

# Flash cards

## THE GLOBAL GOALS AND LANDMINES

Use these flash cards to learn more about the global goals and how landmines effect societies, long after a conflict has ended.

### USE THE CARDS:

- As an introduction to the global goals
- To explore what you know about the world
- To talk about peace and security
- To encourage interests
- As a quiz

# Goal 1

## NO POVERTY



As long as we have war and conflict, we will never be able to reach a sustainable development. Landmines makes it harder for people living in conflict to contribute to an economic development.

Many landmines can be active several decades after they are placed. This makes it harder for refugees that want to return home. Even when a war has ended people are forced to live in insecurity .

### DISCUSS

- In what ways are landmines a threat to the development in afflicted countries?
- Extreme poverty is to be eradicated by 2030 for all people everywhere. How do you think landmines effect the possibility to reach the goal?
- In what ways are a person's human rights at risk when restricted by living in an area contaminated by landmines?

# Goal 2

## LAND BECOMES FARMABLE AGAIN



Prak Chrin is a farmer and lives in Cambodia. The land surrounding her and her family's house has been cleared from mines, and thanks to that she and her sons are safer when they

farm and cultivate their land. They have even accessed a larger area than before which means they can produce more food.

### DISCUSS

- In many countries' agriculture is vital to secure food for the day. In what way do you think landmines effects the availability of food?
- How do you think a family, where someone has fallen victim to a landmine, is affected financially and socially?

# Goal 3

## HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



Every year thousands of people are hurt or killed by landmines and other explosive remnants of war. A majority of the victims are civilian and almost half of them are children. According to global goal 3 everyone should have access to essential health-care services of good quality by the year 2030.

### DISCUSS

- What kind of health-care do you think is needed to take care of a landmine-victim?
- What kind of access do you think is available for people who have been affected by landmines around the world?
- How do you think a person is affected, e.g. socially and financially, by not having access to health-care and rehabilitation of good quality?

## GLOBAL GOALS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The 2030 Agenda and its global goals for sustainable development were adopted by world leaders in 2015. The agenda consists of 17 goals that are to be reached by the year 2030. The goals aim at eradicating poverty and hunger, reducing inequalities and injustices in the world and also to fight climate change.

### AFTER WAR COMES PEACE – OR?

Landmines are a silent disaster that effects, hurts and kills thousands of people each year. To work against landmines is an investment for humankind. That is why UNA Sweden supports the work of UNMAS against landmines.

#### The project contributes to:

- Saving lives by clearing landmines
- Educating people living in mine effected areas on the risks they cause
- Creating peaceful societies where everyone has the same opportunities



## USELESS LAND GETS NEW LIFE/REBORN

When landmines are placed on or around fields and other farmable land it affects farmers and the access to food for both families and societies. Many families around the world depend on the food they produce themselves, to ensure food security and an income. Landmines hinders farmers to use their land in the best possible way, or they are forced to farm risking their lives doing it.

When a farmer is depending on their agriculture to provide for their family and does not have access to their land it can and likely will affect their financial condition. Adding to that, if a farmer has an accident it can be with a fatal outcome. In that case the family needs to help to take care of the injured and to ensure the family's income in the future. It can become necessary for children to stay home from school to help at home instead.



## HEALTH-CARE TO GET BACK

When someone has been injured by a landmine, good health-care and rehabilitation is needed to get back on one's feet. In some cases, prostheses are needed to replace a leg for example, but these are expensive, so it is common that injured people have to do without. When injured it can be hard to receive enough support, which can also be affected by access to educated health-care personnel, hospitals and clinics, and expensive health-care bills.

#### There are different forms of support to victims:

- Emergency care
- Rehabilitation and access to prosthesis
- Psychological support
- Economic inclusion through e.g. re-educating
- Work to strengthen laws and policy's



## LANDMINES ARE A SILENT DISASTER

One of the global goals is to eradicate poverty in all its forms everywhere by 2030. Poverty is more than having no money. It is also about being without a home or not having power over your own life. Demining can have several positive effects for families and societies, which contribute to the possibility of eradicating poverty in different forms.

#### Some of these positive effects are:

- When landmines are cleared from fields they can be used to grow food, which can be sold.
- When landmines are cleared from important roads and transport artery more people can have access to markets, schools and work places.
- More people will have their human rights secured, such as right to life, freedom and personal security.



# Goal 5

## GENDER EQUALITY



One of the global goals is about achieving gender equality and women's empowerment. If we are going to reach the goal everyone firstly needs to have the same preconditions

and opportunities in life. It can for example be about access to school or work, and whether that access is safe.

### DISCUSS

- Do you think women/girls and men/boys are affected in different ways by living on contaminated land? If yes, how?
- In what ways do you think it effects women's status to become a minesweeper?

# Goal 16

## PEACEFUL AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES



Every year thousands of people are injured and killed by landmines. Landmines have been used for decades by states, rebel groups and other non-state armed groups.

Hundreds of different models have been developed and many are cheap to produce and buy. Today it is also common for non-state armed groups to develop their own improvised explosive devices.

### DISCUSS

- Many landmines are constructed to injure rather than kill. Why, do you think?
- The majority of victims are civilians, and many are children. Why, do you think?
- What would your day look like if you lived in an area where rebel groups used and placed landmines?
- How would your day be changed in comparison to today?

# Goal 17

## GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP



To achieve a sustainable development, we need to cooperate to reach the global goals. Strong partnerships are the foundation to strengthen capacity, enhance the sharing of knowledge and

to mobilize resources. One way to work together is through collective international frameworks and conventions. Today there is a Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction (also called Mine Ban Treaty).

### DISCUSS

- Even though many countries have ratified the Mine Ban Treaty it is still hard to prevent that landmines are used in conflict. Why, do you think that is?
- How do you think international development assistance and cooperation can help countries affected by landmines?

# You can make a difference!

We can all contribute to a safer world. By supporting our project Landmines you can:

- Save lives and reduce the number of victims
- Make sure people in contaminated areas undergo risk education
- Contribute to societies where everyone can feel safe

### DISCUSS

- How could you get involved for a safer world?

## MINESWEEPING STRENGTHEN WOMEN'S POSITION

Statistics show more men and boys are hurt and killed than women and girls. However, women and girls are more affected financially and socially. Women who have been injured can experience stigmatization and isolation and become more vulnerable to poverty. In many societies it is considered important for the women's status to be married. Women who are victims of landmines can as a result from the stigmatization stay unmarried.

Clearing landmines makes societies safer, but it can also strengthen the women's position in society. Involving women has proved to make the work more effective, while also raise the women's financial and social position. Women have become more respected in their families and seen as role models in their societies.



## A WEAPON THAT NEVER SLEEPS

Hundreds of landmines have been developed and they are constructed in different ways. Some have a stronger explosive force and aim to kill one or several people immediately, while others have a smaller explosive force. By injuring the opponents instead of killing, more resources are needed to take care of the wounded. Landmines can be active for decades after they are placed, which makes it harder for people to move on after the war has ended.

Landmines are often placed near to cities and areas where people live. When these people want to go to school, cultivate their land or collect water they can fall victim to a landmine. Injured children can lose their hearing, sight or limbs, and get traumatized. It is common that the children leave school and their chances for work in the future are decreased drastically.



## CHANGE IS POSSIBLE

The work against landmines is moving forward. In 1997 the UN's member states adopted the Mine Ban Treaty. The Ottawa Convention, as it is sometimes called, is one of the most signed conventions and contributed to create an international norm against production and usage of landmines. UNA Sweden was part of the campaign that led to the adoption of the treaty, and the organization coordinating the campaign received Nobel Peace Prize 1997.

The Ottawa Convention has contributed to change. Today there are fewer victims and fewer producers of landmines. One of the reasons why they are still used is because it is a popular weapon with actors, such as non-state armed groups, that have not associated themselves to the convention.

International development and assistance can contribute to the work of the UN and countries against landmines and create conditions for a sustainable development.



## GET INVOLVED

There are different ways to get involved. Read more at [www.fn.se/minor](http://www.fn.se/minor) for information on how you can:

- Arrange an activity to raise awareness or raise funds to the project Landmines
- Become a member with UNA Sweden
- Get your school or workplace involved

