The GICHD - in close co-ordination with the Swiss Federal Institute for Technology in Zürich (ETHZ) - is responsible for the planning of the integration of the IMSMA system in the field.

- The GICHD co-ordinates the worldwide user training on the IMSMA system.
- A sustainable training curriculum and a swift support are keys for success.
Training + Deployment

- GICHD broadens the IMSMA training concept in view of including IMSMA’s management capabilities into the leadership training of MACs.

- We plan the deployment of regional IMSMA experts as resource persons/trainers to locations such as South-East-Asia, Eastern Africa or Latin America, etc.

- The IMSMA training section at the GICHD assists the program management and development team in identifying and implementing user driven developments (new victim assistance section, f.e.).

Training refreshers and up-date will/have to be organized.

- GICHD supports the deployment of local trainers/experienced users in addition to the certified trainers (Albania/Caucasus).

- The IMSMA training section at the GICHD furthers the sharing of tools/translations between IMSMA users (French/Arabic versions, tools, etc.).
Training

- The GICHD enhances training efforts in three ways:
  - Establishment of a ‘Master-training plan’ with our main partner at the ETHZ;
  - “Train the Trainer” programs with partners;
  - “Standard” curriculum for trainers, incl. certification of trainers.

- The GICHD organizes 1 to 2 centralized training courses or workshops of one week at the GICHD in Geneva, aiming at special “clients”
  - training of advanced users;
  - up-date workshops;
  - PfP trainings, etc.

- Meets – together with ETHZ – specific needs for customized trainings, both in Geneva or in Zürich.
In the year 2000, we carried out

- 2 Centralized Trainings in Geneva (February and October) with 24 participants from 15 countries
- 1 Partnership for Peace (PfP) Training on behalf of the Swiss Ministry of Defence
- 2 Follow-up visits to Kosovo
- 9 in-country trainings for local IMSMA users in Chad, Estonia, Somaliland, Southern Lebanon, Eritrea, Nicaragua (OAS), Thailand and Cambodia
- 1 Training event with de-mining specialists of the US Army in Fort Leonard Wood (March 2000)

Since April 2001 (v. 2.0), we organized an

- Experienced user-workshop’ in Geneva with participants from Azerbeidjan, Cambodia, Somaliland, Southern Lebanon, Thailand, Sweden, aiming to
  - Upgrade existing FM v. 1.2 to v. 2.1 versions;
  - Share lessons learnt with users from the field!
- ‘2nd Partnership for Peace’ Training course for officers and civilian staff from Eritrea *, Estonia, France, Germany, Italy, Switzerland and Yemen *; (* = not PfP countries)
- IMSMA trainings/deployments to Albania, Eritrea and Ethiopia.
Today, IMSMA trainings are on-going

- In Peru, at the National Mine Action Centre;
- In Fort Leonard Wood, for US Army de-mining specialists.

IMSMA trainings scheduled (until end of June):

- Nicaragua, Ecuador, Lebanon (NDO),
- Sierra Leone and Caucasian countries.

To date, IMSMA trainings/re-trainings are under planning

- Guinea Bissau, Chad (new French version !),
- Cambodia.
For later 2001, we have in the pipe-line

- ... Mauritania, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Zimbabwe/Namibia ...

- Major retrofit program for the Afghan program with training support and data-transfer;

- Further regional IMSMA resource centres.

And finally, IMSMA is deployed to date to . . .

- Kosovo, Azerbaijan,

- Yemen, Chad, Estonia,

- Somaliland, Southern Lebanon,

- Eritrea, Ethiopia, Nicaragua,

- Thailand, Cambodia and Albania,

- Peru (mission in country)