





“Challenges on demining and victim assistance”

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Current status of contamination



- * Bombs/mines used by the Americans: 15,350,000 tons
- * Average density: 46 tons per km² or 280 kg per capita.
- * Current estimated area of contamination: 66,660km², equivalent to 6.66 million ha, accounting for 20,11% area of the country.
- * Fallow agricultural land: 4.359 km², making up 5,43% of country's total arable land.

Landmine/UXO threats

- A potential and long-term threat
- Up to 31 December 2000:
104,298 died
42,135 injured.
At national average:
over 2000 killed and injured annually.
- Victims are mainly children & family breadwinners aged from 5 to 45



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Landmine/UXO clearance and victim assistance

Engineering Command/Mod clearance activities:

- * Hundreds thousand of hectares of cultivated land cleared in service for the socio-economic development of the country.

- * Vietnam landmine/UXO impact assessment and technical survey project

- * 7-8% contaminated land area and 15-20% of landmine/UXO cleared.

- * The demining forces in Vietnam



Other mine actions operations



Mine victim assistance and awareness education

- * Investment in first aid, medical treatment, victim assistance, centres for physical rehabilitation, vocational training and job creation as well as the mine risk awareness education programs

- * Mine awareness education forms: documentaries on TV, extra-curricular activities in schools, photo or information exhibitions aimed at helping people to be aware of the mine prevention measures and first

International assistance



An active member of international mine action community

The support for our mine action activities from the UN, governments of the USA, Japan, Australia, EU as well as non-governmental



Main challenges



- Large contaminated land area
- Natural and environmental factors
- Variety of types of mines and UXO



• Main challenges

- High cost
- Underdeveloped industries



Integrated strategic plan

- 1- To promptly complete the Vietnam landmine/UXO impact assessment and technical survey project which is expected to be the basis to set mine action priorities for each region that is subordinate to the integrated socio-development strategy of the country as the whole.
- 2- To expand universal mine awareness education programs to minimize mine incidents and enhance mine victim assistance projects in affected communities in terms of medical care, education system and economic development.



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- 3- To establish and build up EOD teams of both Engineering Command and provincial district levels, at the same time, to provide community-based specific training and education with a view to mobilizing and encouraging the involvement of the entire people in national mine action programs.

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- 4- To strengthen international cooperation relations to call for assistance from donors regarding technical equipment, technology and proved experience, at the same time, to continuously improve domestic scientific and technological development research in the field of landmine/UXO clearance. To train and build up the contingent of qualified mine action policy-maker and manager of all levels.
- 5- To establish and develop national mine action database in service of operational planning and timely response.

Conclusion



Questions ?

