



## How big is the problem?

Cluster bombs were first used in World War II by German and Soviet forces. During the 1970s, the USA used massive numbers of cluster bombs in Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam. Cluster bombs were used extensively in the Gulf War, Chechnya, the former Yugoslavia, Afghanistan, Iraq and most recently in Lebanon in August 2006 and Georgia in August 2008.

Cluster bombs have posed a deadly threat in every conflict they have been used in and have caused excessive harm to civilians.

There are millions of cluster bombs in stockpiles that contain billions of smaller bomblets. The humanitarian disaster that could be caused by cluster bombs would dwarf that of the landmine crisis. This can be prevented. Under the new Convention on Cluster Munitions, states are prohibited from using, producing and transferring cluster bombs, and must destroy all existing stockpiles within 8 years. States are also obliged to clear contaminated land within 10 years and assist affected communities.

The following are lists of those countries that have been affected by or have used, produced or are currently producing or stockpiling cluster bombs. Notes are included where appropriate to indicate recent developments and these lists will be updated on a regular basis as new information comes to light.

**31 countries are known to be AFFECTED<sup>1</sup> by cluster bombs** (countries in bold have signed the Convention):

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|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>1. Afghanistan</b>        | <b>17. Lao PDR</b>        |
| <b>2. Albania</b>            | <b>18. Lebanon</b>        |
| <b>3. Angola</b>             | <b>19. Montenegro</b>     |
| 4. Azerbaijan                | 20. Morocco               |
| <b>5. Bosnia-Herzegovina</b> | 21. Russia                |
| 6. Cambodia                  | 22. Saudi Arabia          |
| <b>7. Chad</b>               | 23. Serbia                |
| <b>8. Croatia</b>            | <b>24. Sierra Leone</b>   |
| <b>9. DR Congo</b>           | 25. Sudan                 |
| 10. Eritrea                  | 26. Syria                 |
| 11. Ethiopia                 | 27. Tajikistan            |
| 12. Georgia                  | <b>28. Uganda</b>         |
| 13. Grenada                  | <b>29. United Kingdom</b> |
| <b>14. Iraq</b>              | 30. Vietnam               |
| 15. Israel                   | <b>31. Zambia</b>         |
| 16. Kuwait                   |                           |

**The following territories are affected by cluster munitions:**

Chechnya, Falklands/Malvinas, Kosovo, Nagorno-Karabakh and Western Sahara

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<sup>1</sup> Affected refers to countries where unexploded submunitions have been found.

**15 countries have USED cluster bombs** (countries in bold have signed the Convention):

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| 1. Eritrea            | <b>9. Nigeria</b>              |
| 2. Ethiopia           | 10. Russia                     |
| <b>3. France</b>      | 11. Saudi Arabia               |
| 4. Georgia            | 12. Former Yugoslavia (Serbia) |
| 5. Israel             | 13. Sudan                      |
| 6. Libya              | <b>14. United Kingdom</b>      |
| 7. Morocco            | 15. United States              |
| <b>8. Netherlands</b> |                                |

**34 countries have PRODUCED or are still producing cluster bombs** (countries in bold have signed the Convention):

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|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Argentina*                    | <b>18. Netherlands</b>    |
| <b>2. Australia</b>              | 19. North Korea           |
| <b>3. Belgium</b>                | 20. Pakistan              |
| <b>4. Bosnia and Herzegovina</b> | 21. Poland                |
| 5. Brazil                        | 22. Romania               |
| <b>6. Chile</b>                  | 23. Russia                |
| 7. China                         | 24. Serbia*               |
| 8. Egypt                         | 25. Singapore             |
| <b>9. France</b>                 | 26. Slovakia              |
| <b>10. Germany</b>               | <b>27. South Africa</b>   |
| 11. Greece                       | 28. South Korea           |
| 12. India                        | <b>29. Spain</b>          |
| 13. Iran                         | <b>30. Sweden</b>         |
| <b>14. Iraq*</b>                 | <b>31. Switzerland</b>    |
| 15. Israel                       | 32. Turkey                |
| <b>16. Italy</b>                 | <b>33. United Kingdom</b> |
| <b>17. Japan</b>                 | 34. United States         |

All countries that have signed the Convention on Cluster Munitions are obliged to cease producing cluster munitions.

\* Argentina, Serbia, non-signatories to the treaty, have announced that they will no longer produce cluster munitions.

**85 countries have STOCKPILED cluster bombs** (countries in bold have signed the Convention):

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Algeria                    | <b>30. Guinea</b>        | 59. Qatar                   |
| <b>2. Angola</b>              | <b>31. Guinea Bissau</b> | 60. Romania                 |
| 3. Argentina **               | <b>32. Honduras **</b>   | 61. Russia                  |
| <b>4. Australia **</b>        | <b>33. Hungary</b>       | 62. Saudi Arabia            |
| <b>5. Austria*</b>            | 34. India                | 63. Serbia                  |
| 6. Azerbaijan                 | <b>35. Indonesia</b>     | 64. Singapore               |
| 7. Bahrain                    | 36. Iran                 | 65. Slovakia                |
| 8. Belarus                    | 37. Iraq                 | <b>66. Slovenia</b>         |
| <b>9. Belgium*</b>            | 38. Israel               | <b>67. South Africa</b>     |
| <b>10. Bosnia-Herzegovina</b> | <b>39. Italy</b>         | 68. South Korea             |
| 11. Brazil                    | <b>40. Japan</b>         | <b>69. Spain **</b>         |
| <b>12. Bulgaria</b>           | 41. Jordan               | 70. Sri Lanka               |
| <b>13. Canada*</b>            | 42. Kazakhstan           | 71. Sudan                   |
| <b>14. Chile *</b>            | 43. Kuwait               | <b>72. Sweden</b>           |
| 15. China                     | 44. Libya                | <b>73. Switzerland</b>      |
| <b>16. Colombia*</b>          | <b>45. Mali**</b>        | 74. Syria                   |
| <b>17. Croatia</b>            | <b>46. Moldova</b>       | 75. Thailand                |
| 18. Cuba                      | 47. Mongolia             | 76. Turkey                  |
| <b>19. Czech Republic</b>     | <b>48. Montenegro</b>    | 77. Turkmenistan            |
| <b>20. Denmark</b>            | 49. Morocco              | <b>78. Uganda</b>           |
| 21. Egypt                     | <b>50. Netherlands*</b>  | 79. Ukraine                 |
| 22. Eritrea                   | <b>51. Nigeria</b>       | 80. United Arab Emirates    |
| 23. Estonia                   | <b>52. Norway *</b>      | <b>81. United Kingdom *</b> |
| 24. Ethiopia                  | 53. North Korea          | 82. United States           |
| 25. Finland                   | 54. Oman                 | 83. Uzbekistan              |
| <b>26. France</b>             | 55. Pakistan             | 84. Yemen                   |
| 27. Georgia                   | <b>56. Peru</b>          | 85. Zimbabwe                |
| <b>28. Germany *</b>          | 57. Poland               |                             |
| 29. Greece                    | <b>58. Portugal</b>      |                             |

\* Austria, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, and the United Kingdom are currently destroying their stockpiles of cluster munitions.

\*\* Argentina, Australia, Honduras, Mali and Spain have completed the destruction of their stockpiles of cluster munitions.

All countries that have signed the Convention on Cluster Munitions must commence destruction of their stockpiles of cluster munitions as soon as possible.

The Cluster Munition Coalition (CMC) welcomes public statements and information from governments announcing that they have started the process of stockpile destruction.