



March 2022 Newsletter

Updates from Vietnam:

Explosive Ordnance Risk Education in Quảng Trị Province

Earlier this month, the PeaceTrees team facilitated one of the first in-person Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE) events in Quảng Trị Province since 2019! During the last two years, large-scale EORE events have been canceled due to COVID-19 restrictions. While PeaceTrees EOD technicians were able to educate community members during clearance activities in the field, we are thrilled to be welcoming back these EORE events for students. At this event, primary school students learned about the risks associated with explosive ordnance, played games to support their learning, and received resources about EO to help keep themselves and their families safe. PeaceTrees looks forward to safely expanding our EORE activities in the coming months. [You can learn more about our work in EORE here.](#)



A student at the in-person EORE event in March 2022, Danaan Parry Landmine Education Center, Quảng Trị Province

PeaceTrees EOD technician Ho Van Giang explaining to a local farmer what to do if they encounter a suspected bomb, Quảng Trị Province



PeaceTrees staff helping students learn about explosive ordnance through an engaging game, Quảng Trị Province

103 Cluster Munitions Removed from Villages in Cam Lo District

In February, PeaceTrees EOD teams removed a total of 109 cluster munitions from various districts in Quảng Trị Province. **At just one site in Cam Lo District, 103 cluster munitions were found, safely removed, and destroyed.** Cluster munitions, which are about the size of a baseball, are especially dangerous because they are often mistaken for innocuous objects. Between 1965 and 1973, an estimated 413,130 tons of cluster munitions were dropped over Vietnam. Cluster munitions have a significant failure rate (up to 30%), which means they often fail to explode upon hitting the ground but continue to pose a risk of detonation. Finding so many in one location highlights the continued importance of PeaceTrees' work in mine action and EORE.



A collection of the cluster munitions removed from Cam Lo District, Quảng Trị Province

A pair of PeaceTrees EOD technicians working in Cam Lo District, Quảng Trị Province

Large Aircraft Bomb Removed in Quảng Bình Province

On March 1, construction workers in Dong Hoi City, Quảng Bình Province discovered a large bomb while working alongside the Hồ Chí Minh Highway. After PeaceTrees received word, EOD teams were deployed to the site. It took two hours for the team to pump water out of the channel to safely access the bomb. After evaluating that the bomb was safe to remove, it was carefully hoisted up using bamboo poles and was identified as a 500 lb. MK-82 bomb. This is the seventh large aircraft bomb that PeaceTrees' Quảng Bình teams have been called to respond to since the start of the year! [Learn more about our work in Quảng Bình Province here!](#)



A PeaceTrees EOD team pumping water out of the channel to access the bomb, Dong Hoi City, Quảng Bình Province

PeaceTrees EOD technicians using bamboo poles to safely remove the 500 lb. aircraft bomb, Dong Hoi City, Quảng Bình Province

PeaceTrees Spring Events

Monday, April 4 at 5pm PDT: International Mine Awareness Day and Q+A with PeaceTrees

You are invited to join PeaceTrees In-Country Director Ha Pham, and Executive Director Claire Yunker for a LIVE Q+A over ZOOM on **Monday, April 4 at 5pm PDT**. Join us to hear updates and learn more about our mine action work in Vietnam! [Click here to register for this meeting.](#)

Thursday, April 21 at 6pm PDT: An Evening with Nguyễn Phan Quế Mai to discuss *The Mountains Sing*

We are excited to welcome back bestselling author and friend, Nguyễn Phan Quế Mai for a virtual talk on her bestselling novel, *The Mountains Sing*. This event will be a ZOOM webinar and will include the opportunity to ask questions about the book! [Register for free on the PeaceTrees website.](#)



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