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## Continuing to Save Lives and Build Futures in Post-Conflict Vietnam



# 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 2 Community Liaison (CL) Teams
- Teams visited **1,765** houses and **14** scrapyards; searching **1,809m<sup>2</sup>**; performing **334** Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) tasks; and removing **2,124** items of UXO and 2 mines, including **1,349** items removed from scrap yards.
- During July the teams also cleared **34,590 m<sup>2</sup>** of land, removing and destroying **16** items of UXO.
- Community Liaison teams conducted **12** community/partner meetings; visiting **24** villages, conducting **1,865** house to house surveys; documenting **284** mine/UXO reports; generating **3** post clearance impact reports.

### 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:** 3 MATs based in the province conducted mobile operations during the month, visiting 1,722 households, searching 1,788 m<sup>2</sup> of land and removing 201 items of UXO.

**Static Site Clearance:** 2 MATs cleared 13,020m<sup>2</sup> of land and destroyed 4 items of UXO.

**EOD Response Tasks:** 3 of the MATs conducted 4 EOD Response Tasks during the period, removing and destroying 4 UXO items including 1 BLU 63.

**Community Liaison:** CL teams conducted 4 community/partner meetings; visited 6 villages, conducting 1,378 house to house surveys; documented 191 mine/UXO reports; generated 3 post clearance impact reports.

### Quang Tri Province

**Mobile Operations:** 2 MATs based in the province conducted mobile operations during the month, responding to Community Liaison information, searching 3 m<sup>2</sup> of land and removing 12 items of UXO.

**Scrap yards:** All 5 MATs were also tasked with visiting 43 scrap yards in the province, searching 12 m<sup>2</sup> of land and removing 1349 items of UXO.

**Static Site Clearance:** 4 MATs based in the province conducted static site clearance during the month, clearing 21,570 m<sup>2</sup> land and destroying 12 items of UXO.

**EOD Response Tasks:** 2 MATs conducted 12 EOD Response Tasks during the period, removing and destroying 45 UXO items including 31 cluster submunitions (BLUs) or *bombies* as they are locally known.

**Community Liaison:** CL teams conducted 8 community/partner meetings; visited 18 villages, conducting 487 house-to-house surveys; documented 93 mine/UXO reports; generated 0 post clearance impact reports; and produced information for 0 case studies.

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