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Launch of the Gender & Mine Action Web-Portal

The Swiss Campaign to Ban Landmines is delighted to announce the launch of an Internet portal, dedicated to encouraging and supporting gender mainstreaming in mine action. The portal is both a **source of information**, and an **interactive space** for mine action actors and stakeholders to exchange questions, perspectives and experiences.

The portal contains useful tools for civil society, international organisations, governments and women's grass roots organisations working in mine action or mine-affected locations.

The portal currently houses:

- a **detailed introduction** to why gender matters in mine action;
- the first **online discussion forum** dedicated to gender and mine action;
- an online **gender and mine action network** –sign up to join;
- access to the **global study** on gender and mine action –download the questionnaires to contribute;
- a **large library** of useful resources –presented thematically and by country.

Contact us at info@scbl-gender.ch to add your link to the portal, or to add your documents to the library.

We invite you to **visit the portal** at www.scbl-gender.ch to discover how gender mainstreaming can benefit your work to eradicate the threat of mines.

Coming soon... From November 2007, the portal will house up-to-date country-specific research on the significance of gender in the impact of mines, and in the effectiveness of mine action. Additional 'thematic summaries' will deal with how to carry out gender mainstreaming to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of your operations, including survivor assistance, MRE, impact surveys, clearance and demining, and advocacy for a global ban.

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