

Donor Update by the Government of Japan
Mine Action Support Group Meeting
(February, 2015)

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 **52.3million 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) Japan has been a strong supporter of the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS) since its establishment in 1997 and has worked with UNMAS in mine action activities. In February 2015, the Government of Japan decided to make an additional contribution of 15 million USD for 5 projects in 5 areas/countries. One of these projects, "Mitigation of the Threat Posed by Explosive Hazards in Gaza", was adopted as a result of the Emergency MASG meeting on the Situation in Gaza, which was held last August in NY.
- (2) Japan contributed 13.4 million US dollars to the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund for Assistance in Mine Action (UN-VTF) for projects in **Libya, Afghanistan, South Sudan, Somalia, DR Congo**, and for the UNMAS headquarters coordination costs.
- (3) Japan provided a total of 1.1 million USD to UNICEF for **Mine Risk Education** in **South Sudan, Mali, Chad, Syria and Yemen**.

3. Bilateral Support
【Colombia】

Colombia is one of the most impacted countries in terms of the number of casualties. Since 2004, the Government of Japan has contributed to mine action activities in Colombia, including victim assistance, mine clearance, and equipment procurement. In FY 2013, the Government of Japan provided approximately USD 0.83 million for 2 mine clearance and victim assistance projects. In January 2015 Japan launched a 5-year victim assistance project to support the inclusion of conflict victims with disabilities in society.