



Thailand Mine action center

Progress for Thailand's Updated Workplan 2018 - 2023



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Remaining Challenges


**LANDMINE FREE
THAILAND 2023**



- Previous deadline: 31 Oct 2018
- Request for extension for a period of 5 years until 31 Oct 2023
- 254 mine contaminated areas**
360,001,368 m²
- 99,385 people in 123 villages, 61 subdistricts, 25 district, 10 provinces are affected.

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 Overview of Thailand's Five-Year Plan		LANDMINE FREE THAILAND 2023		
Operational Framework 2019 – 2020 (NTS Focus)				
Year	Number of SHAs	Amount of Area (m ²)	Projected Cancellation (m ²)	Projected Remaining CHAs (m ²)
2019	93	143,555,500	120,847,688	22,707,812
2020	161	216,445,868	148,188,388	68,257,480
Total	254	360,001,368	269,036,076	90,965,292
Operational Framework 2021 -2023 (TS/Clr Focus)				
Year	Projected Number of CHAs	Amount of Area (m ²)		
2021	60	23,644,169		
2022	72	28,480,812		
2023	89	38,840,311		
Total	221	90,965,292		

 Summary of Progress made		LANDMINE FREE THAILAND 2023	
Mine Contamination (Since 31 Oct 2018)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 254 mine contaminated areas ➤ 360,001,368 m² 		
Progress made (1 Nov 2018 - 30 Apr 2019)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 48 SHAs released ➤ 71,860,499 m² ➤ 70,279,409 m² cancelled through NTS ➤ 1,542,010 m² reduced through TS ➤ 39,080 m² Cleared ➤ 7,295 AP Mines destroyed ➤ 1,179 AT Mines/UXOs destroyed 		
Remaining challenge (From 1 May 2019 onward)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Total = 288,140,869 m² ➤ 204 SHAs = 280,830,648 m² ➤ 38 CHAs = 7,310,221 m² 		

Toward Landmine Free Thailand 2023	
Challenges	Needs
Lack of Information on Mine Contamination	Continued Support in Form of Survey Teams to Gain the Necessary Information.
Rough Geographical and Climate Condition	Trekking Equipment, Survival kit, 4WD Vehicles, ATV, Drones, Mine Detectors, Mine Detection Dogs
Sensitive Mine Contaminated Areas along the Border	Cooperation with Neighboring Countries
Limited Operational Time	New Technologies, Capacity Building



Statement of the Delegation of Thailand
By Lt. Gen. Sittipol Nimnuan
Director-General of Thailand Mine Action Center
At the Intersessional meetings for
the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention
xx May 2019

(SLIDE 1-Title)

Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

At the outset, on behalf of the Royal Thai Government, I would like to express our sincere appreciation to H.E. Ambassador Hans Brattskar of Norway, President of the Fourth Review Conference, for his leadership and commitment in preparation for the upcoming RevCon. Our appreciation also extends to the Government of Switzerland for their hospitality and the Implementation Support Unit (ISU) for their continued support.

(SLIDE 2-Remaining Challenges)

As a State Party, Thailand is committed to obligations under the Convention. The Royal Thai Government and all stakeholders concerned are working in collaboration in order to fulfill our mine-free objective.

At the 16th Meeting of States Parties in Vienna, Thailand was granted a second extension to our mine-clearance deadline, which allows us until 31 October 2023 to fulfill our obligations. We have been working to advance our clearance progress since then.

To ensure that our works are on track and on time, our updated work plan on Article 5 has been submitted to the ISU in April 2019. The work plan reflects progress made and challenges that remain. Currently, 254 Mine Contaminated Areas covering 360 million sq.m. await demining and releasing.

(SLIDE 3-Overview of Five-Year Plan)

Thailand's Five-Year Plan (2019-2023) is divided into two phases.

First, from 2019-2020, demining work will focus on Non-Technical Survey (NTS). This will allow Thailand to obtain the precise information on mine contaminated areas while enabling us to release uncontaminated areas. By the end of this phase, Thailand expects to release 269 million sq.m.

Second, from 2021-2023, our focus will shift towards Technical Survey (TS) and clearance based on the information gained from NTS.

(SLIDE 4-Summary of Progress Made)

Mr. Chairman,

We have set an ambitious goal to become mine-free by 2023, and we are determined to reach that goal. Today, I am pleased to inform the Meeting that from November 2018 to April 2019, we have declared 48 Suspected Hazardous Areas (SHAs) mine-free and released 71.86 million sq.m. of safe land back to our people. This accounts for nearly 60% of our 2018-2019 target. Therefore, Thailand currently has 288.1 million sq.m. of contaminated areas. These can be categorized to 204 SHAs or approximately 280 million sq.m. and 38 Confirmed Hazardous Areas (CHAs) or around 7.3 million sq.m.

(SLIDE 5-Challenges and Needs)

And to expedite our demining works, we have identified areas for improvement, which include increasing the number of survey teams to obtain more data and information, obtaining necessary equipment and new technologies required for clearance in difficult areas, increasing cooperation with neighboring countries, and enhancing personnel capacity building program.

Mr. Chairman,

I would also like to take this opportunity to convey our sincere appreciation, on behalf of the Royal Thai Government, to all partners for their cooperation, support and contribution to our mine-clearance tasks, namely the Governments of Cambodia, Japan, Norway and the United States of America, the Norwegian People's Aid (NPA), and Thai Civilian Deminer Association (TDA).

Lastly, I wish to reiterate once again Thailand's unwavering commitment to the obligations under the Mine Ban Convention. We will continue to participate actively and constructively in the work of the Convention and will keep the Committee informed on our progress and actions.

Thank you for your kind attention.