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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 3 Community Liaison (CL) Teams
- Teams visited **2,155** houses, searching **4,353m²**; performing **459** Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) tasks; and removing a total of **541** items of UXO and **0** mines.
- Community Liaison teams conducted **89** community/partner meetings; visiting **49** villages, conducting **1,188** house to house surveys; documenting **320** mine/UXO reports; generating **35** post clearance impact reports.
- During November the teams also technically surveyed **30,360 m²** and cleared **300 m²** of land, removing and destroying a total of **32** items of UXO.
- These activities benefited 21,253 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: All 4 MATs based in the province conducted mobile operations during the month, visiting 2,155 households, searching 4,353 m² of land and removing 334 items of UXO.

Static Site Clearance: 1 MAT cleared 300m² of land and destroyed 0 items of UXO.

EOD Response Tasks: 1 of the MATs conducted 2 EOD Response Tasks during the period, removing and destroying 2 UXO item.

Community Liaison: CL teams conducted 6 community/partner meetings; visited 10 villages, conducted 1,188 house to house surveys; documented 286 mine/UXO reports; generated 4 post clearance impact reports.

Quang Tri Province

Mobile Operations: All 5 MATs based in the province conducted mobile operations during the month, responding to Community Liaison information, searching 0 m² of land and removing 207 items of UXO and 0 mines.

Scrap yards: 5 MATs were also tasked with visiting and refurbishing safe holding areas in 10 scrap yards in the province, searching 0 m² of land and removing 78 items of UXO.

Static Site Clearance: All 5 MAT Teams were deployed to conduct technical surveys in Quarter 6, Gio Linh Townlet and An Xa Village, Trung Son Commune in Gio Linh District this month, searching 30,360 m² of land.

EOD Response Tasks: 3 MATs conducted 6 EOD Response Tasks during the period, removing and destroying 114 UXO items.

Community Liaison: CL teams conducted 83 community/partner meetings; visited 39 villages, conducting 0 house-to-house surveys; documented 34 mine/UXO reports; generated 31 post clearance impact reports; and produced information for 5 case studies.

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