

Mine Action in Cambodia: Ownership and Results



Cambodia has made progress in tackling the lingering problem of landmines in the past few months, including the **operationalization of the accreditation and licensing system** of the Cambodian Mine Action authority and the government endorsement of the **national mine risk education strategy and a national strategy** on area reduction. Following the adoption of the first 5 chapters of the Cambodian Mine Action Standards (CMAS) and with the support from UNDP, four operators have already submitted accreditation and licensing requests, currently undergoing desk and field assessments conducted by CMAA Quality Assurance teams. **CMAA now has a dedicated quality assurance capacity funded almost entirely by Government**, with technical assistance and training provided through UNDP. Furthermore, the number of landmine and UXO casualties has dropped sharply over recent months, for the first time in 6 years: 197 casualties were reported for the period Jan-April 2006, corresponding to a decrease of 58% if compared to the same period in 2005. The landmine clearing efforts will continue to be boosted through the Canadian contribution of CND \$7.1 million, a five-year contribution agreement for the multi-donor “clearing for results” project managed by UNDP. The project provides a mechanism for pooling of donor resources in support of local and national mine action priorities. CMAA activities and workplan is available here <http://www.cmaa.gov.kh> (Shared by Julien Chevillard and Chip Bowness).