

PeaceTrees Vietnam / Mine Action Glossary

BLU: Bomb live unit- part of the nomenclature of a type of submunition (i.e., BLU 26 or BLU 97)

CHA: Confirmed Hazardous Area- an area that has been surveyed and is known to contain explosive remnants of war

Cleared area: A defined area cleared through the removal and/or destruction of specified explosive ordnance hazards to a specified depth

Cluster Bomb Unit (CBU): An expendable aircraft store composed of a dispenser and sub-munitions

Cluster munition: Conventional munition that is designed to disperse or release explosive sub-munitions

DBCUC: Provincial Database Coordination Unit (provide demining groups and teams about locations of suspected explosive ordnance)

DoFA: Quang Tri Province's Department of Foreign Affairs, a key PeaceTrees partner. "DoFA has the function of advising and assisting Quang Tri Provincial People's Committee in performing the state management of Quang Tri's foreign affairs and national border and territorial work."

EO: Explosive Ordnance

EOD: Explosive Ordnance Disposal

EORE: Explosive Ordnance Risk Education

ERW: Explosive Remnants of War

GWHF (Golden West): Golden West Humanitarian Foundation- The Golden West Humanitarian Foundation is a United States based non-profit charity dedicated to the development of innovative technologies, training, and techniques that are used to enhance the global effectiveness of the humanitarian mine action community.

IMAS: International Mine Action Standard – the standard in force for all mine action operations around the world. Initially endorsed by the UN Inter-Agency Coordination Group on Mine Action in 2001, the IMAS have remained a cornerstone of all mine action field interventions for over seventeen years. In setting the standard for field operations worldwide, the IMAS framework continues to actively drive safety, quality, and efficiency. It therefore ensures confidence in mine action products across the sector.

MAG: Mine Action Group- MAG is a registered charitable group from the United Kingdom working around the globe! MAG clears landmines, performs risk education, and more. MAG works in tandem with PeaceTrees in Vietnam.

Mine action: Activities which aim to reduce the social, economic and environmental impact of mines and ERW including unexploded sub-munitions

MRE: Mine risk education (?)

MTT: Multi-Task Teams- these teams perform a variety of tasks such as responding to calls about suspected bombs, safely transporting bombs, and conducting on site demolitions.

NPA: Norwegian People's Aid- Norwegian People's Aid is a politically independent membership-based organization with activities in Norway and globally. Founded in 1939 as the Norwegian Labor movement's humanitarian solidarity organization, NPA aims to improve people's living conditions and to create societies that are more just and more democratic. NPA works in tandem with PeaceTrees in Vietnam!

QTMAC: Quang Tri Mine Action Center – the provincial center in Quang Tri for anything related to mine action, QTMAC supports the operations of PeaceTrees and other demining groups

PPC: Provincial People's Committee

PTVN: PeaceTrees Vietnam

Spot task: If someone in Quang Tri or Quang Binh finds a suspected bomb, they can call a special hotline that will alert mine action groups and send a team out to safely remove or destroy the bomb

Suspected Hazardous Area: SHA- an area where there is reasonable suspicion of explosive ordnance contamination based on indirect evidence of the presence of mines/ERW

UXO: Unexploded ordnance. Term previously used for what is now called **explosive ordnance (EO)**.

VUFO: Vietnam Union of Friendship Organizations, government organization that partners with international non-governmental organisations (INGOs) working in Vietnam.

VWU: Vietnam Women's Union. Government socio-political organization that addresses the interests of women (and children) in Vietnam, at national, provincial, and local levels. (see Women's Union)

Women's Union: The Quang Tri and Quang Binh Women's Unions represent the interests of women and children; they are partners with PTVN in identifying and addressing programmatic needs that will best serve local communities in the provinces.