Quang Tri (Vietnam) - The central province of Quang Tri has had 240 ha of farming land cleared of mines with the UK Mines Advisory Group (MAG)'s assistance.

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Operating in the province since 1999, the MAG has helped defuse more than 2,190 mines and 19,650 bombs and shells in Gio Quang commune of Gio Linh district, and Hai Thuong, Hai Le and Hai Phu communes of Hai Lang district. Apart from removing mines, the MAG has embarked on other socio-economic development activities, notably helping construct Truc Lam village, together with infrastructure facilities for the resettlement of those in land-mine infested, Gio Linh district. In areas already cleared of mines, it has financed 70 percent of the cost of building schools, roads, irrigation works and other infrastructural facilities.

The organisation has to date spent around 3.6 million USD supporting the mine clearance operation, resettlement and development projects in Quang Tri. At present, it is removing mines on 30 ha of land at Hai Phu commune of Hai Lang district and working on the building of a new village for the locals' resettlement. Once the project at Hai Phu commune completed, the organisation will continue its work at Vinh Linh district.

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