

Report on Senior Mine Action Managers Training Course September 28 - 29, 2011, Hanoi, Vietnam

Executive summary

With a view to providing an overall picture of mine action for senior managers of Vietnam Mine Action Program, VVAF has collaborated with Geneva International Center for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD) to design and conduct the Senior Mine Action Managers Training Course in Hanoi September 28-29, 2011.

The training course is for senior members of the National Steering Committee 504, the Executive Office, the Secretariat, and other related state agencies.

The training course was designed with the following objectives:

- To provide fundamental knowledge and enhance personal skills on mine action for senior managers of Vietnam Mine Action Program
- To share international experience in the field of mine action, encompassing such topics as financing in mine action, information management, priority setting, quality management, mine action evaluation, etc.

Main contents

Two honoured guests, Mr. Bui Hong Linh, Vice Minister of Vietnam Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs and Mr. Tim Liston, First Secretary of US Embassy in Hanoi, were invited to give courtesy remarks in the opening ceremony. They both highly appreciated Vietnam mine action activities over the past few years and hope that with such international experience; senior managers will gain more international best practices to apply in the Vietnam contamination situation.



During the two-day training course, two professional trainers from GICHD have briefly transferred 12 topics in a plain and attractive manner. While some of the topics are quite new to the participants, others are very practical and essential in Vietnamese context. For instance, since most of the participants are from military, they are deeply interested in such topics as “Military Demining and Humanitarian Mine Action,” “Information Management,” or “Quality Management and Mine Action Contracting.” Whereas, participants from civilian state agencies would like to know more about “The key components of Mine Action,” or “International Mine Action Standards/National Mine Action Standards,” also known as IMAS/NMAS. After each presentation, the moderator, Sr. Col. Phan Duc Tuan helped to summarize the

content and coordinate the Question & Answer section. All the participants were very eager to raise questions and keen on learning new demining concepts. Also, they did point out suitable and unsuitable contents to apply in Vietnam contamination situation.



Conclusion

In conclusion, the training course has been held successfully and gained the expected results. All 35 participants were equipped with fundamental knowledge, skills and international experience in the field of mine action.

Follow up activities

This training course is one of the supporting activities for the capacity building at higher level among mine action stakeholders in Vietnam. It is expected that a study tour to a mine-affected country for senior members of Executive Office would be organized in the meaning time.