

**ACTION PLAN OF VIETNAM ASSOCIATION
FOR SUPPORTING UXO/MINE ACTION EFFORTS
PERIOD 2015 -2020**

Implementation of the Prime Minister's directive, after almost two-year with the tireless efforts of the Campaign Committee for establishment of Vietnam Association for Supporting UXO/mine Action Efforts (VNASMA), on September 11 2014, Ministry of Home Affairs issued Decision No.949/QD-BNV on recognition of VNASMA. On 11 - 12 November 2014, VNASMA organizes the first Congress. It has discussed such fundamental documents of the Association as Provisional Regulations on Organization and Operation, Charter ect. To carry out resolutions, the first Congress discussed and adopted the "Action Plan for the period 2015-2020".

1. Objectives:

Vietnam Association for Supporting UXO/mine Action Efforts with both voluntary individual and organization members strive to minimize and eliminate impacts of post-war bombs and mines, ensure people's safety, help community reintegration of UXO victims, and resettlement from contaminated areas.

In the mean times, develop and make VNASMA become a social association having effective contribution to mine action in Vietnam. Advocating the activities of the Association well is to make good influences on society and build the international prestige in the field of mine action.

Closely adhere to the objectives, requirements and missions of the Program 504 of the Government as guidance for the activities of the Association.

2. Missions

Initially, the Association attaches much importance to the establishment and development of its organizational structure, personnel at the central level in order to promote quality of its operations and performance right from the outset. VNASMA is trying to have a temporary workplace and address, and the gradually strive to have an official headquarter. It is also trying to build up an operating fund and the Financial Regulations as soon as possible.

Develop more the Association's membership at local levels, and base on the reality of each locality to set up branches, in which putting high priority on the heavily contaminated locality. We plan to establish about 2-3 branches in the Northern provinces, 4 branches in the Central provinces, and four ones in the Southern

provinces. We also make efforts to increase total membership number of the Association up to 1,500 people in the next five years, and branches at the local levels have their all own stable workplaces and budget for formal operational activities.

Develop and cultivate relationships with such key the State, Government departments and socio-political organizations as: the National Steering Committee for the National Action Plan on Overcoming Bomb and Mine Aftermath (the National Steering Committee 504); the Ministry of Defense (MOD); the Minister of Labor, Invalids and Social Affairs (MOLISA); the Ministry of Home Affairs (MOHA); the Vietnam Fatherland Front...; and Veterans Association of Vietnam, the Vietnam Martyrs' Family Support Association (VMFSA); the Vietnam Association for Victims of Agent Orange/ Dioxin; the Vietnam Women's Union, ect. The branches of the Association at local level should develop and strengthen close and fruitful relationships with enterprises; organizations in their localities, at the same time build their own prestige and status through their works suited with local realities. Each branch attaches great importance to developing its network for timely detection of arising problems related to the functions and duties of the Association to advise and consult right measures for implementation.

The whole Association from the Centre to the Local levels closely co-operate with departments of the National Steering Committee 504 in term of advocating consequent status of post-war ERW. In each locality, each area, each Branch is to have a thorough grasp of contamination status to advise the Central Association on advocacy and sponsor calling.

In addition to Advocacy, members of the Association should have knowledge and techniques to guide people how to prevent mine accidents, guide and help the people resettled in heavily contaminated areas. To do this, members are encouraged to learn experiences, scientific and technical advances relating to mine action.

Adherence to reality, operation under the Law, and motto, missions and Charter of the Association, the whole Association actively do surveys on contamination level and its impacts to people's lives in order to build up accurate data on mine contamination and consequences. Timely submission of overcoming recommendations and solutions to the Government, the National Steering Committee 504 is for the sake of socio-economic development, safety and enhancement of living standard of people.

We shall cooperate with mine-clearance departments/organizations to make training and retraining plans for our members to improve their knowledge and

skills of ERA. So that we can effectively cooperate with local Armed Forces in detection and disposal of UNO, and advocate organizations and individuals joining hands to overcome bombs and mine aftermaths in localities.

Other tasks are to increase effectiveness of raising sponsorship money for the Association's Operational Fund. Initially, we try to raise about five billions VEND. At the same time, we also try to work with related state departments to achieve entitlement of Typical Association. Besides we set up and run advocacy campaigns on status and consequences of post-war bombs and mines in Vietnam in order to call upon other nations' governments, foreign NGOs, international and domestic organizations and individuals providing donation and assistance for the Association's operations.

3. Measurements

a. Organization:

Consolidate organizational structure from the central level to local one. Assign officers in charge of each department. Each department works out its own specific plan for each year, each period. Attach importance to enhance quality of associates, of local branch. Build up tight management and direction systems from the Central Committee of the Association to sub-Association. Establish a network of working relationships with government agencies, social organizations at home and abroad. Establish headquarter of the Association, step by step, equip and procure equipments, work out and promulgate rules and working regulations applied for its office and branches.

b. Operation:

Enhance education to raise awareness for officers, staff, members of the role the position and duties of the Association. Make use of propaganda in different forms, each associate is a propagandist, media is a main channel in order to make people, organizations at home and abroad understand well the motto and purposes of the Association. As a result, we continue to get more guidance and both physical and spiritual assistance for our operations.

Each branch in each area should actively grasp the real situation, strengthen relationship with local governments, departments, companies, and consider assistance of ERA victims as an utmost goal.

c. Sponsorship:

Under its functions, missions and rights, the Association shall boost relations with domestic and international organizations to mobilize donations effectively. It appoint leader in charge of managing and planning on sponsorship raising

activities. Besides, the Association also works with State agencies to ask for funding some its operating expenses.

The Central Association actively cooperate with, and direct its branches to work with local governments to run advocacy campaigns on calling upon domestic and international donors sponsoring for specific projects of mine clearance, victim assistance, economic development, infrastructure construction for contaminated localities.

The Association will also integrate projects of local socio-economic development with mine-related actions to increase effectiveness of the project with a view of community reintegration in contaminated areas. Building and opening website of the Association, which serves as an official media channel about its operations, and attract advertisement of organizations, businesses, associations.

The Association's Action Plan reflects wills and aspirations of a voluntary organization with help and support from State agencies, social organizations at home and abroad. The Association does its utmost efforts to achieve goals of minimizing then eliminate entire consequences of ERW, ensuring safety and contributing to socio-economic development of the country.

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