

Donor Update by the Government of Japan  
Mine Action Support Group Meeting  
(October, 2014)

**1. General Trend**

- (1) The total amount of Japan's assistance to Mine Action in the **financial year 2013** (April 2013-March 2014) amounted to **52.3 million USD for 45 projects in 22 countries**. The top recipients of mine action assistance in FY 2013 were Cambodia, Lao PDR, Libya and Afghanistan.
- (2) The total amount of Japan's international assistance to Mine Action **since 1998** has reached **582 million USD in 50 countries and regions**.

**2. Support to International Organizations**

- (1) **UN-VTF**: Japan contributed 13.4 million US dollars to the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund for Assistance in Mine Action (UN-VTF) to **Libya, Afghanistan, South Sudan, Somalia, DR Congo** and to the UNMAS headquarters coordination costs.
- (2) **UNICEF**: Japan provided a total of 1.1 million USD for UNICEF towards **Mine Risk Education in South Sudan, Mali, Chad, Syria and Yemen**.

**3. Bilateral Support**

**【Cambodia and Lao PDR】**

Cambodia and Lao PDR became the top recipient of mine/UXO-action related funds from Japan in FY 2013, and received a total of over 24 million USD for 9 projects. These projects included supporting the governments of Cambodia and Lao PDR in implementing their mine action programs, grant aid to NGOs, dispatch of an UXO expert, equipment procurement, and a 3-year triangular cooperation project between CMAC and UXO Lao from 2012-2014. In this project Cambodia shares with Lao PDR expertise and knowledge on mine action with support by Japan.

**【Sri Lanka】**

With regard to Sri Lanka, where the 26 year-long conflict ended in 2009, the Government of Japan provided more than USD 1.9 million for 3 projects in FY 2013 in order to accelerate safe return and resettlement as well as demining activities for peace building in the northern part of Sri Lanka.

**【Afghanistan】**

The Government of Japan has contributed to mine clearance activities in Afghanistan since 1999. In FY 2013, the Government of Japan provided approximately USD 1.3 million for 2 mine clearance projects in which community participants and reintegrees were trained and hired as community-based deminers.