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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 **2,442** houses, searching **5,304m<sup>2</sup>**; performing **558** Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) tasks; and removing a total of **1,012** items of UXO and **0** mines.
- Community Liaison teams conducted **7** community/partner meetings; visiting **7** villages, conducting **1,384** house to house surveys; documenting **164** mine/UXO reports; generating **2** post clearance impact reports.
- During September the teams also cleared **435 m<sup>2</sup>** of land, removing and destroying a total of **0** items of UXO.
- **1005** CWMD (Conventional Weapons Management & Destruction) items were removed and destroyed during the month, see table below for more details:

| Sizes           | Total Items | Total Weight (kg) | Short tonnes |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------------|--------------|
| 0-20mm          | 696         | 41.09             | 0.045        |
| 21-60mm + fuses | 276         | 161.79            | 0.178        |
| 61-100mm        | 33          | 66.25             | 0.073        |
| 101mm +         | 0           | 0                 | 0            |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>877</b>  | <b>432.422</b>    | <b>0.712</b> |

- These activities benefited 27,566 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 2,442 households, searching 5,304 m<sup>2</sup> of land and removing 609 items of UXO.

**Static Site Clearance:** 1 MAT cleared 435m<sup>2</sup> of land and destroyed 0 items of UXO.

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

**Community Liaison:** CL teams conducted 5 community/partner meetings; visited 7 villages, conducted 1,384 house to house surveys; documented 164 mine/UXO reports; generated 2 post clearance impact reports.

### Quang Tri Province

**Mobile Operations:** 1 MAT based in the province conducted mobile operations during the month, responding to Community Liaison information, searching 0 m<sup>2</sup> of land and removing 13 items of UXO and 0 mines.

**Scrap yards:** 2 MATs were also tasked with visiting 15 scrap yards in the province, searching 0 m<sup>2</sup> of land and removing 387 items of UXO.

**Static Site Clearance:** No MATs based in the province conducted technical surveys for future static site clearance tasks during the month,.

**EOD Response Tasks:** 1 MAT conducted 1 EOD Response Tasks during the period, removing and destroying 2 UXO items.

**Community Liaison:** CL teams conducted 2 community/partner meetings; visited 0 villages, conducting 0 house-to-house surveys; documented 0 mine/UXO reports; generated 0 post clearance impact reports; and produced information for 0 case studies.

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