

# **Report on Workshop on Enhanced Operational Approaches through the Application of Land Release methodology**

## **1. Date and Venue**

- Duration: 3 days
- Dates: 19-21 September 2011
- Location: Cambodia – Siem Reap Province
  - o Workshop Venue: Hotel Borei Ankor Resort and Spa
  - o Field Visit: Bantay Mean Chey Project Clearing For Result II

## **2. Executive summary**

With the purpose to introduce and improving the knowledge on application of land released methodology for Vietnamese partners at Engineering Command (EC); Vietnam Bomb and Mine Action Center (VBMAC) and Bomb/Mine Technology Center (BOMICEN). VVAF has supported 03 Delegates from the above units attending the Workshop on Enhanced Operational Approaches through the Application of Land Release methodology in Cambodia from 19 to 21 September 2011. The goal of this workshop is to create and foster more interest from mine/ERW affected countries on the subject of Enhanced Operational Approaches. The workshop has been focused on key topic in the method of releasing contaminated land with confidence. It aimed to do so through sharing of theoretical as well as practical lessons learned from various countries and other International Mine Action actors.

The workshop has achieved following key objectives:

- Explored Theory and Practice in the Land Release Process
- Present and discuss theoretical and practical aspects in the developing operators Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)
- Explored different techniques and demining tools to enhance operational effectiveness
- Explored flexibilities in Land Release practice
- Document lessons learned to develop and enhance practical guide for sharing with various mine affected countries and members of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention (APMBC) (and the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM) State Parties.

## **2. Working Agenda**

The format of the workshop consisted of a mix of formal presentations and plenary and working group discussions. The following topics have been discussed during the workshop:

- Presentation and discussion of IMAS – Land Release
- Presentation and discussion of various countries' NMAS – Land Release
- Presentation of CMAC SOP – Land Release and other countries
- Discussion on topics closely related to LR
- Visit Land Release site, Project Clearing for Result II
- Observing Land Release supporting tools (displayed at CMAC DU4 HQ)
- Discussion on practical lessons learned and contribution to enhancing LR guide

### 3. Main contents

The first and the third day of the workshop has been consisted with the presentations to introduce the land released methodology from Cambodia; Lao PDR; NPA Thailand; Afghanistan; Tajikistan; Sri Lanka; Angola; Jordan, etc..

Presentations at Land released workshop in Cambodia	
1	CMAC Land Release
2	LR Angola
3	LR Jordan
4	LR MAG
5	HALO Trust
6	APOPO
7	GICHD
8	BHMAC
9	Tajikistan MAC
10	Lao PDR

The second day of workshop has been conducted with a field trip to minefield in Bantay Mean Chey. The site manager briefed all of participants on the Project Clearing for Result II, which applied the international land released methodology. In addition, the site manger also answer and giving explanation to all concern and question from the visitors.

### 4. Conclusions:

By attending this significant workshop, the Vietnamese delegates have been introduced to the most advanced methods on land released, that being applied worldwide. This is also an opportunity for Vietnamese participants to discuss, exchange and learning experience from other countries in applying land release methodology in the context and the terrain of Vietnam.

Through this workshop, representatives from Mine Action Units of Vietnam can clearly see the importance of the proper application methods and processes on land release to have better achievement on the working results.

### 5. Follow up activities:

A pilot project on land released will be implemented in Vietnam in November 2011. Therefore, this workshop has shown its importance in enhancement of acknowledgement of Vietnamese Mine Action Units in applying and implementing on land released methodology in Vietnam