MINESADVISORY GROUP Cambodia

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Dear Colleagues,

In September 1994, the Mines Advisory Group began implementing a landmine-related data gathering programme in Battambang province. The objective of this data gathering programme is to establish real figures for the number of deaths and injuries caused by landmines and UXO in Battambang province each month.

In December 1994, the first MAG Mine Accident Report for Battambang province was produced. In January 1995 MAG began a second Data Gathering Programme in Kompong Thom and a third data gathering team began work in Banteay Meanchey province at the beginning of May 1995.

Two more data-gathering teams will begin work in Pursat and Siam Reap provinces in January 1996.

MAG circulates Mine Accident Reports for each province to all interested agencies on a monthly basis.
Please find enclosed Mine Accident Reports and Mine Accident Reports by Activity for November 1995 for Battambang, Kompong Thom and Banteay Meanchey provinces.

Should any further information be required on any aspects of these reports please do not hesitate to contact either myself, Laurence Desvignes at the MAG Phnom Penh office or Mr. Plong Chhaya, Data Gathering Team Supervisor at the MAG Battambang office, Mr. Chhorn Lot, Data Gathering Team Leader, at the MAG Kompong Thom office or Mr. Prom Vichai, Data Gathering Team Leader at the MAG Banteay Meanchey office.

I look forward to your comments and suggestions on the attached reports.

Yours sincerely,

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MONTHLY MINE & UXO ACCIDENT REPORT
NOVEMBER 1995
BATTAMBANG PROVINCE

In November 1995, 34 persons were injured by mines and UXO. This figure includes 8 children (24 %).
A total of 4 people (or 11.7 %) of the 34 people injured, died as a result of their injuries.

This month 38 % (or 13 persons) of the total number of casualties were soldiers, 62 % were civilians (3 % of these were adult female).

Details of the 8 children injured are as follows:

- In Banan district, 4 children were injured by mines and UXO
  2 children were injured by a landmine explosion while they were herding livestock. The mine was detonated by a dog.
  1 child was injured while cutting grass: his sickle touched a fuse which detonated.
  one child was injured by mine while attempting to extract the explosive content (he wanted to use the explosive for fishing)
- In Mong Russey district, 3 children were injured by mines and UXO
  1 young soldier was injured while traveling in an unknown mined area: he pulled a tripwire
  1 soldier was injured while laying a mine at his military base in Prey Svay commune
  1 boy was killed by a UXO. The item was caught in a fishing net by the boy's uncle. The boy dropped the item when his uncle handed it to him.
- In Bovel district, one boy was injured while attempting to extract the explosive content from an item of UXO.

The majority of accidents this month took place in Bavel and Banan districts:

In Banan district, 13 people were injured by mines and UXO:

- 4 of the 13 were soldiers: 2 of these were injured by mines at Snang military base while patrolling in an unknown mined area; 1 soldier was injured by a mine while attempting to extract the explosive content (for fishing); one soldier was injured by a mine while riding an oxcart on a well-travelled path: this mine had been newly-laid. Both oxen were killed in this incident.

- 9 victims were civilians (including 4 children):
  3 persons were injured by mine in Kantu II commune: one person was injured while attempting to extract the explosive content from a mine; two persons were injured by a mine explosion while hunting in the forest: the mine was initiated by a dog.
  1 man was injured by a mine while farming.
  1 woman was killed when the ox-cart in which she was traveling drove over the landmine causing it to explode.

In Bavel district, 9 persons were injured by mine and UXO:

- 3 of the victims were soldiers who sustained their injuries while extracting the explosive content from an item of UXO (2 were injured in Bovel commune and the other was injured in Ampil 5 Daeum commune).
- 6 of the 9 people injured were civilians (including one child): two of these were injured in Bavel commune while farming; one man was injured in Knarch Romeas commune while farming; two victims were injured while traveling in an unknown mined area (one in Ampil 5 Daeum commune and the other one was in Kdol Tahen commune).

In Mong Russey district, 8 persons were injured by mines and UXO (including 3 children):

- 3 victims were injured in Thippadey commune: one person was killed and another person injured when a mine exploded while they were fishing from the river bank; the third victim was injured while attempting to extract the explosive content from a mine (to be used for fishing).
- One victim was injured in Prey Svay commune by the explosion of an item of UXO (the uncle mentioned above).
- One victim was injured by a mine laid around a water source in Prek Chik commune while fishing.

In Rattanakmondol district, 3 persons were injured by mines:

- Of the three persons injured two were soldiers injured in Treng commune while patrolling. One soldier died as a result of his injuries.
- One adult civilian male was injured in Phlaeuv Meas commune while collecting food.

In Sangkae district, 1 soldier was injured by a mine while fishing. The mine was laid close to the water's edge.

"LONG TERM MINE VICTIMS"

This month 4 of the 34 people injured are considered "long term mine victims":

Of the 4 people in this category 2 are soldiers who sustained the following injuries:
1 below knee amputation
1 below elbow amputation

Two of the 4 were adult civilian males who both suffered above knee amputations.

NB: This month 4 people were injured by pungies (sharp bamboo sticks usually camouflaged by foliage etc. which are placed point upwards in the ground to disable those who step on them) while cutting thatch. This figure is not included in this report.

MONTHLY MINE ACCIDENT REPORT IN BATTAMBANG PROVINCE

MONTH: NOVEMBER 1995

DISTRICTS	AGE/ YRS	0-4	5-10	11-18	19-25	26-30	31-35	36-40	41-45	46-50	51-55	56-60	61-65	66-70	71+	Total
	SEX															
BANAN	M			4	6	2										12
	F									1						1
BATTAMBANG CITY	M															0
	F															0
BATTAMBANG DISTRICT	M															0
	F															0
BOVEL	M			1	3	3	1				1					9
	F															0
EK PHNOM	M															0
	F															0
MONG RUSSEY	M		1	2		3	1	1								8
	F															0
RATTANAK MONDOL	M					1	1		1							3
	F															0
SANGKAE	M						1									1
	F															0
GRAND TOTAL		0	1	7	9	9	4	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	34

CATEGORY	Number			% of total injured	Long term mine victims *
	Total	Uxo	Mine		
Civilian Male (age 19 +) injured, including deaths	12	1	11	35	2
Civilian Female (age 19 +) injured, including deaths	1	0	1	3	
Military (regarless of age) injured, including deaths	13	3	10	38	2
Children (ages 0-18) injured, including deaths	8	3	5	24	
Total Injuries, including deaths	**34**	**7**	**27**	**100**	**4**
Adult Civilian Male deaths	0	0	0	0	
Adult Civilian Female deaths	1	0	1	3	
Military deaths	2	0	2	5.8	
Children's deaths	1	1	0	3	
Total deaths	4	1	3	11.8	

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Report by: DG Team BTB
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**** Long Term Mine Victims: victims who lost eye(s), finger(s), hand(s), limb(s), or who are tetraplegic, paraplegic, hemiplegic***

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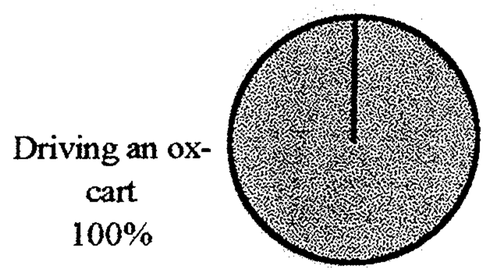
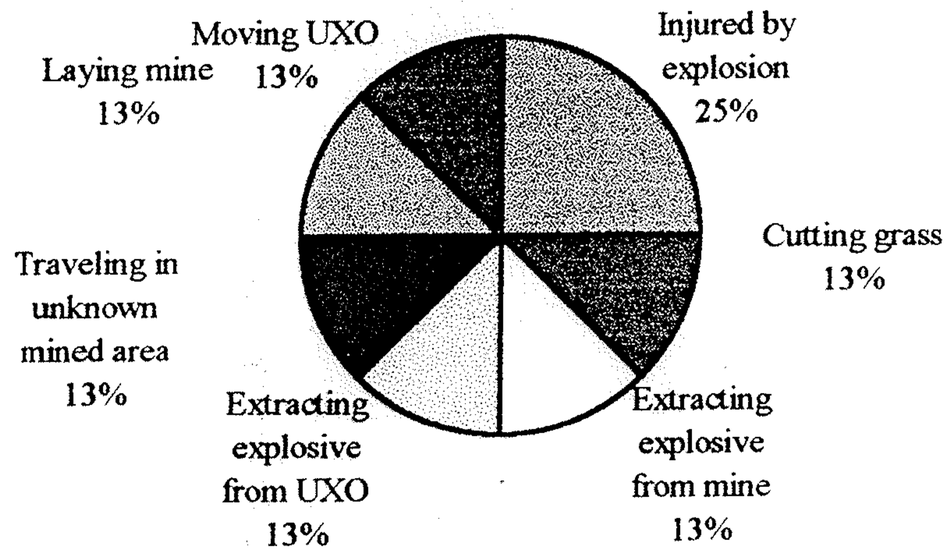
MINE ACCIDENT REPORT BY ACTIVITY BATTAMBANG PROVINCE - NOVEMBER 1995

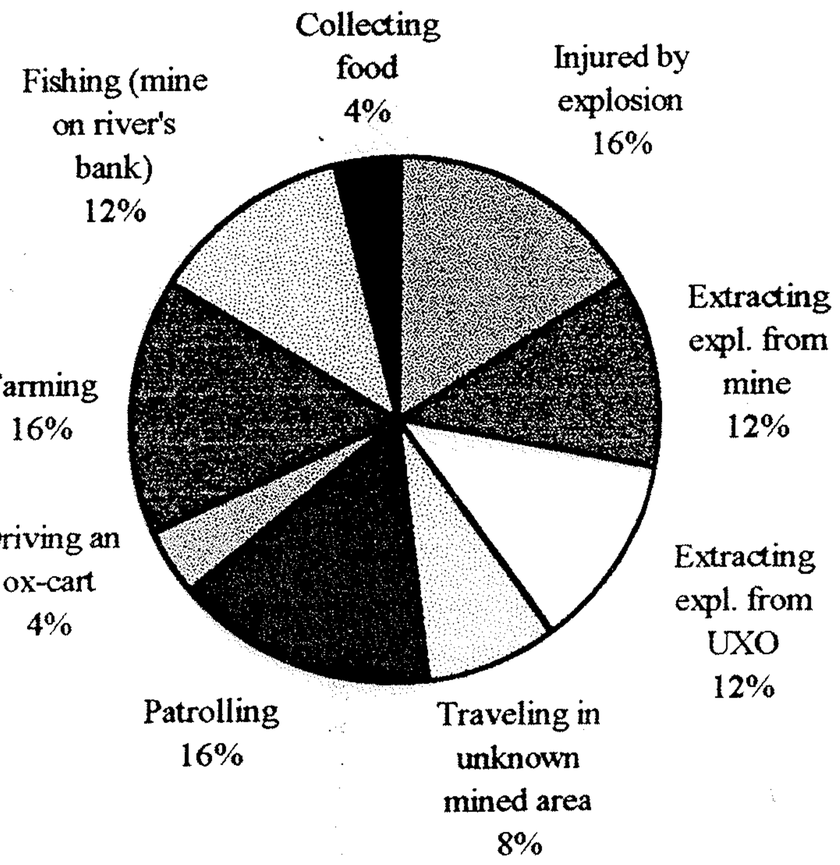
WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES



CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES



MEN'S ACTIVITIES



TOTAL NUMBER OF CASUALTIES	MEN	WOMEN	CHILDREN
34	25	1	8

CATEGORIES	SUB-CATEGORIES	% of Total Number of Male Casualties	% of Total Number of Female Casualties	% of Total Number of Children Injured
INJURED BY EXPLOSION		16.00%		25.00%
FISHING	DUE TO USE OF EXPLOSIVE			
	MINES ON RIVER BANK	12.00%		
FARMING		16.00%		
COLLECTING FOOD		4.00%		
DRIVING AN OX-CART		4.00%	100.00%	
CUTTING GRASS				12.50%
TRAVELING IN	UNKNOWN MINED AREAS	8.00%		12.50%
	KNOWN MINED AREAS			
	NEW MINED AREAS			
TOUCHING	MOVING UXO			12.50%
	PLAYING WITH UXO			
	EXTRACTING EXPLOSIVE / METAL FROM UXO	12.00%		12.50%
	EXTRACTING EXPLOSIVE / METAL FROM MINE	12.00%		12.50%
LAYING MINE				12.50%
PATROLLING		16.00%		
TOTAL		100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

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