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MAG Vietnam's 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 2 Community Liaison (CL) Teams
- Teams visited **3,641** houses, searching **3,742 m²**, performing **551** Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) tasks, and removing **993** items of UXO.
- Community Liaison teams conducted **61** community/partner meetings; visiting **47** villages, conducting **807** house to house surveys; documenting **86** mine/UXO reports; generating **25** post clearance impact reports; and gathered information for **5** case studies.
- A focus on Quality Assurance, training and standardisation ensured the continued improvement of effectiveness and efficiency within the programme.

SUMMARY OF IMPACT

- Creating a more secure environment for the Vietnamese people by reducing risk to life and limb
- 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
- Contributing to economic growth and stability by creating safer environments for communities and increasing economic independence for families working in farming, herding or scrap collecting

OPERATIONAL UPDATE

Quang Binh Province

Mobile Operations: All 4 MATs based in the province conducted mobile operations during the month, visiting 2,814 households, searching 3,380 m² of land and removing 506 items of UXO.

Static Site Clearance: No clearance operations were conducted this month

EOD Response Tasks: The MATs conducted 4 EOD Response Tasks during the period, removing and destroying 68 UXO items including 12 BLU 26 and 49 BLU 63 - types of cluster munitions also used in Lebanon during recent conflicts.

Community Liaison: CL teams conducted 11 community/partner meetings; visited 3 villages, conducting 712 house to house surveys; documented 81 mine/UXO reports; generated 2 post clearance impact reports.

Quang Tri Province

Mobile Operations: All 5 MATs based in the province conducted mobile operations during the month, visiting 827 households, searching 362 m² of land and removing 487 items of UXO.

Static Site Clearance: No clearance operations were conducted during the month.

EOD Response Tasks: MATs conducted 2 EOD Response Tasks during the period, removing and destroying 4 UXO items including 1 BLU 3B.

Community Liaison: CL teams conducted 50 community/partner meetings; visited 44 villages, conducting 95 house-to-house surveys; documented 5 mine/UXO reports; generated 23 post clearance impact reports; and produced information for 5 case studies.

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