



# Lao PDR: Key thematic and humanitarian elements of bilateral cooperation and assistance

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**80 countries affected by Explosive Remnants of War**

**At Least 24 Countries Affected by Cluster Munitions**

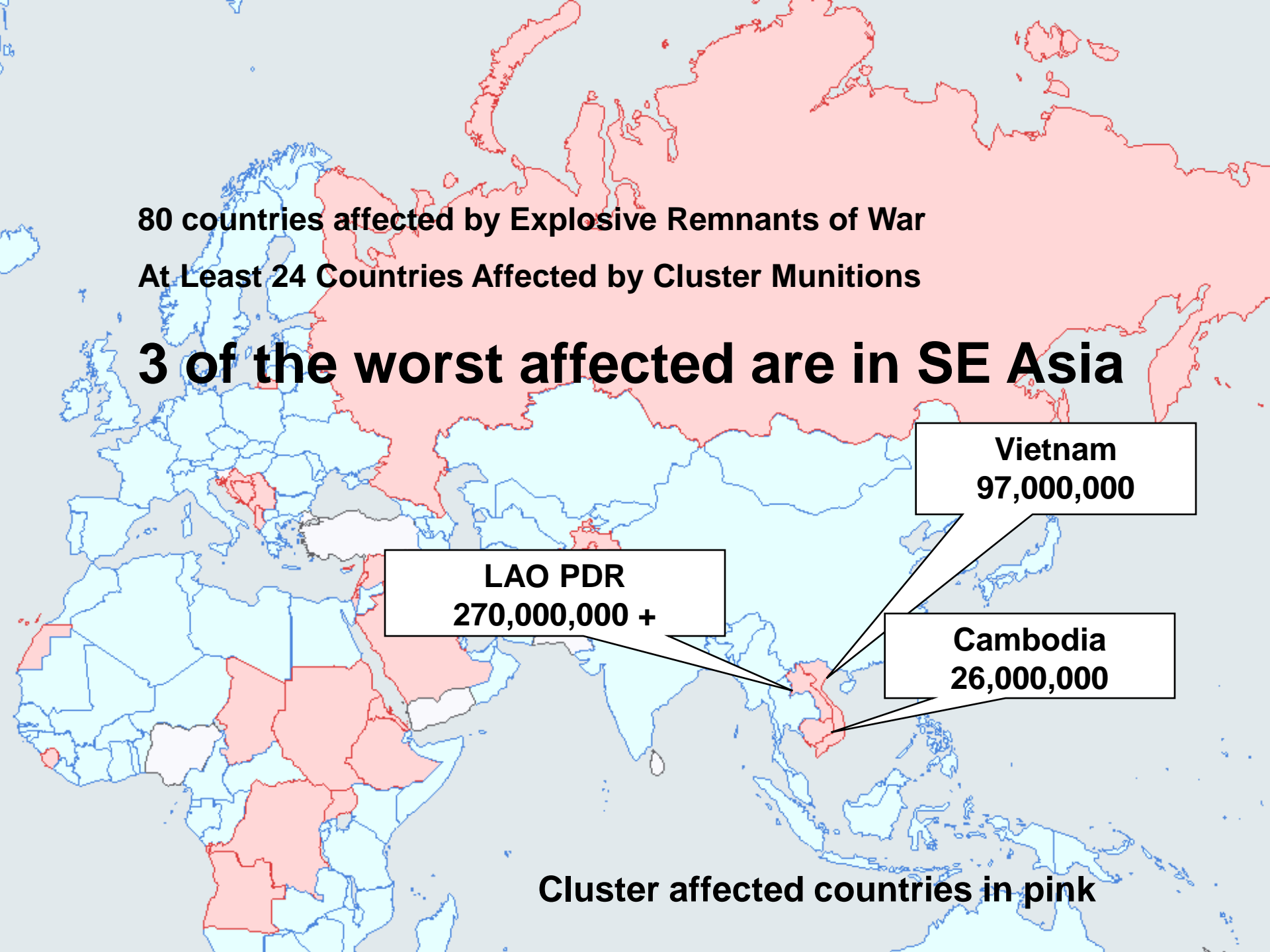
**3 of the worst affected are in SE Asia**

**Vietnam**  
**97,000,000**

**LAO PDR**  
**270,000,000 +**

**Cambodia**  
**26,000,000**

**Cluster affected countries in pink**

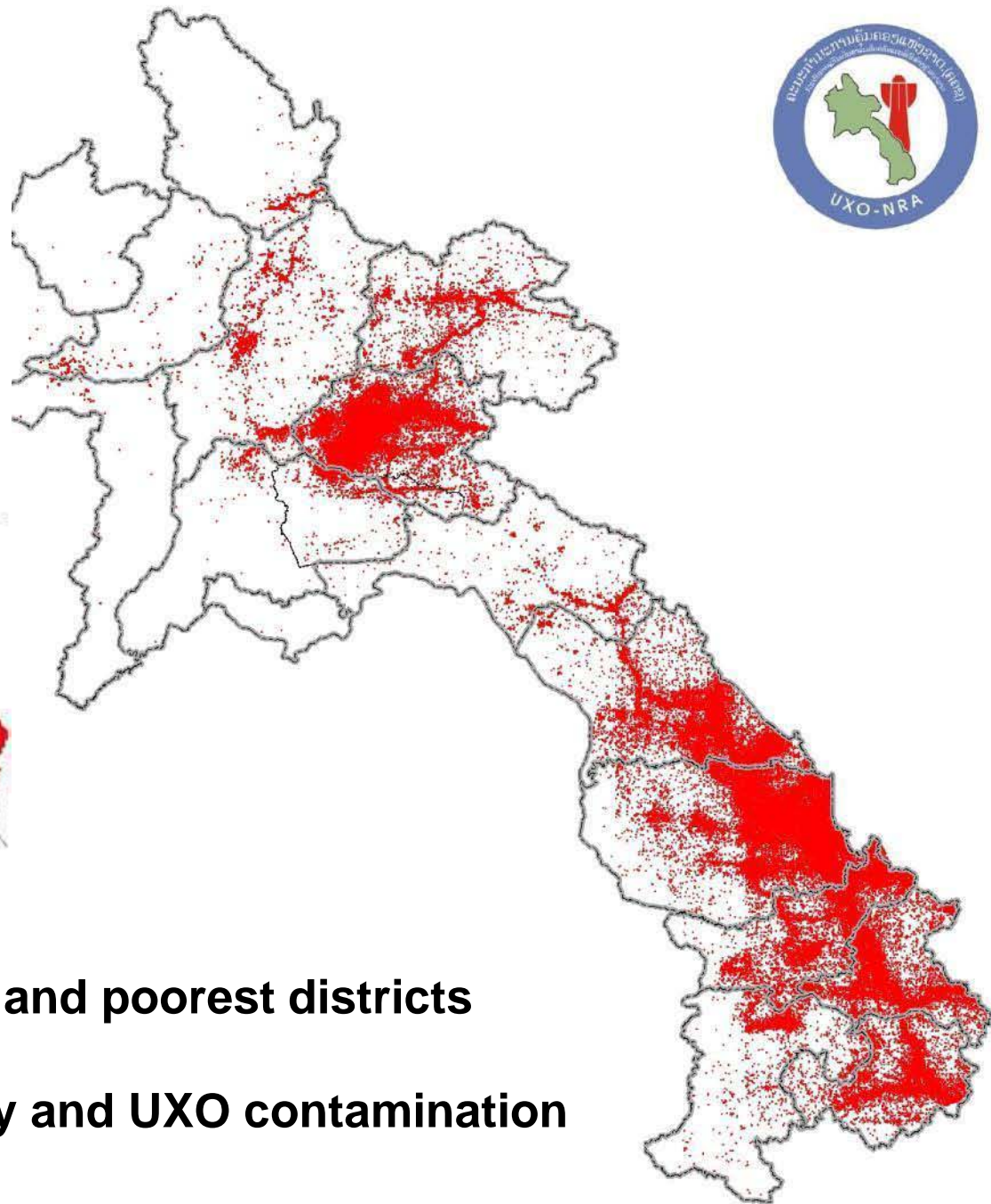
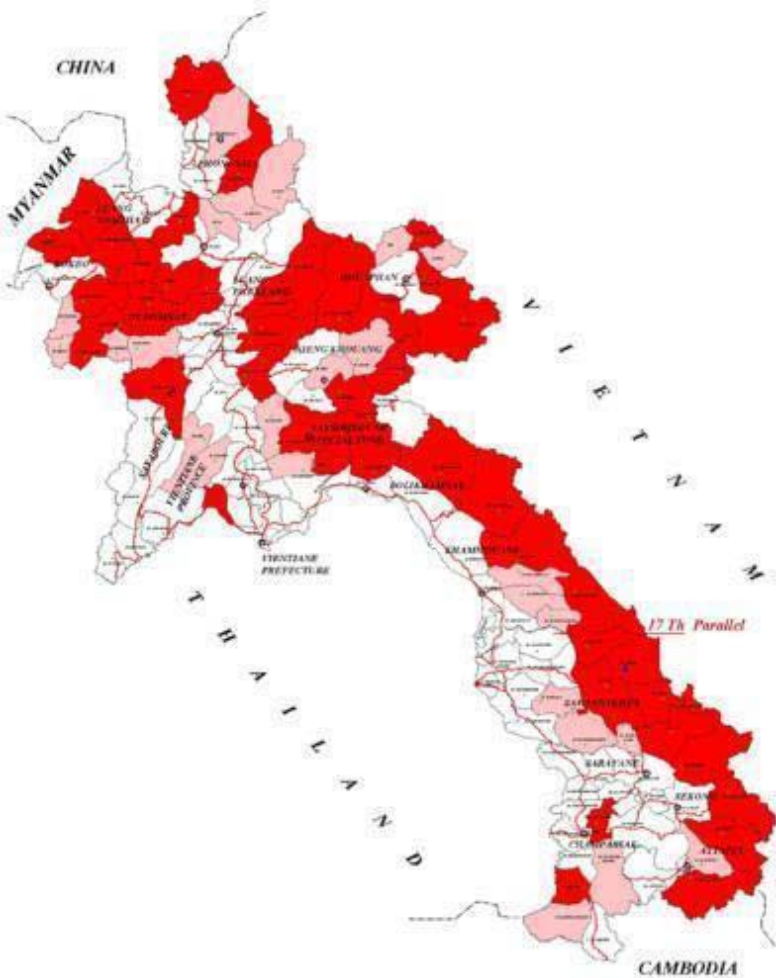




# Background

**More than 2,000,000 tons of ordnance dropped between 1964 - 1973**





**Map on the left shows poor and poorest districts**

**Correlation between poverty and UXO contamination**



# Addressing UXO Issues

- **1995: Trust Fund for UXO Clearance established.**
- **1996: National UXO Programme (UXO Lao) established.**
- **2004: Adoption of the National Strategic Plan for the UXO Sector 2003-2013, “The Safe Path Forward”. (Being reviewed and to adopt a new strategic plan for 2010-2020 soon)**
- **2006: National Regulatory for the UXO Sector (NRA)**
- **Three pillars :**
  - **Making land safe (Clearance),**
  - **Teaching about the Risks (Mine Risk Education)**
  - **working with survivors (victim assistance)**



# Clearance Operators

## Not-for-profits

- Fondation suisse de deminage (FSD)
- Handicap International Belgium (HIB)
- Lao Army
- Mines Advisory Group (MAG)
- Norwegian People's Aid (NPA)
- Solidarity Service international (SODI)
- UXO Lao

## Commercials

- ASA Power Engineering
- BACTEC
- Lao BSL Unexploded Ordnance Disposal
- Milsearch
- MMG (LXML)
- Phoenix (PCL)
- Phonh sack da (PSD)
- SBH



# Clearance Progress (1996-2009)

## Combined land clearance

- 25,061 hectares cleared
- 1,093,114 UXO destroyed (incl. 472,587 cluster submunitions)





# Risk Education

## Operators

- UXO Lao
- MAG, HIB, FSD
- World Education/Consortium
- Min. of Information and Culture

## Risk Education:

- 10,466 village visits
- 533 schools (Mine Risk in schools curriculum)
- Radio Spots (Min. of Information & Culture)







# Victim Assistance

## Operators

- Ministry of Health
- COPE, AAR Japan
- World Education/  
Consortium
- Lao Disabled People's  
Association

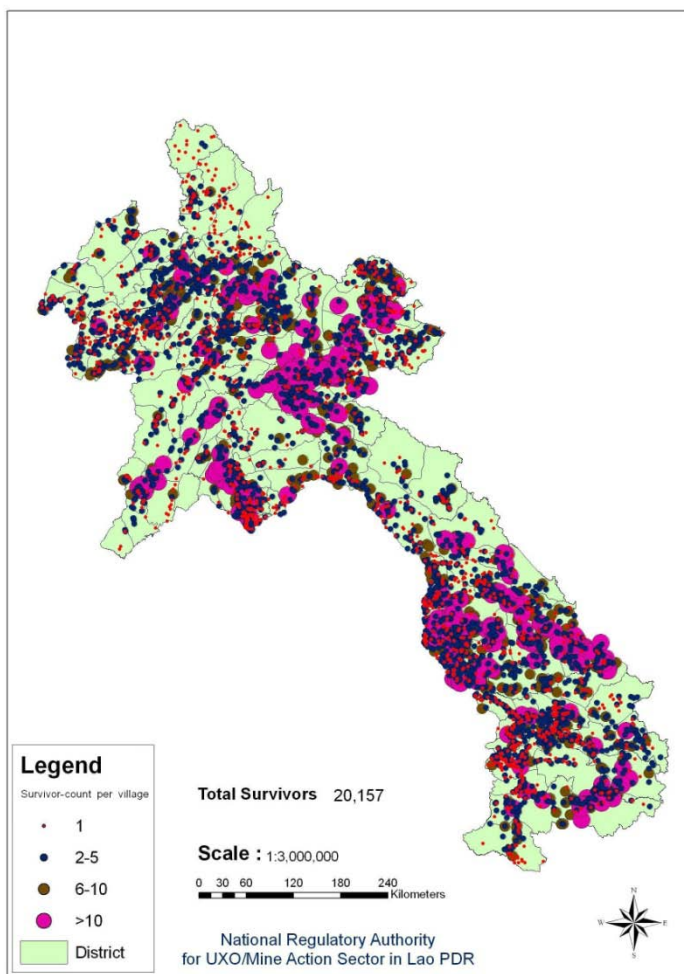
## Activities:

- Medical help
- Prosthetic limbs
- Promote rights of  
disabled





# Victim and Accident Survey Phase 1

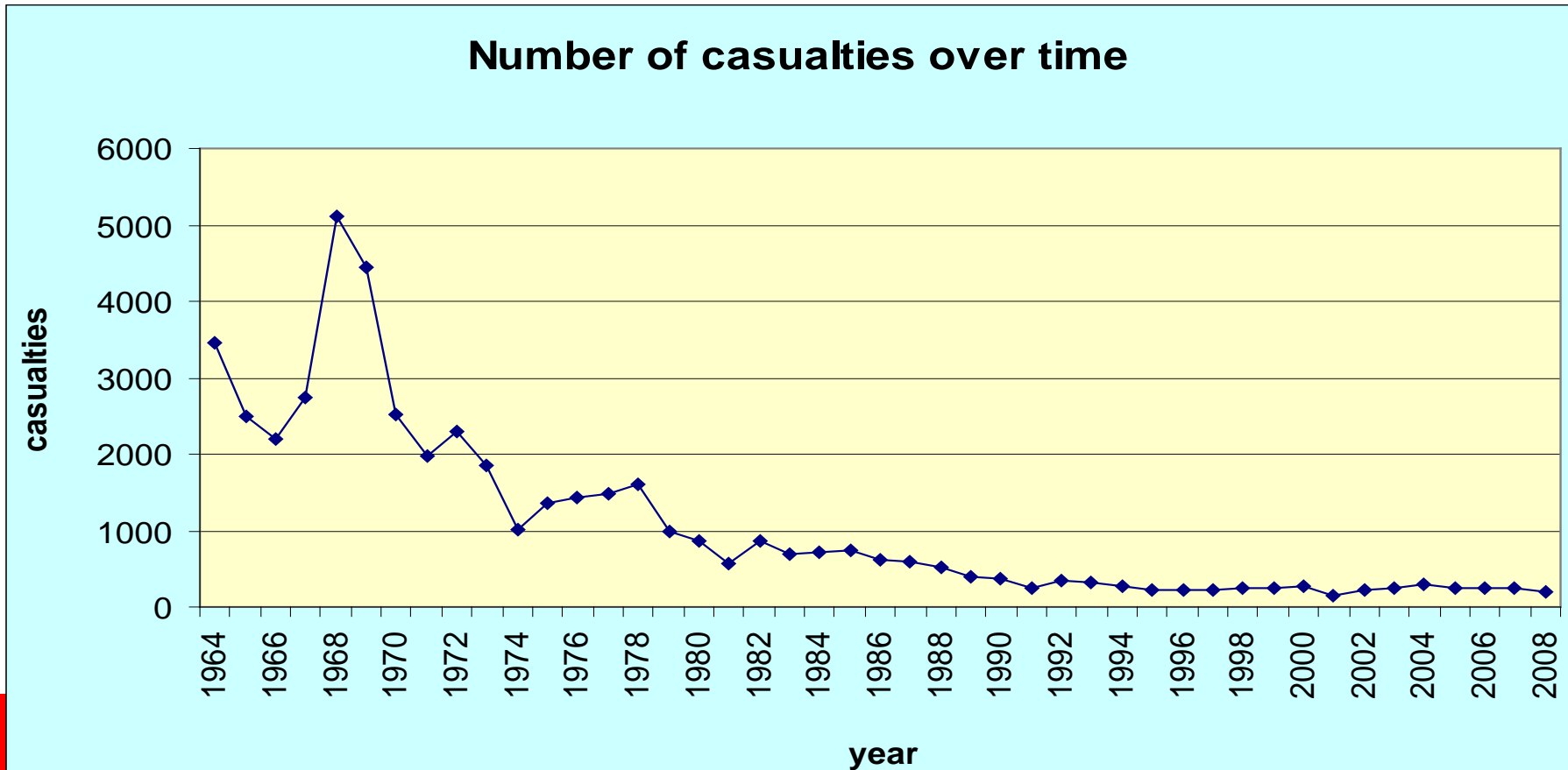


- 50,136 UXO casualties recorded (1964-2008)
- 12,500 casualties in Savannakhet Province
- 6,000 casualties in Xieng Khouang Province
- 59% killed – 41% injured



# Victim Assistance

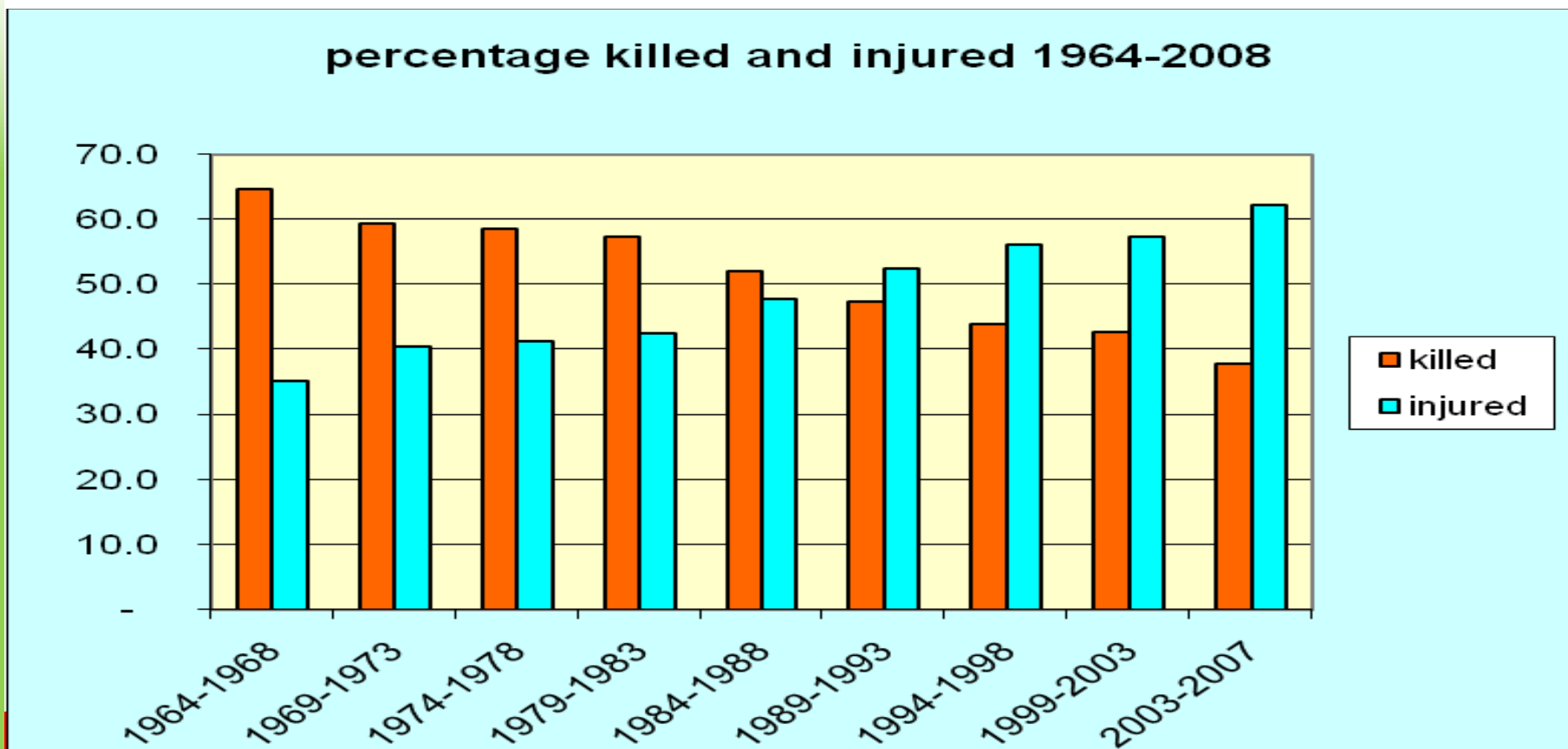
## Results of Phase 1: Total Casualties 1964-2008





# Victim Assistance

## Results of Phase 1: % Deaths and Injuries: 1964-2008





# UXO sector budget in 2009

<i><b>UXO Sector Operator</b></i>	<i><b>Total Expenditure on UXO Operations in 2009 (USD)</b></i>
Association for Aid and Relief Japan (AAR)	105,539
C.O.P.E	466,000
Handicap International Belgium (HIB)	457,058
Lao Disabled People's Association (LDPA)	162,268
MAG (Mines Advisory Group)	3,531,467
Norwegian People's Aid (NPA Lao PDR)	2,515,000
Swiss Foundation for Mine Action (FSD)	861,800
Solidarity Service International (SODI)	718,560
Lao National UXO Programme (UXO LAO)	6,709,518
World Education/Consortium	201,855
Bactec Lao Limited	548,841
Milsearch BPKP EOD Joint Venture Ltd.	453,871
MMG (Mineral Mines Group)/LXML	2,306,485
Phoenix Clearance Ltd. (PCL)	278,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19,316,262</b>



# UXO sector donor countries in 2009

**Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, South Korea, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States and European Union**



# Revised Sector Strategy 2010-2020

## **The UXO Sector Strategy, ‘The Safe Path Forward’ (to be adopted soon)**

**The vision guiding this new strategy is:**

*The Lao PDR free from the threat of UXO, where individuals and communities live in a safe environment contributing to development and where UXO victims are fully integrated into their societies and their needs are met.*



# Revised Sector Strategy 2010-2020

**The strategic goal of the Government and its development partners over the 2010 -2020 period is:**

*to reduce the humanitarian and socio-economic threats posed by UXO to the point where the residual contamination and challenges can be adequately addressed by a sustainable national capacity fully integrated into the regular institutional set-up of the Government.*





# Revised Sector Strategy 2010-2020

The new strategy comprises of **6 Strategic Objectives**

1. Reduce the number of UXO casualties from 300 to less than 75 per year
2. Ensure that the medical and rehabilitation needs of all UXO Survivors are met in line with treaty obligations
3. Release priority land and clear UXO in accordance with National Standards and treaty obligations
4. Ensure effective leadership, coordination and implementation of the national programme
5. Establish sustainable national capacity fully integrated into the regular set-up of the Government
6. Meet international treaty obligations



## Closing Remarks

### **UXO Sector is:**

- Well structured
- Increasing efficiency
- Well led nationally
- Proactive advocate of the Convention on Cluster Munitions
- Under resourced
- Need continued assistance



**Thank you**

