

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



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 **1,932** houses and 36 scrapyards, searching **2,328 m²**, performing **267** Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) tasks, and removing **1,212** items of UXO, including **584** items removed from scrap yards.
- During July the teams also cleared **35,455 m²** of land, removing and destroying 55 items of UXO, and searching 8,718 m² and destroying 9 items of UXO during technical surveys.
- Community Liaison teams conducted **60** community/partner meetings; visiting **62** villages, conducting **857** house to house surveys; documenting **238** mine/UXO reports; generating **6** post clearance impact reports.
- A focus on on national capacity building included the following training:
 - Training for 2 new permanent Quang Binh CLAs
 - Microsoft Access training by an instructor from Hue Tech University
 - English language training
 - Level 2 EOD Technician training course was completed in Quang Binh. 10 of the 12 students who passed were already employed by MAG and are now multi-skilled Driver Technicians, however, 1 additional student was a mine accident survivor, who achieved greater than the necessary 60% pass rate

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 1,932 households, searching 2,302 m² of land and removing 260 items of UXO.

Static Site Clearance: MAT 1 cleared 13,257 m² land and destroyed 16 items of UXO. MAT 2 searched 966 m² while technically surveying a site, and destroyed 9 items of UXO.

EOD Response Tasks: The MATs conducted 5 EOD Response Tasks during the period, removing and destroying 5 UXO items including 5 BLU 26 - types of cluster munitions also used in Lebanon during recent conflicts.

Community Liaison: CL teams conducted 7 community/partner meetings; visited 8 villages, conducting 857 house to house surveys; documented 181 mine/UXO reports; generated 0 post clearance impact reports.

Quang Tri Province

Mobile Operations: 3 MATs based in the province conducted mobile operations during the month, responding to Community Liaison information, searching 26 m² of land and removing 418 items of UXO.

Scrap yards: 2 MATs were also tasked with visiting 36 scrap yards in the province, searching 0 m² of land and removing 534 items of UXO.

Static Site Clearance: All 5 MATs based in the province conducted static site clearance during the month, clearing 22,198 m² land and destroying 39 items of UXO.

EOD Response Tasks: MATs conducted 8 EOD Response Tasks during the period, removing and destroying 66 UXO items including 64 cluster munitions (BLUs) or *bombies* as they are locally known.

Community Liaison: CL teams conducted 53 community/partner meetings; visited 54 villages, conducting 0 house-to-house surveys; documented 57 mine/UXO reports; generated 6 post clearance impact reports; and produced information for 0 case studies.

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