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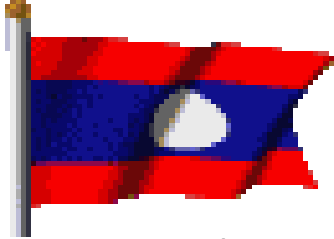
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# **Victim Assistance (VA) in Lao PDR**

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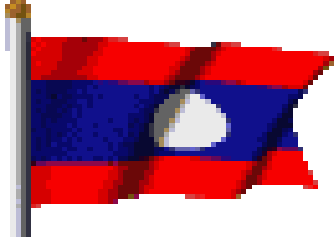


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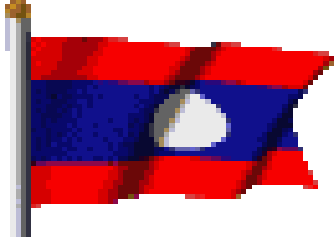


- **An estimated 270 million bomblets and more than 2 million tons of bombs were dropped with up to a third failing to explode.**
- **More than 50,000 casualties are reported (20,000+ survivors).**
- **Lao PDR signed the Convention on Cluster Munition (CCM) in December 2008 and ratified in March 2009.**
- **Lao PDR signed and ratified the Convention on the Right of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) in September 2009.**
- **National Strategic Plan on UXO/Mine Action Sector “Safe Path Forward II” (2011-2020).**
- **The VA Strategic Plan drafted in 2011 and Adopted by the NRA Board Meeting in February 2014 (2014-2020).**

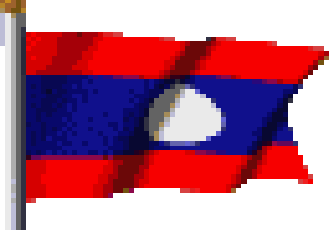




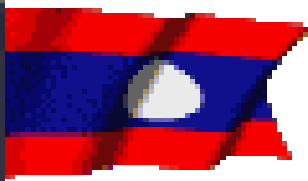


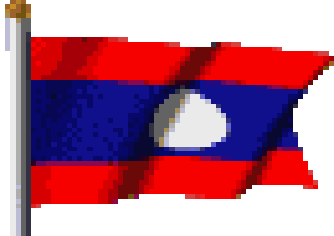






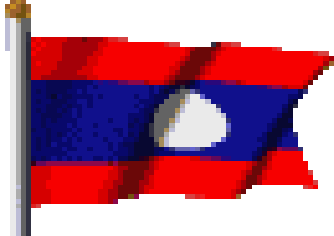






## Statistic of casualties

Year	N. Of accident	Injured Boy	Injured Girl	Injured Man	Injured Woman	Total injured	Death Boy	Death Girl	Death Man	Death Woman	Total Death	Total Victim
2018	10	3	3	5	0	11	1	0	1	0	2	13
2017	19	8	6	12	11	37	0	1	3	0	4	41
2016	35	24	5	17	3	49	8	0	2	0	10	59
2015	27	16	1	15	1	33	2	0	6	1	9	42
2014	22	9	7	8	5	29	12	0	4	0	16	45
2013	18	12	5	9	2	28	7	1	5	0	13	41
2012	36	13	2	15	11	41	6	2	6	1	15	56
2011	64	36	4	30	9	79	14	0	6	0	20	99
2010	75	48	7	32	8	95	9	5	9	1	24	119
2009	77	26	3	49	8	86	6	2	25	1	34	120
2008	186	71	15	95	22	203	23	5	63	8	99	302
2007	246	48	12	96	13	169	29	2	44	2	77	246



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2006	247	59	9	80	10	158	31	5	45	8	89	247
2005	256	52	6	78	8	144	41	5	58	8	112	256
2004	249	63	15	86	13	177	40	9	65	3	117	294
2003	236	38	9	97	7	151	27	5	46	7	85	236
2002	218	45	8	64	6	123	26	4	60	5	95	218
2001	150	26	10	50	9	95	10	3	36	6	55	150
2000	268	29	12	79	16	136	41	3	80	8	132	268
1999	255	39	10	84	8	141	25	6	71	12	114	255
1998	253	45	7	84	7	143	34	4	62	10	110	253
1997	218	37	14	70	12	133	20	11	52	2	85	218
1996	235	38	9	85	8	140	22	10	50	13	95	235
Gland Total	3445	785	179	1240	197	2401	434	83	799	96	1412	3813

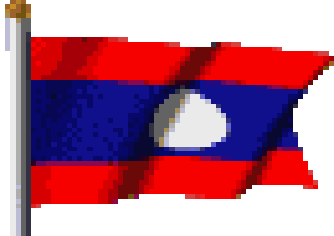




# Progress Made



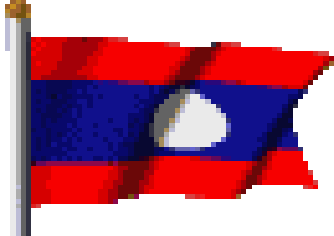
- Completed victims' needs assessment in 10 out of 18 provinces which cover 9,000 UXO survivors.
- VA tracking forms had been updated and amended.
- Finished UXO hotline number (1603) installation and usage for VA and UXO accident reporting.
- VA coordinators had been trained in 10 provinces in order to monitor, collect accident and victim information and report to the NRA office.
- Implementing vocational training on animal raising and providing animals projects in 3 provinces which benefit 107 victims (supported by the Government of Republic of Korea).
- Received 10 ambulances and some medical equipment from Government of People's Republic of China.
- Provide medical treatment of 601 victims after accident and provide medical rehabilitation services for 3,368 survivors.



## Challenges

- **Victim needs are not met (not enough resources in terms of financial, technology, national capacity and transitional readiness; limited medical infrastructure and medical service accessibility; limited medical personnel and so on).**
- **Huge suspected UXO contaminated areas in Lao PDR (87,000 km<sup>2</sup> out of 236,800 km<sup>2</sup>).**
- **Coordination among VA key players within the country.**
- **Collection all VA support information and data.**
- **Alignment (donors and beneficiaries).**
- **Awareness raising on UXO accident prevention and medical services support.**

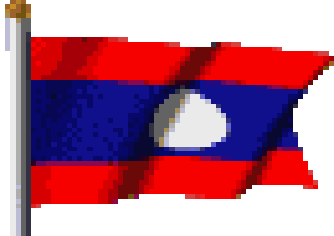




## Way Forward



- **Provide necessary support to UXO victims through:**
  - Mobilizing necessary resources for VA activities;
  - Improving victim data collection and victim tracking systems; and
  - Analyzing and assessing UXO victim needs in order to have a proper support planning system.
- **Improve coordination among VA key players.**
- **Integrate VA plan into the Government agencies' plans.**
- **Improve the alignment (donors and beneficiaries).**
- **Increase awareness raising/campaign on UXO accident prevention and medical services across the country.**



**Thank you**