

Introduction

During secret war 1964-1973, there were more than 2 million tons of ordnance dropped on Lao

It was estimated that up to 30% of these failed to detonate



BACKGROUND

- Laos is generally accredited with being the most heavily bombed country in the world, *per capita*. According to the United States of America Congressional Record – Senate of May 14th 1975, the following quantities of ordnance were dropped over SE Asia during the Second Indo-China War (1964 to 1973):

The figures in the table are all taken from Congressional Record – Senate, May 14th 1975, pages 1462 to 1466. No figure is given for the population of N Vietnam.

Location	Tons of ordnance dropped		Population at the time (app)	Tons/person
South Vietnam	3,223,553		20 million	0.16
North Vietnam	881,302			
Vietnam Total	4,104,855	4,104,855		
North Laos	320,722			
South Laos	1,762,378			
Laos Total	2,083,100	2,083,100	3 million	0.69
Cambodia Total	529,129	529,129		0.08
Indochina Total		6,727,084		

Laos received about four times as much as S Vietnam, on a *per capita* basis.

THE NATIONAL SURVEY OF UXO VICTIMS AND ACCIDENTS 2007-2008

- At the start of 2007, a proposal to collect data on all UXO victims since 1964 was developed by the NRA Victim Assistance Unit, in discussion with stakeholders attending the Victim Assistance Technical Working Group meetings (VA TWG). The following 13 elements were identified and formed the basis of a successful funding application to the European Union.

Process of the survey

- Between December 20th 2007 and January 30th 2008, the VA Unit carried out seven regionally-based, two-day training sessions with DE from all 139 districts. The trainers were the Victim Assistance Officer and the Victim Assistance Technician, assisted by the PVAT from the relevant provinces. On average, 20 DE trainees attended each training:
 - 20th-21st December 2007: training in Pakse for 19 DE from Champasak, Attapeu and Sekong provinces (total of 27 participants, including NRA and NRC, etc)
 - 27th-28th December 2007: training in Luang Namtha for 24 DE from Phongsaly, Luang Namtha, Oudomxay and Bokeo provinces (total 32 participants)

Process of the survey (cont)

- 7th-8th January 2008: training in Phonsavane for 16 DE from Houaphan and Xieng Khouang provinces (total 22 participants)
- 10th-11th January 2008: training in Luang Phrabang for 21 DE from Luang Phrabang and Xayabouri provinces (total 27 participants)
- 17th-18th January 2008: training in Thakhek for 15 DE from Khammouane and Bolikhamxay provinces (total 21 participants)
- 21st-22nd January 2008: training in Savannakhet for 23 DE from Savannakhet and Saravane provinces (total 31 participants)
- 29th-30th January 2008: training in Thalat for 21 DE from Vientiane Capital and Vientiane Province (total 27 participants)

SURVEY OF VICTIMS AND ACCIDENTS CURRENT INDICATORS: SURVEY AND RESULTS

Coverage in Provinces (Forms Received at V.A.S)

Province		Villages			Districts		Victims		
No	Name	No of villages	No surveyed	No yet to do	No of Districts	No Complete	Least complete *	No	per village
Vientiane									
1	Capital	500	480	20	9	8	96%	1,151	2.40
2	Phongsaly	578	567	11	7	6	98%	253	0.45
Luang Namtha									
3	Luang Namtha	372	268	104	5	0	72%	958	3.57
Oudomxay									
4	Oudomxay	499	499	0	7	7	100%	2,899	5.81
Bokeo									
5	Bokeo	337	337	0	5	5	100%	912	2.71
Luang									
Phrabang									
6	Phrabang	833	753	80	11	5	90%	3,638	4.83
Houaphan									
7	Houaphan	756	756	0	8	8	100%	4,221	5.58
Xayabouri									
8	Xayabouri	476	435	41	10	9	91%	881	2.03
Xieng									
Khouang									
9	Khouang	569	566	3	8	7	99%	6,840	12.08
Vientiane									
10	Province	556	446	110	12	7	80%	1,823	4.09
Bolikhamsay									
11	Bolikhamsay	327	305	22	6	4	93%	1,394	4.57
Khammouane									
12	Khammouane	686	644	42	9	6	94%	2,880	4.47
Savannakhet									
13	Savannakhet	1,022	1022	0	15	15	100%	12,530	12.26
Saravane									
14	Saravane	675	675	0	8	8	100%	3,746	5.55
Sekong									
15	Sekong	255	238	17	4	3	93%	1,407	5.91
Champasak									
16	Champasak	902	835	67	10	6	93%	1,919	2.30
Attapeu									
17	Attapeu	205	205	0	5	5	100%	2,281	11.13
Total		9,548	9,031	517	139	109	94%	50,003	5.54

Output of Survey

As the quantity of data on the database has increased, a number of reports has been produced containing projections of the survey results when all 50,003 casualty forms have been entered and verified. These reports include

- Number of Casualties over Time
- Type of Device Causing Accident
- Those Involved in UXO Accidents, by Age, Gender and Occupation
- Casualty Activity at the Time of the Accident
- Location of Accidents
- Provincial Accident Records by Gender and Age
- Short-period Results: 1998-2007, Number by Gender and Age

**victim assistance related to Seven pillars
of activities:**

- **Emergency Medical Care**
- **Continuing Medical Care**
- **Physical rehabilitation**
- **Psychological and Social Rehabilitation**
- **Economic and Vocational Rehabilitation**
- **Advocacy**
- **Data Collection**

Enumerator is doing his interview the UXO victim at the field



