Mine Risk Education

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TOWARD A MINE FREE CAMBODIA, 2025!
INTRODUCTION

1. Mine clearance

2. Mine risk education (MRE)

3. Victim assistance

4. Advocacy

5. Stockpile destruction
CAMBODIA MINE/ERW VICTIM INFORMATION SYSTEM
Mine/ERW accidents location from 1997 to 2012

Legend
- ERW accident location
- Mine accident location
- Province center
- District center
- Province boundary
- District boundary
- Water Surface
- National roads

Produced by CMVR, Jan 2011
Internal and regional conflicts

4-6 million landmines NW provinces

Bombs and CM in eastern provinces
MRE Activity
❖ The overall aim of encouraging people to adopt mine/ERW risk avoidance behaviours to prevent mine/ERW accidents and injuries; and supporting demining operation operators.

❖ MRE has been implemented in Cambodia since 1993 which was at first designed to provide awareness to returnees repatriated from Thailand and internally displaced population.
CMAA’s Roles and Responsibility

❖ MRE Technical Reference Group and other coordination mechanisms have been established.
❖ The purpose of this reference group is to: Coordinate, regulate and monitor MRE activities of all operators.
CMAA’s Roles and Responsibility

❖ Provide accreditation MRE operators.
❖ Support MRE operators to review and standardized MRE specific messages and sharing MRE work Plan.
❖ Organize Annual review and planning workshop with all operators to review achievements, challenges and the way forward
MRE Approaches

MRE is provided by a wide array of operators
Challenges

- Mechanisation of agriculture
- Development of infrastructure
- Population settling
- Children’s curiosity
- Decrease in financial support
- Livelihood activities
WAYS FORWARD

❖ Strengthen the operator capacity to provide effective mine/ERW risk education.
❖ Equip multiple skills to MRE operators and relevant authorities for long term sustainability.
❖ Develop MRE specific messages based on evident and targeted audience.
❖ Orientation on MRE Standards and MRE strategic Action Plan.
WAYS FORWARD

❖ Continue to reintegrate key MRE messages in the primary and secondary school curriculum.
❖ Assess and reinforce base community based risk reduction.
❖ Exchange MRE Best Practice and development of MRE annual plan via the annual workshop.
❖ Concerted efforts of DPs, MRE Operators and relevant institutions are vital.
Lesson Learnt

- MRE must keep rolling continuously and be persistently supported.
- Regular coordination, monitoring and regulation of MRE activity are vital.
- National capacity of all levels must be continuously developed and sustainable.
Lesson Learnt

- Be proactive and reactive
- Be in the national school curriculum, plan and policy
- Conduct specific campaigns targeting current accidents and the high risk groups and high risk areas.
Thank you