Focus: Colombia

The Focus section of The Journal looks at issues affecting a particular country or region. Colombia has recently allowed humanitarian demining nongovernmental organizations (NGO) to begin work in the country if they become accredited. What prompted this change in policy? What is the accreditation process for NGOs to work in Colombia? How has this development affected civilians? What are the roles and responsibilities of humanitarian demining and military demining in Colombia? In 2012, Colombia announced it had 10,000 mine and explosive remnants of war (ERW) casualties. What challenges do survivors face in Colombia? How has Colombia’s 2009 Victims and Land Restitution Law affected survivors? What initiatives were successful and what barriers remain? The Journal welcomes articles on conventional weapons destruction, mine action and survivor assistance in Colombia.

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