

## January 2019 Newsletter



### End of 2018 Clearance Results

Our Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) teams exceeded their quarterly goal of clearing 250,000 square meters of land by over 173,000 square meters. From October – December 2018, our teams were able to clear approximately 104 acres of land, making the last quarter of 2018 the most productive of the year. PeaceTrees teams collected and safely destroyed 889 unexploded ordnance (UXO), and 704 small arms ammunitions. We also reached 4,706 individuals through Mine Risk Education activities! Several PeaceTrees Technicians ended the year by distinguishing themselves through International Mine Action Standard Certification. After intense training, field mentoring, and demonstration of skill mastery, 12 technicians received level 2 certification and 16 technicians received level 1 certification.

### Expanding our EOD Teams in 2019

We are also excited to announce that this year we will be growing our demining program by adding 6 teams and 38 employees! We will be adding two clearance teams, two survey teams, and two vegetation cutting teams. This expansion will dramatically increase our productivity, and will allow us to return more land back to communities most affected by the war. We anticipate that in 2019, PeaceTrees teams will clear 3,000,000 square meters of land which is a 161% increase compared to 2018 goals!



Surveying and clearance in Quang Tri



Mine Risk Education session

## Travel to Vietnam with PeaceTrees in 2019!

We still have spots available on our upcoming trips to Vietnam! PeaceTrees Citizen Diplomacy Trips aim to reach beyond simplistic narratives and provide opportunities for travelers to volunteer and experience Vietnam from a unique and rewarding perspective rarely offered to tourists.

Join us March 13th - 28th or September 13th - 27th!

For more information about these trips or to register please email

[info@peacetreesvietnam.org](mailto:info@peacetreesvietnam.org)



## Chúc Mừng Năm Mới! Happy Lunar New Year!

Wishing you all a very Happy Lunar New Year! We hope that in this Year of the Pig you find hope, community, prosperity and growth! – [Download our calendar here!](#)

# Happy Lunar New Year 2019

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