

## SUMMARY OF MONTHLY ACTIVITIES AND OUTPUTS

**Reporting period: 01 November – 30 November 2010**

- **Clearance of 88,436m<sup>2</sup>** of suspect land by MAG clearance teams
- **Removal and destruction of 810 dangerous items:** 157 Anti-Personnel mines, 2 Anti-Tank mines, 651 items of Unexploded Ordnance (UXO); including 456 Small Arms, Light Weapons (SALW), 117 Cluster Munitions, and 78 other items.
- **Beneficiaries of MAG activities; 5,680** people from **1,278** families.
- **Community Liaison activities; 24** team meetings, **46** village visits, **5** pre-clearance assessments, **3** post-clearance assessments, **3** case studies, **18** Risk Reduction Education (RRE) sessions, and the generation of **11** UXO reports.
- **Mine Risk Reduction Education** reached **1,071** individuals in **88** sessions.
- **Preparation of 59,973m<sup>2</sup>** of land by mechanical and manual vegetation clearance assets

### A visit of MAG UK Top Managers to MAG Cambodia

On 15<sup>th</sup> November 2010, four visitors from the UK, including MAG Chief Executive; Lou McGrath OBE, the Regional Information Manager, and 2 members of the Board of Trustees, visited an EOD team which was working in Sek Sak village, Rattanak Mondul district. The visit was warmly welcomed by Mr. Keo Sothy, who has over 10 years experience with MAG in demolition, supervising EOD teams, and Mine Risk Education (MRE). In the afternoon, they visited Maxx Plus and Badger, vegetation clearance machinery, to understand the capacity of these teams in Srae Chipov village of Samloth district.

For their second day, they observed the activities of a Community Liaison Team (CLT) conducting village assessment at Koy village of Sala Krau district. The CL team briefed on its processes and demonstrated how to work with communities and local authorities, and identify minefields and suspected areas of contamination. They also observed the CL team conducting a pre-clearance assessment in Thnal Kaeng village and visited a manual clearance team (MAT01) in Pang Roleum minefield, Pailin province.

The visitors separated into two groups on November 17<sup>th</sup>, with one observing the clearance activities of a Mine Detection Dog team (MDD) working at Boeng Srangae minefield, Rong village, and the other visiting a ceremony for the victims of an anti-tank mine explosion on the 16<sup>th</sup> November 2010 at Khnach Sangke, Kampong Kul village of Banan district. The accident killed 13 people, including a baby girl and a four year old boy, and left another person with serious injuries. Lou McGrath gave a statement to BBC News about the tragedy; the worst death toll from a mine incident in over a decade, from Ho Chi Minh City.



Left: Visitors observing CL activities in Pailin province



Right: Supervisor of MAT01 giving a brief on ordnance found in Cambodia

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