



JANUARY E-NEWSLETTER



Celebrating the Success of our Healthy Gardens for Healthy Children Program

In February and March 2017, PeaceTrees deminers safely cleared individual families' plots of land of unexploded ordnance so that they could participate in our Healthful Gardens for Healthy Children project. Once land was made safe, Seattle-area Rotary Clubs and Kirchoff Fitness Adventures supported the establishment of gardens that now provide the opportunity for families to grow and eat nutritious food, such as amaranth, spinach, and other local vegetables, and for women to earn money by selling some of their harvest at market.

We are excited to report that as of January 2018, 100% of the more than 200 farmers participating in this program have successfully planted gardens and harvested crops, and more than 10% have earned income by selling vegetables at market. Based on this success and the project's ability to improve health and earn income for families, we plan expand to expand this program in 2018!

Join us for International Day of Mine Action

On April 4th, PeaceTrees Vietnam invites you to join us in recognition of International Mine Action Day. **Come support PeaceTrees and learn more about explosive remnants of war and how you can take action to help PeaceTrees clear land and build safer communities in central Vietnam.** We will be celebrating our teams' successful clearance of over 100,000 unexploded weapons, providing a chance to learn about the work that remains, and building a community of action. Join us for food and drinks, educational activities, and a chance to hear from experts in the field of mine action.



PeaceTrees Friends, community members, and anyone looking to learn more about explosive remnants of war are all welcome to join! [Please RSVP here](#). Guests at the event will be invited to give but if you would like to make a donation in advance you can do so [here](#).

When: Wednesday, April 4, 2018

Time: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Where: Wing Luke Museum, 719 S King St, Seattle, WA 98104



End of 2017 Clearance Results

Our Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) teams exceeded their quarterly goal of clearing over 100,000 square meters of land by over 28,000 square meters. From October-December 2017, our teams cleared approximately 32 acres of land, making the last quarter of 2017 the most productive of the year. PeaceTrees teams collected and

destroyed 846 Unexploded Ordnance (UXOs) and our EOD technicians reached 3,820 individuals through Mine Risk Education activities.

Finally, PeaceTrees is happy to announce that nine EOD technicians were awarded IMAS Level 3 certification which means they are now certified at the highest level possible. The graphs below illustrate the number of UXOs cleared each quarter as well as the land cleared in square meters:



PeaceTrees Vietnam is now on Instagram!



Show your support for us by following us on Instagram, the photo-sharing social network. Run by our Vietnam team, we aim to show you a glimpse of daily life in Quang Tri! Find us [here](#), or follow [@peacetreesvietnam](#).

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