

2024 FACTSHEET PERU



Cluster Munitions disassembled and ready for destruction in Talara, Peru August 2023

CONTEXT

The Republic of Peru was one of the original signatories in 1997 of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention (APMBC) and one of the first signatories in 2008 to the Convention on Cluster Munition (CCM). Peru is also a State Party to the Convention on Conventional Weapons (CCW) and its Amended Protocol II on landmines.

Mine contamination in Peru results from internal armed conflict and a border war with Ecuador in the 1990s. As of December 2023, Peru reported a total of **302,013 m² of suspected landmine contaminated area** remaining to be released, estimated to contain **4,743 landmines**. The current deadline under Art. 5 of the APMBC for clearance of contaminated areas is 31 December 2024, but Peru is expected to request an extension of this deadline to allow for sufficient time to clear all remaining areas.

Peru is not known to be contaminated by cluster munition remnants, but did possess a significant stockpile of Cluster Munitions with a CCM deadline to destroy by April 2024.

Since 1997, Peru suffered at least seven unplanned explosions at munitions sites **killing at least 10 people and injuring hundreds of civilians**. Surplus and hazardous ammunitions possess a threat to civilian and military personnel and civilian infrastructure.

PROGRAMME

Norwegian People's Aid (NPA) has been active in Peru since 2012, when the governments of Chile and Peru requested NPA to demine an area disputed by both countries, the Quebrada de Escritos. In 2012, experienced NPA deminers and mine detection dogs surveyed and cleared the disputed territory allowing the International Court of Justice to settle the territorial dispute.

In 2014, the Republic of Peru requested NPA's assistance to destroy the country's stockpile of cluster munitions in compliance with the CCM obligations. Between 2014 and 2023, NPA provided technical assistance to the Peruvian Air Force to destroy all stockpiled Cluster Munitions in Peru. With NPA's support, the Peruvian Air Force destroyed the last stockpiled CM on 15 December 2023, completing Peru's CCM stockpile destruction obligation.

In 2017, NPA opened a small office in Lima to continue supporting the military of Peru with the destruction of surplus conventional ammunition and capacity development to enhance national capacity for the safe and secure storage of weapons and ammunition. In 2023, Peru's Ministry of Defense launched a Weapons and Ammunition Management restructuring process. NPA will continue to provide support for improved Weapons and Ammunition Management and technical assistance for humanitarian demining in Peru.



Overall results

- In 2012, NPA Humanitarian Demining teams cleared 333 Landmines releasing an area of 70,000 m² at the Chile-Peru border, allowing for the demarcation of the border and settlement of territorial dispute.
- 2017-2022 results include:
 - 410 US tons of Obsolete Ammunition Destroyed
 - 20 Peru Air Force personnel trained on International Ammunition Technical Guidelines
 - 12 Peru Air Force personnel trained on Explosive Ordnance Disposal level 1 and 2
 - 1162 Cluster Munitions containing 81,505 submunitions destroyed
- **2023 Results**
 - 859 Cluster Munitions containing 74,086 submunitions destroyed, allowing Peru compliance with Article 3 CCM obligations
 - 12 Peru military officials trained on Explosive Ordnance Disposal 3+

DONORS and FUNDING

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