VIETNAM’S BEST PRACTICES IN MINE RISK EDUCATION

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I. MINES CONTAMINATION STATUS IN VIETNAM

* 9.083 out of 11.145 communes/wards/townships (accounting for 81% of the total number of communes) of 63/63 provinces is contaminated with mines and explosives.

* 67.800 km² of contaminated area, accounting for near 20% total area of Vietnam.

* Near 2.000 victims (2010-2014).

(Source: MOLISA and CRS)
II. GOVERNMENT RESPONSES (P504)

1. Establishing, improving legal framework

2. Communication

3. Land clearance and defusing unexploded mines and explosives

4. Victims assistance

5. Advocating and educating mines and explosive accident prevention

6. Developing science and technology

7. Promoting one’s capability to response to incidents

8. Further engaging in international cooperation
III. MRE activities on the ground

Mines and explosives prevention education

Advocating mine risk status and prevention for people.

2010 - 2015
2. MRE is important in Program 504 (cont)

2016 - 2025

Widely circulating on the danger of remnant explosives and its consequences

Advocating mine risk status, prevention and protection for people.
In Program 504, MOLISA is required to: **Co-ordinate** with Ministry of Defense, Ministry of Information and Communications and other relevant ministries and local entities to develop strategies to propagate the consequences of landmine accidents.
Quick shots
Communication channels

INDIRECTLY: through mass communication channels

DIRECTLY: Meetings, workshops, seminars, exhibitions, public photos, leaflets, group discussions, etc.
IV. EDUCATION CONTENTS

1. Educating on status, remnant mines and explosives consequences for people

2. Educating on Vietnamese Government’s efforts to aid recovery which results from remnant explosives accidents

3. Educating on outcomes of landmines clearance and defusing after wars
4. Communicating assistance policy systems for victim of remnant mines, outcomes of support activities, effective support models...

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6. Mobilizing domestic and international donors to support victims

7. Propagating about activities of VietNam Association for Supporting Uxo/Mine Action efforts (VNASMA)
Specific communication activities

1. Information on central and local newspapers, radio, TV

2. In-house propaganda in newspapers, magazines

3. Editing, printing leaflets

4. Advocating activities by CSOs (Youths, Women, Farmers)
5. Advocating Government officials, Party members and peers

6. Holding events in response to International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action, 4/4

7. Hosts an art exchange program with the theme “Journey for a Bright Tomorrow”

8. organize direct communication, exhibits on the consequences of mines, explosive remnant materials of the war in Binh Dinh
V. SUCCESSES AND CHALLENGES

Success

- Active participation of communication agencies
- Positive feedbacks from communication activities which won the attention of the Party committees, authorities, especially adolescence and youth
- Direct communication activities for children and high school students are very effective
Challenges

- Lack of comprehensive legal framework
- Equipment and staff are insufficient
- Public awareness and coordination mechanism is weak
VI. PROPOSALS

1. Build a comprehensive strategy on MRE and firm legal framework

2. Increase investment in MRE and build capacity of staff

3. Promote awareness and communication activities (prevention is better than cure)