the danger hidden beneath their fields remains.

That's why HALO teams go a step further by driving heavy machinery across newly cleared fields to demonstrate that the land is truly safe. It's a powerful moment: seeing a tractor cross ground once feared and knowing it is now safe to farm again.

This visible proof helps restore confidence, allowing families to return not just to their land—but to their livelihoods and their future.

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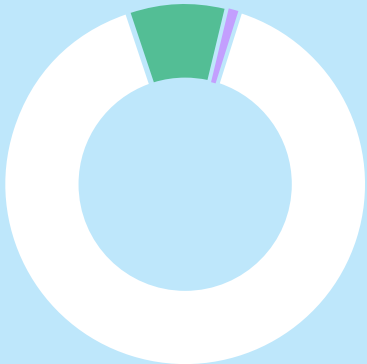
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Governance & Accountability

	2025 (April 2024 – March 2025)
Revenue from Government Grants	\$59,572,599
Contributions (Private)	\$36,441,487
Invested Income, and Other	\$3,160,146
Total Revenue	\$99,174,232



FIELD PROGRAMS - 90%
PROGRAM SUPPORT - 9%
FUNDRAISING - 1%

Accountability is very important to us. The HALO Trust is proud of our fiscal efficiency. We ensure that gifts and grants are diligently used to tangibly impact and benefit as many people as possible.

The revenue above reflects the audited financial statements of The HALO Trust (USA), a registered 501(c)(3). To view the full financial reports of The HALO Trust’s global operations, please visit our website here: www.halotrust.org/us/about-us/governance

Your Generosity in Action



Behind every milestone in this report is the generosity of the HALO donor community.

A donation that helped clear a minefield. A monthly gift that provided steady support. A fundraiser that introduced new people to HALO's mission. Thousands of individual acts of generosity came together to create extraordinary change for so many families impacted by conflict and war.

Because of you, communities are safer, schools have reopened, families have returned home, and children are growing up with opportunities that didn't exist just a few years ago.

Thank you for making this work possible. We couldn't do it without you.

The Mine-Free Collective

Small monthly gifts make a lasting difference. The Mine-Free Collective is a community of compassionate supporters who make HALO's work possible every month. Together, the Mine-Free Collective contributed almost \$55,000 last year, providing steady funding that helped our teams clear landmines, respond to urgent needs, and support communities rebuilding after conflict.

Join this dedicated community and help create safer futures all year long.



Continue the Mission

Whether you choose to make a one-time gift, give monthly, leave a legacy gift in your will, or support HALO in another way, you're clearing landmines and helping families around the world reclaim their land. We invite you to join us:

- Become a monthly donor and join the Mine-Free Collective
- Make a one-time gift online using the QR code
- Give through your Donor Advised Fund or make a stock donation
- Leave a legacy and include HALO in your will
- Check if your employer matches charitable gifts
- Start a fundraiser



I'd love to hear from you. Whether you're interested in becoming a monthly donor, starting a fundraiser, or simply learning more about our work, I'd be happy to help:

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Celebrating our Donor Community

We are honored to recognize some of the incredible partners who fueled HALO's work in 2025:

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Advocating for a Safer World

The HALO Trust (USA) leads advocacy efforts on Capitol Hill and nationwide to help protect communities from the threat of landmines and unexploded ordnance. In 2025, more than 18,000 HALO advocates across all 50 states made their voice heard in support of demining programs, sending over 41,000 letters to their Members of Congress advocating for humanitarian mine action.

That same year marked a record-breaking show of bipartisan support, with 152 Representatives and 43 Senators signing appropriations letters calling for increased funding for life-saving demining programs. As a result of this strong bipartisan support, Congress proposed record levels of funding for demining programs, enabling more lives to be saved and more land to be cleared and restored to communities.

By the end of 2025, sustained advocacy efforts helped expand the Congressional Unexploded Ordnance/Demining Caucus to 76 bipartisan members. The Caucus, which brings together Members of Congress to advance global demining and weapons security programs, is led by co-chairs Rep. Chrissy Houlahan (D-PA-06) and Rep. David Valadao (R-CA-22).



“Still in 60 countries today, people are waking up with the threat of landmines in their area, and we need to make sure that number goes down to zero.”

-Rep. Chrissy Houlahan, UXO/
Demining Caucus Co-Chair



“I visited a demining site a few years ago while it was being cleared by The HALO Trust and saw firsthand the impact of the work that they do. Everyone should feel safe to work their own land and provide for their families... it is our hope that we can make it so that no one has to live in fear of unexploded ordnance.”

-Rep. David Valadao, UXO/
Demining Caucus Co-Chair



“I can’t thank everybody enough for their participation in this work because it does very literally make a difference to all of us... You’re changing lives, you’re saving lives.”

-Rep. Brian Mast, Chairman of the
House Foreign Affairs Committee

Join Us and Make a Lasting Impact

To learn more about advocacy opportunities, contact:
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It only takes one minute to send a letter to your Member of Congress at:
action.halousa.org



A Final Note from James Cowan

In 2025, your support helped us clear more landmines, lift more families out of poverty, and return more land to safe, productive use. But as new conflicts emerge and global needs continue to grow, this work has never been more urgent.

In Ukraine, we’re clearing vast areas of farmland and restoring access to the world’s most important agricultural region to help stabilize food production. In places like Syria and Yemen, clearing unexploded ordnance is allowing children to safely return to school, and displaced families to rebuild their homes.

We’ve prioritized new technology across our programs to make our work smarter, faster, and safer. New ways of mapping ground and finding ordnance are helping our teams to reduce risk, returning land to families and farmers more efficiently.

These are the outcomes your support makes possible. Each acre cleared is land returned to use. Each explosive destroyed is a life protected. Each community reached is a step toward long-term stability and growth.

Your partnership is essential. It enables us to innovate, grow our operations, and reach the communities who need us most—often in the world’s most complex environments.

Together, we are building a future where land once scarred by conflict can support safety, opportunity, and hope for generations to come.

Thank you for standing with us.

James Cowan



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