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MAG Vietnam Donor Update

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SUMMARY OF THIS MONTH'S ACTIVITIES AND OUTPUTS

The programme continued to reduce the threat of unexploded ordnance (UXO) to vulnerable communities in Vietnam by implementing humanitarian mine action in Quang Binh and Quang Tri Provinces.

- 9 Mine Action Teams (MATs), supported by 4 Community Liaison (CL) Teams
- Teams visited **829** houses, searching **2,540m²**; performing **346** Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) tasks; and removing a total of **192** items of UXO and **2** mines.
- Community Liaison teams conducted **14** community/partner meetings; visiting **107** villages, conducting **1,119** house to house surveys; documenting **267** mine/UXO reports; generating **58** post clearance impact reports.
- During December the teams also technically surveyed **0 m²** and cleared **109,723 m²** of land, removing and destroying a total of **34** items of UXO.
- These activities benefited **34,719** people, mainly in remote, marginalised communities

SUMMARY OF IMPACT

- Creating a more secure environment for the Vietnamese people by reducing risk to life and limb
- Building national capacity
- Building safer communities and working to improve the futures of people affected by the explosive remnants of conflict
- Creating poverty alleviation opportunities by freeing up land that can be used for sustainable livelihood generation and infrastructure projects

OPERATIONAL UPDATE

Quang Binh Province

Mobile Operations: MATs 1, 3 & 4 based in the province conducted mobile operations during the month, visiting 829 households, searching 2,540 m² of land and removing 67 items of UXO.

Static Site Clearance: All 4 MATs cleared 18,932 m² of land on 5 separate sites and destroyed 8 items of UXO.

EOD Response Tasks: 2 of the MATs conducted 4 EOD Response Tasks during the period, removing and destroying 4 UXO items.

Community Liaison: CL teams conducted 5 community/partner meetings; visited 8 villages, conducted 1,119 house to house surveys; documented 172 mine/UXO reports; generated 0 post clearance impact reports.

Quang Tri Province

Mobile Operations: MAT 2 based in the province conducted mobile operations during the month, responding to Community Liaison information, searching 0 m² of land and removing 33 items of UXO and 2 mines.

Scrap yards: 1 MAT was tasked with visiting 3 scrap yards in the province, conducting 5 tasks, searching 0 m² of land and removing 78 items of UXO.

Static Site Clearance: All 5 MAT Teams were deployed to conduct clearance of a 140,000 m² site for a sustainable agricultural project. The teams cleared 90,800 m², destroying 26 items of UXO.

EOD Response Tasks: 1 MAT conducted 9 EOD Response Tasks during the period, removing and destroying 10 UXO items.

Community Liaison: CL teams conducted 9 community/partner meetings; visited 99 villages, conducting 0 house-to-house surveys; documented 95 mine/UXO reports; generated 58 post clearance impact reports; and produced information for 1 case studies.

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