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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 3,196 houses, searching **4,259** m<sup>2</sup>, performing **527** Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) tasks, and removing **1,131** items of UXO.
- Community Liaison teams conducted **51** community/partner meetings; visiting **30** villages, conducting **1,011** house to house surveys; documenting **141** mine/UXO reports; generating **4** post clearance impact reports; and produced **6** 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 2,548 households, searching 3,783 m<sup>2</sup> of land and removing 504 items of UXO.

**Static Site Clearance:** No site clearance conducted this month

**EOD Response Tasks:** MAT 4 conducted 2 EOD Response Tasks and MAT 2 conducted 4 EOD Response Tasks, removing 7 items of UXO including 1 x BLU-63 and 4 x BLU-26 - types of cluster munitions also used in Lebanon during the 2006 conflict.

**Community Liaison:** CL teams conducted 10 community/partner meetings; visited 2 villages, conducting 769 house to house surveys; documented 103 mine/UXO reports; generated 4 post clearance impact reports; and produced information for 4 case studies.

### **Quang Tri Province**

**Mobile Operations:** All 5 MATs based in the province conducted mobile operations during the month, visiting 648 households, searching 476 m<sup>2</sup> of land and removing 627 items of UXO.

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

**EOD Response Tasks:** MATs 1,3 and 4 undertook 10 EOD Response Tasks removing 25 items of UXO in response to direct reports from local villagers, removing 3 x 500lb aircraft bombs and 12 x BLU 24-B.

**Community Liaison:** CL teams conducted 41 community/partner meetings; visited 28 villages, conducting 242 house-to-house surveys; documented 38 mine/UXO reports; and produced information for 2 case studies.

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