



Humanity & Inclusion
Lao PDR

Humanitarian Mine Action
Program

20/09/2018

- From 64-73, 270 million cluster munitions dropped during Indochina War
- 2 million tons of ordnance (more than combined total of bombs used in WWII), approx. 30% of which failed to detonate
- Since 1964, 50,713 casualties recorded including 21,163 survivors
- 59 casualties in 2017
- 10 out of 18 provinces severely contaminated by UXO
- The National Socio-Economic Dvp Plan identifies UXO contamination as not only major threat to physical safety, livelihoods, and food security but also a significant cause of poverty
- Lao launched SDG18 to remove UXO obstacle to national development

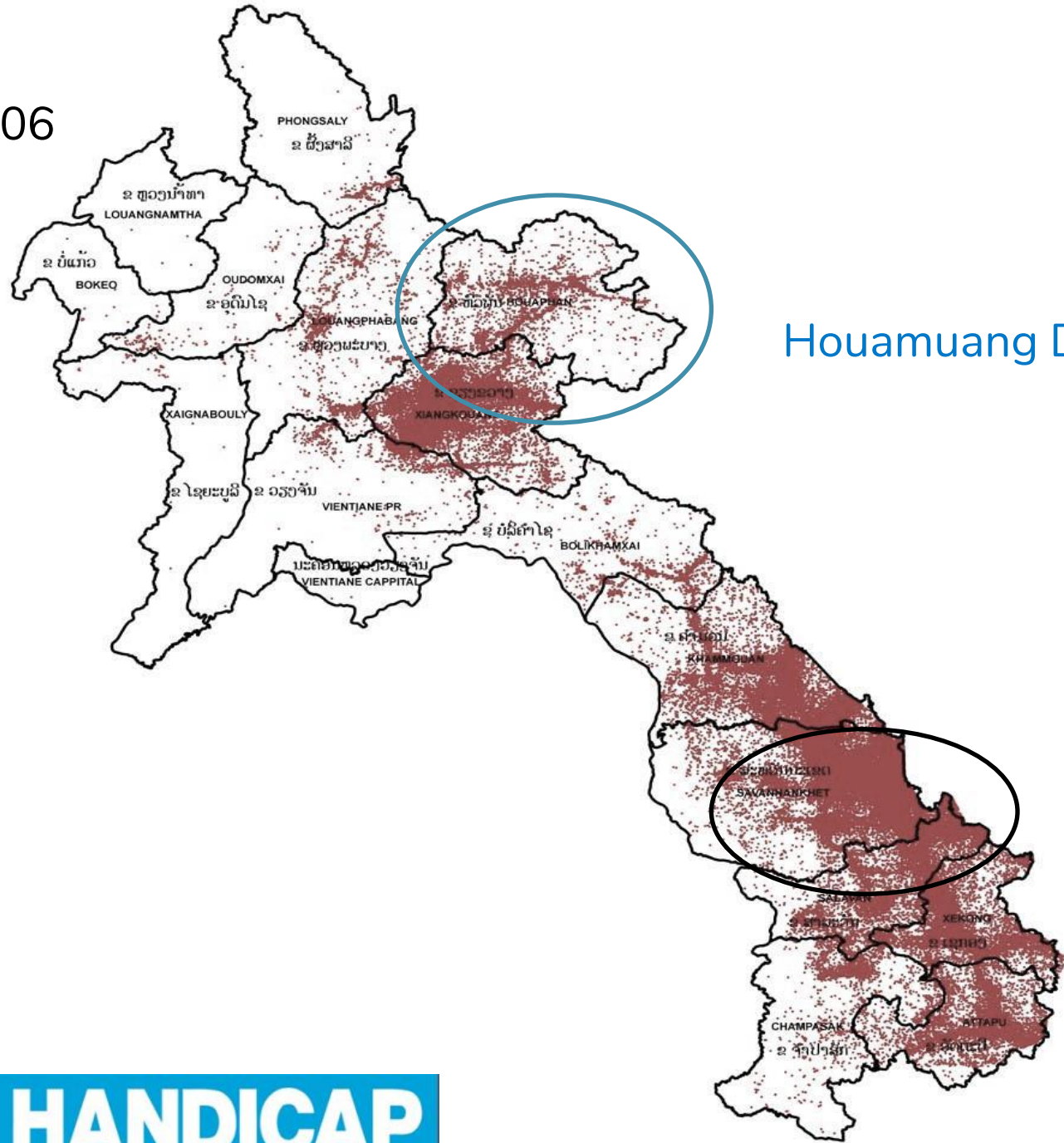


Presence since 1996

Clearance Operator in 2006

3,719,630 sq. meters cleared

28,490 UXO destroyed



Houamuang District

**HANDICAP
INTERNATIONAL**



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UXO Sector

Treaties & Voting status (Lao PDR)

Mine Ban Treaty / Status:	non-signatory
Convention on Cluster Munitions / Status:	state party
Convention on Conventional Weapons / Status:	Ratified
Convention on Conventional Weapons / Amended Protocol II:	Not signed
Convention on Conventional Weapons / Protocol V:	Consented to be bound
UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities / Status:	Ratified
2017 UNGA Resolutions: 72/40 (landmines) -- 72/41 (cluster munitions)	In favor - In favor

Management of the sector



- “Safe Path Forward II” (SPF) plan, revised 2015
- Lao PDR UXO Plan for 2016–2020
- Annual workplan for 2018

- Lao PDR National UXO/Mine Action Standards
- New “Lao PDR UXO Survey Procedures” were approved in July 2018



Operators



Norwegian People's Aid

+16 national/international commercial companies



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UXO Project

‘A comprehensive approach to reduce the impact of Unexploded Ordnance on Human Safety and Rural Livelihoods in Lao PDR’

Houaphan Province

2018-2020



Consortium



Funded by:



European Union
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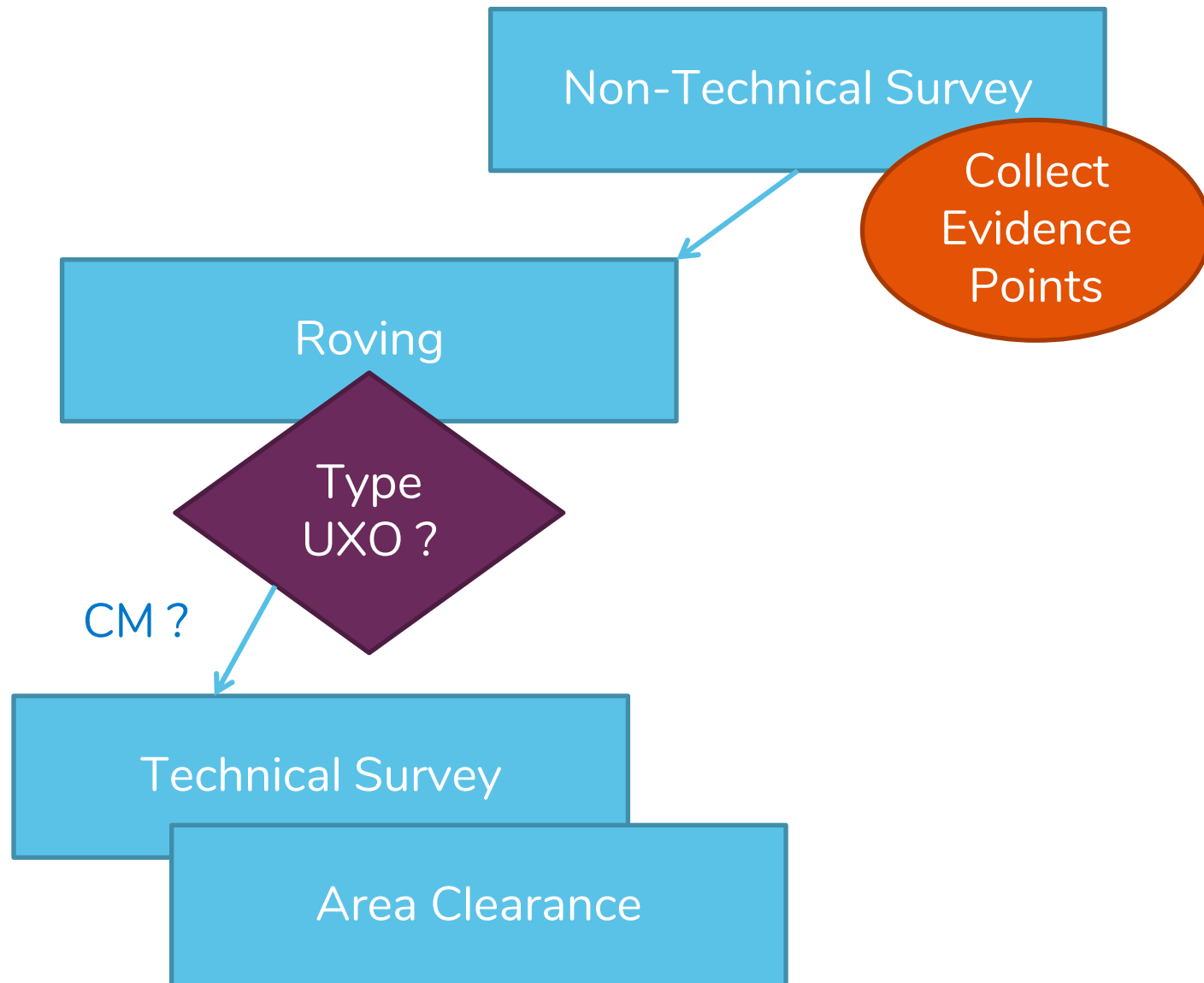
Budget: 2.750.000 EUR

Objectives of the project

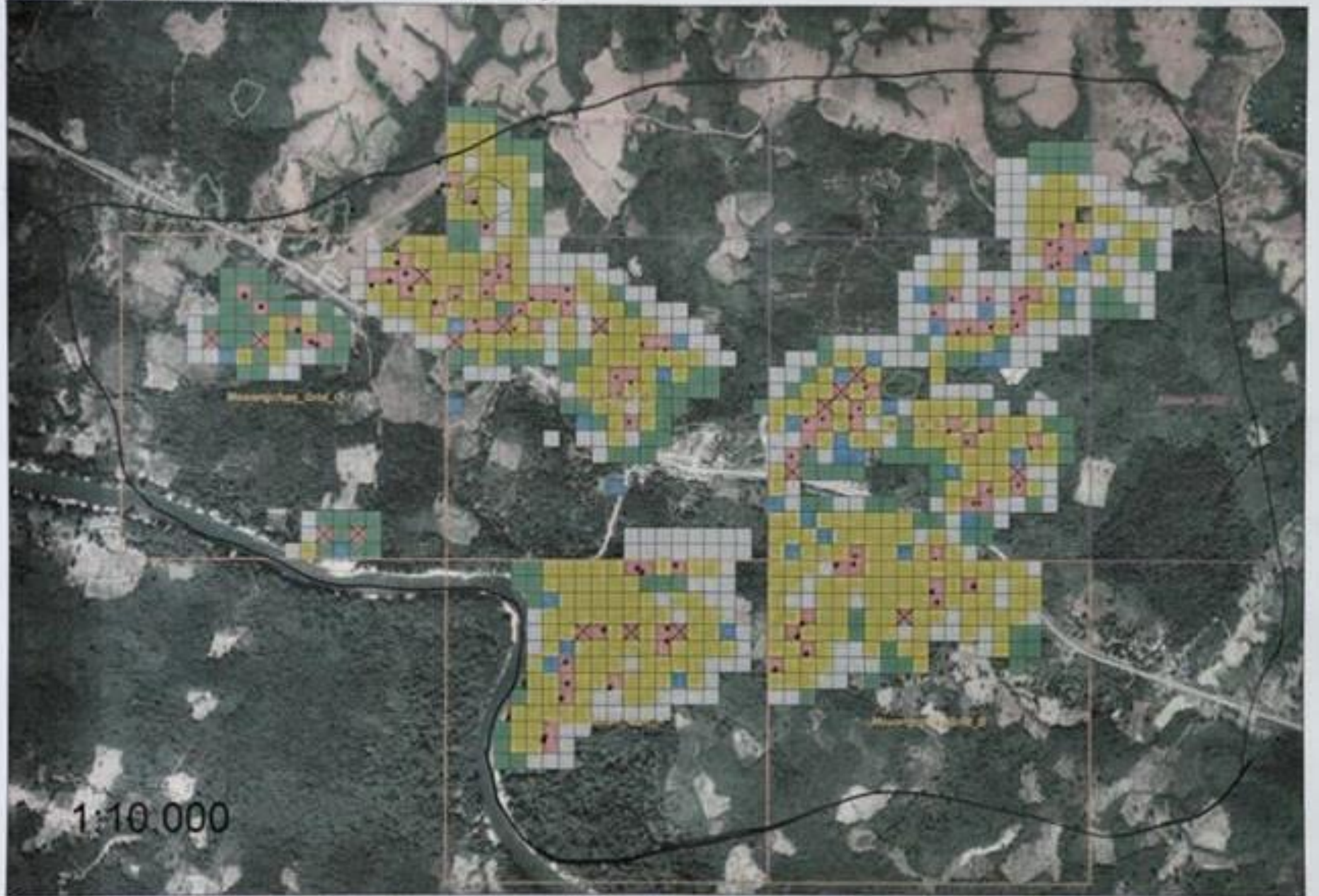
Overall objective: To contribute to poverty reduction, human security and the UN Sustainable Development Goals including SDG18 by removing the impact of UXO and supporting the implementation of the Safe Path Forward II

Specific objective: To reduce the humanitarian and socio-economic impact posed by UXO on rural livelihoods in Houamouang District, Houaphan Province in Lao PDR, through a comprehensive approach of UXO survey and clearance, risk education, victim assistance

Clearance / Survey



① ADMINISTRATIVE BOUNDARIES



1:10,000

② Green — CA bound — — — — — No CA bound into the A.C.

Risk Management

- Develop and support a Risk Management approach in target villages
- Risk Education awareness sessions in communities through safety briefings and mobile Risk Education
- Organise and coordinate the training of teachers from schools in targeted villages on the UXO curriculum in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Sports
- Monitoring and Evaluation of RE activities



Victim Assistance & Advocacy

- **Data collection** on persons with disabilities, UXO Survivors and their families in targeted villages (HI)
- **A community-based volunteer first aid model of intervention** for UXO survivors, indirect victims, and persons with disabilities and their families (HI)
- **Provide community-based psychosocial support** to UXO survivors and persons with disabilities and their families. (HI)
- **Promote inclusion of People with Disability, including UXO survivors, in all steps of Bamboo livelihood activities** (HI/GRET)
- **Increase disability rights awareness** improve behaviours and practices using GALS/DRET training/tools (LDPA/OXFAM).
- **Improve coordination between disability stakeholders at provincial and district level** (HI / LDPA)



CAMA Approach

Village

Community-based Risk Management Approach

School-based
RE

Non-Technical Survey

UXO

Victims
/ PwD

ROVING

TECHNICAL
SURVEY

AREA
CLEARANCE

Victim Assistance
Livelihood Activities
Rights Awareness

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CAMA Project

‘Ensuring a comprehensive response to the needs of survivors, persons with disabilities and most vulnerable people in context of post-conflict and protracted crisis – Phase V’

Vientiane, Houaphan Province

2018-2019

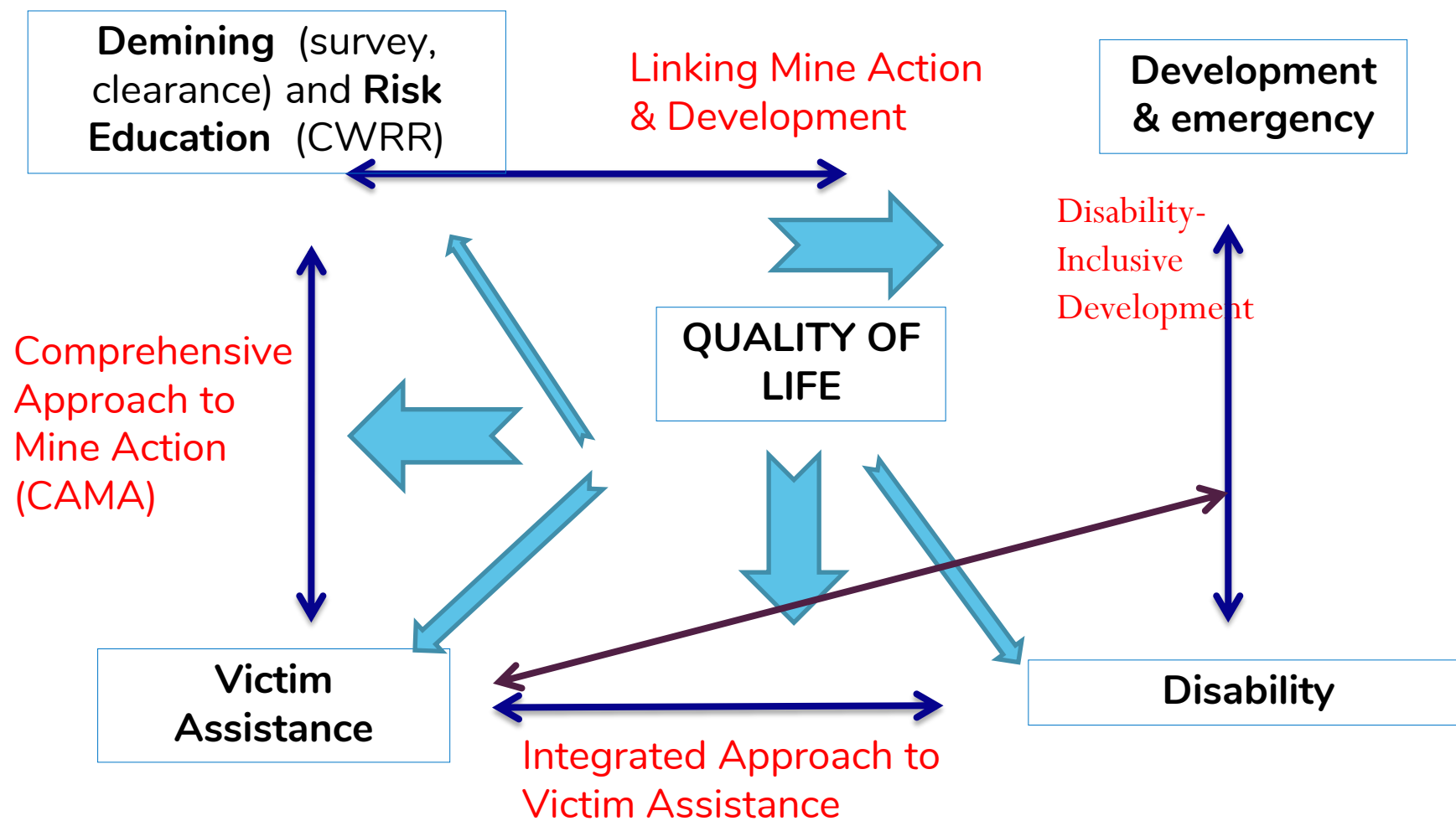
Multi-country project: Afghanistan, Laos, International advocacy



NORWEGIAN MINISTRY
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Budget: 314.000 EUR (140.420 EUR for Lao PDR)

Linkages between concepts





National Level:

At the national Level in Lao PDR, the disability and VA Government authorities improve their policy dialogue with Civil Society actors to develop and implement the international and national disability rights legislation

- **Develop a logical link and synergies between the Disability Policy, Strategy, AP and the disability monograph.**
- Finalize, publish, repackage and disseminate the National Disability Policy, Strategy and Action Plan and the Disability Monograph.
- **Establish a multi-agency social statistics research committee** led by Lao Statistics Bureau (LSB) with a specific focus on disability including UXO survivors and indirect victims.

Provincial Level:

At provincial level, National Disability Policy & Strategic action plan are implemented by provincial NCDE, while mine action stakeholders have a better understanding of the necessity to have a comprehensive approach in their activities.

- In link with the EU funded CAMA project in the Houaphan Province, and the USAID CBID project in Savanakhet Province participation of UXO survivors, other persons with disabilities and indirect victims is increased and they are **aware of their rights in the frame of National disability Policy, Strategy and Action Plan.**
- **Build linkages between UXO operators in the Houaphan Province and Community Based Inclusive Development Officers** in the identification, referral and follow-up of UXO survivors, other persons with disabilities and indirect victims in the provision of **psychosocial support / mental health support**

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- Build up a **common information system** that includes activities related to the HI's UXO project in Huamuang district (identification of people with disabilities, clearance/survey, risk management, victim assistance) and its partners.
- **Share a common knowledge** of the implemented activities and policy/legal framework of Stakeholder's actions at the provincial level
- **Identify relevant synergies** between the different teams involved in the UXO project to identify good practices that could benefit to the UXO sector for an enhanced impact and value for money

