

# Small Actions Big Movements

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War Resisters International

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<http://cain.ulst.ac.uk/quilts/exhibit/followup.html#capetown010714>

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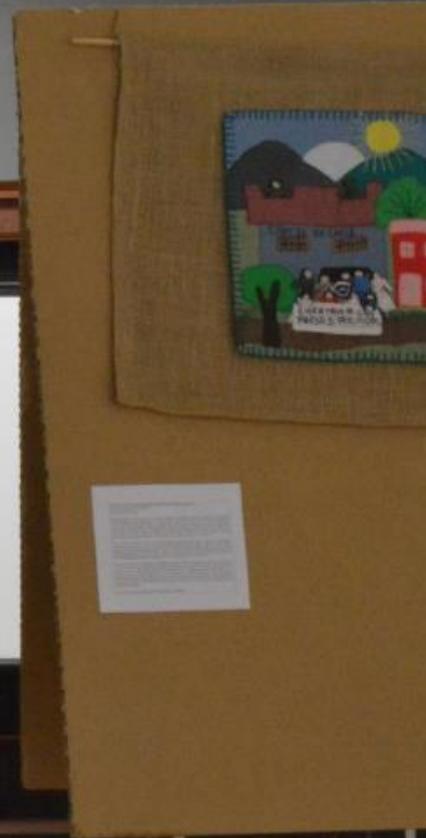
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**Landmines (title in progress)**

German arpillera by Heidi Drahota, 2014  
Photo Heidi Drahota

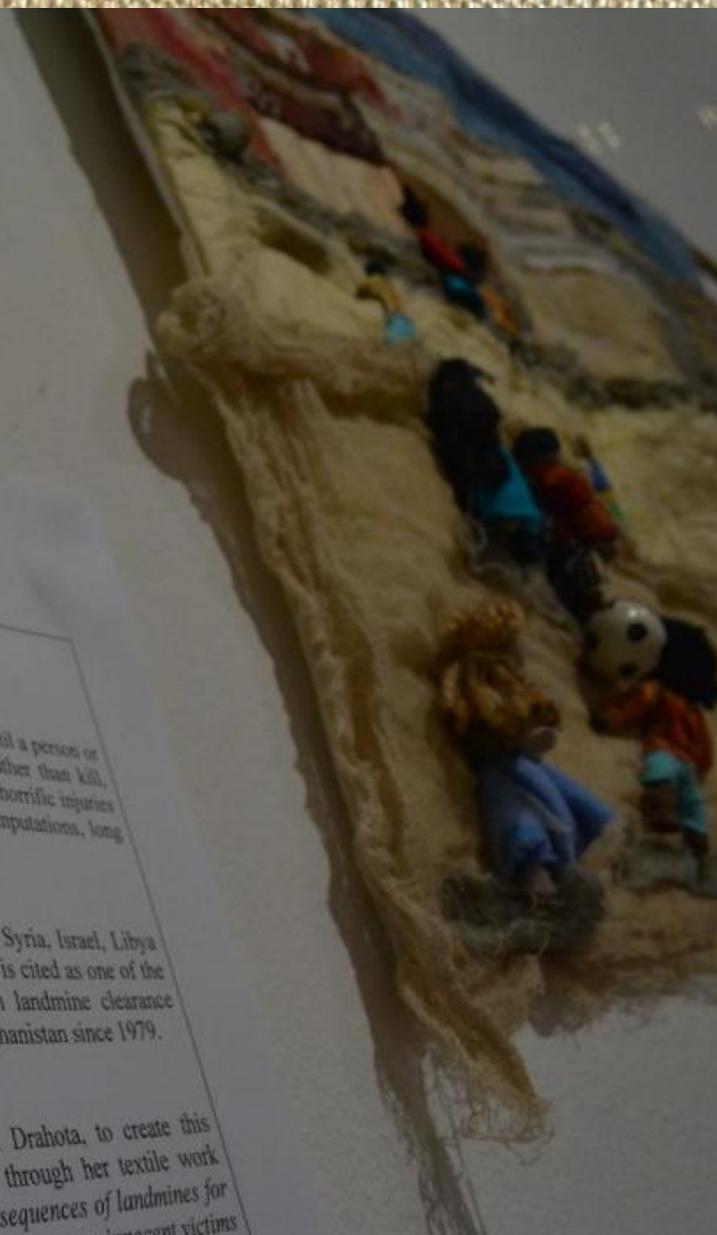
Antipersonnel landmines are explosive devices, which can lie dormant for years until a person or animal unwittingly triggers their detonating mechanism. Designed to maim rather than kill, landmines when detonated, be they blast, fragmentation or bounding type, cause horrific injuries such as burns, blindness, destroyed limbs and shrapnel wounds resulting in amputations, long hospital stays and extensive rehabilitation.

<http://www.icbl.org/index.php/icbl/problem/landmines/What-is-a-Landmine>

While there has been extensive use of landmines in Cambodia, Colombia, Syria, Israel, Libya and Pakistan, by both government and non state armed troops, Afghanistan is cited as one of the most mined countries in the world, by HALO Trust, a humanitarian landmine clearance organisation, who estimate that up to 640,000 mines have been laid in Afghanistan since 1979.

<http://www.halotrust.org/where-we-work/afghanistan>

The devastating impact of landmines prompted textile artist Heidi Drahota, to create this arpillera. Heidi, who has connections with women in Afghanistan through her textile work, was inspired by the incredible consequences of landmines for innocent victims.











































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