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With the strategic support of our donors and partners, **Norwegian People's Aid** works to protect civilians from the devastating impact of explosive weapons while promoting the rights and development of affected communities and strengthening security and regional stability.

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CONTEXT FRAMEWORK

The Republic of Peru has a strong track record in humanitarian disarmament, having been an original signatory of the **Ottawa Convention on Anti-Personnel Mines (APMBC)** in 1997, the **Oslo Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM)** in 2008, and a **State Party to the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW)**, and actively participates in the main international instruments related to the regulation of conventional arms and ammunition. However, the **legacy of the conflicts of the 1990s and the proliferation of arms and ammunition in the region** continue to pose **critical challenges to the security and development** of the country's most vulnerable population.

THE THREAT OF ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES

In the Amazonas region, Province of Condorcanqui, in the Cordillera del Cóndor and the Santiago Comaina Natural Reserve, there are 279,388 m² of contaminated land with 3,997 landmines — a legacy of the border conflict with Ecuador. This contamination directly affects food security, ancestral socio-cultural practices, and the rights of more than 2,000 Awajún Indigenous people. Furthermore, this population faces additional threats arising from the proliferation of illicit economies, such as illegal mining and the trafficking of arms and ammunition in the border area.

THE PERSISTENT THREAT OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION

In Peru, it is estimated that there are more than 340,000 unregistered firearms, and over the past decade, more than 500 police weapons have been reported lost or stolen.

A significant number of arms and ammunition circulating in illicit markets originates from diversion from law enforcement stockpiles — a phenomenon that transcends national borders. In 2023, 52% of explosives seized in Ecuador were traced back to Peru. Failures in control, management, and regulatory systems enable the spread of illicit arms, impacting public safety and regional stability.

Likewise, in recent years, the inadequate storage of obsolete ammunition in military depots has led to at least nine (9) unplanned explosions nationwide, causing 11 fatalities and leaving dozens injured.

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OUR RESPONSE

HUMANITARIAN DEMINING

Restoring safe land and a future to communities

In 2012, Norwegian People's Aid (NPA) specialists, using mine detection dogs, succeeded in clearing 333 anti-tank and anti-personnel mines, **releasing approximately 70,000 m² of land along the border with Chile**. This intervention contributed to resolving an international dispute over border demarcation, restoring safety and peace of mind to the local population.

Peru is required to complete demining operations within its territory by 31 December 2029, in compliance with its international obligations (Article 5 of the APMBC), as well as its duty to protect Indigenous communities living near mined areas.

Since 2025, NPA has been supporting the Peruvian authorities in humanitarian demining in the Cordillera del Cóndor by **strengthening technical capacities and providing essential equipment** for the effective clearance of anti-personnel mines. This intervention is carried out in a particularly challenging context, where remoteness, complex terrain, and access constraints pose significant difficulties for demining teams. Under these conditions, ensuring **preparedness and protection against explosive hazards**, along with **addressing the diverse needs of local Indigenous communities**, is an urgent priority for the affected population.

CLUSTER MUNITIONS

A landmark achievement in the protection of civilian lives

Over a nine-year period, NPA has supported Peru in the **destruction of 2,021 cluster munitions and more than 150,000 submunitions** stockpiled in its arsenals. Thanks to these efforts, **Peru was officially declared free of cluster munitions** on 15 December 2023, fulfilling its international obligations (Article 3 of the CCM) and permanently eliminating the risks associated with one of the most lethal indiscriminate weapons affecting civilians.



WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION MANAGEMENT

Strengthening the capacities of the Armed Forces to protect the civilian population

In July 2024, NPA launched a new project aimed at strengthening the capacities of the Armed Forces to prevent unplanned explosions at ammunition storage sites and, ultimately, to protect civilians from potential harm. The project, aligned with the “*Strategic Plan for the Management of Small Arms, Ammunition and Explosives of the Defense Sector*,” is the continuation and evolution of several years of cooperation between NPA and the Peruvian authorities.

PRIORITY AREAS AND RECENT RESULTS (2024 - 2026)

EQUIPMENT TO SAVE LIVES: We donate 60 sets of personal protective equipment, 24 mine detectors, 2 mine detection dogs, and fast-rope system equipment to CONTRAMINAS and DIGEDEHUME.

CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT: We delivered training to 299 members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and National Police through 16 specialized courses in Weapons and Ammunition Management and Demining, aligned with international standards such as IATG, MOSAIC, and IMAS.

RISK MITIGATION IN URBAN AND RURAL AREAS: In cooperation with the Air Force and the Ministry of Defense, we destroyed 120 tons of obsolete ammunition and hazardous materials.