Some 47 townships in Kachin, Kayin, Kayah, Mon, Rakhine, and Shan states, as well as in Bago and Tanintharyi regions suffer from some degree of mine contamination, primarily from antipersonnel mines. Kayin state and Bago region are suspected to contain the heaviest mine contamination and have the highest number of recorded victims. It has also received reports of previously unknown suspect hazardous areas (SHAs) in townships on the Indian border of Chin state. (www.the-monitor.org)