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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 **3,863** houses and **8** scrapyards; searching **2,893m²**; performing **400** Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) tasks; and removing a total of **1,041** items of UXO and **16** mines, including **199** items removed from scrap yards.
- Community Liaison teams conducted **25** community/partner meetings; visiting **9** villages, conducting **1,690** house to house surveys; documenting **187** mine/UXO reports; generating **5** post clearance impact reports.
- During September the teams also cleared **7,900 m²** of land, removing and destroying a total of **37** items of UXO.
- **877** 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	431	80.233	0.0884
21-60mm + fuses	433	225.707	0.248
61-100mm	13	126.482	0.204
101mm +	0	0	0
Total	877	432.422	0.542

- These activities benefited 27,045 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 2,457 households, searching 2,629 m² of land and removing 310 items of UXO.

Static Site Clearance: 2 MATs cleared 7,900m² of land and destroyed 32 items of UXO.

EOD Response Tasks: 1 of the MATs conducted 1 EOD Response Tasks during the period, removing and destroying 14 UXO items including 9 Bomb Live Units (BLUs) or *bombies* as they are referred to locally.

Community Liaison: CL teams conducted 8 community/partner meetings; visited 4 villages, conducted 1,168 house to house surveys; documented 131 mine/UXO reports; generated 5 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 264 m² of land and removing 213 items of UXO and 16 mines.

Scrap yards: 1 MAT was also tasked with visiting 8 scrap yards in the province, searching 0 m² of land and removing 199 items of UXO.

Static Site Clearance: All 5 MATs based in the province conducted technical surveys for future static site clearance tasks during the month, surveying 13,270 m² of land and destroying 5 items of UXO.

EOD Response Tasks: 1 MAT conducted 7 EOD Response Tasks during the period, removing and destroying 319 UXO items.

Community Liaison: CL teams conducted 17 community/partner meetings; visited 5 villages, conducting 522 house-to-house surveys; documented 56 mine/UXO reports; generated 0 post clearance impact reports; and produced information for 0 case studies.

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