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## INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION



(SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION)



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# SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION

## Overall Objective:

- ✓ To share knowledge and learn from each other's experience.

## Purpose:

- ✓ Development of human resources and strengthening institutional capacity of participating organizations through sharing knowledge and experience with each other

Knowledge exchange and sharing of experience among mine and UXO affected countries in way of enhancing the mine action practice due to difference nature of landmine and UXO problems and practices in individual countries



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## SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION

Cambodia, through the Cambodian Mine Action Center (CMAC), has successfully transitioned from being solely focused on addressing its own landmine and Explosive Remnants of War (ERW) problem to assisting other countries



in the region and beyond. CMAC has played a critical role in promoting international cooperation and knowledge exchange, sharing its expertise and experiences with other mine-affected countries and demining organizations.

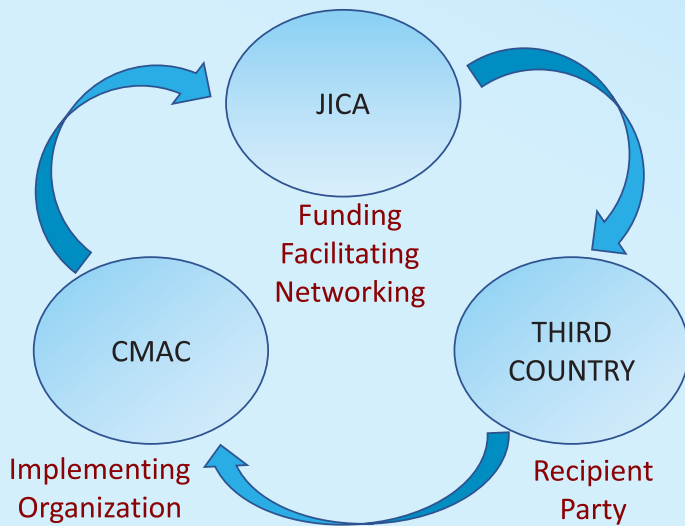


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## SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION

Over the years, CMAC has gained a strong reputation for the quality of its work thanks to a standardized training system and best management practices. Its operational expertise and capability have attracted many study visits from other mine action programs, and its contributions to the mine action sector have been internationally recognized. In 2008, JICA initiated a technical assistance project, “Strengthening CMAC’s

Function for Human Security Realization,” to enhance CMAC’s ability to share its know-how further.







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# COUNTRIES RECEIVING TRAINING FROM CMAC





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## South- South Cooperation Course Summary

YEAR	Country/Phase	Number of Courses	Number of Participants
2012 – 2012	Colombia (Phase I)	3	45
2017 – 2022	Colombia (Phase II)	7	130
2023 – 2026	Colombia (Phase III)	1	8
2012 – 2014	Lao PDR (Phase I)	5	109
2015 – 2018	Lao PDR (Phase II)	5	55
2019 – 2023	Lao PDR (Phase III)	5	72
2014 – 2015	Angola (Phase I)	3	45
2016	Angola (Phase II)	1	20
2016 – 2020	IRAQ/KRG	7	172
<b>Total:</b>		<b>37</b>	<b>656</b>



Colombian experts at the CMAC Headquarters



Lao experts at the Technical Institute of Mine Action



Iraqi experts at the Peace Museum of Mine Action



Angolan experts at the Dog Centre



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# OTHER INTERNATIONAL TRAINING

## Summary of Other International Training

YEAR	Country/Partner	Number of Courses	Number of Participants
2011	Nepal	1	6
2012	Myanmar (UNICEF)	1	5
2019	Colombia (JICS)	1	8
2023	Colombia (JICS)	1	8
2022	Myanmar (HI)	1	10
2022	Lao PDR (JICS)	1	26
2022-2023	Ukraine (JICS)	1	16
2024	Ukraine (JICS)	1	14
<b>Total:</b>		<b>8</b>	<b>93</b>





Ukrainian experts at the  
Technical Institute of Mine Action



Lao experts at a training site



Burmese experts in the classroom



Colombian experts  
at the Central Workshop



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## New Approach of cooperation: Japan-Cambodia Landmine Initiative

**Based on the long-standing cooperation in humanitarian mine action, Japan and Cambodia will strengthen cooperation under the following four pillars.**

### **1 Raise awareness of the inhumanity of landmines and build international momentum for mine reduction**

Aiming to eliminate anti-personnel landmines that indiscriminately harm civilians, Japan will work to build international momentum and raise awareness in cooperation with Cambodia, which will chair the 5th Review Conference of the Ottawa Convention (November 2024) (Japan will chair the 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the States Parties to the Ottawa Convention in 2025).

### **2 Creation in the relevant Cambodian organization of an international cooperation team for a world free from landmines.**

An international cooperation team for a world free from landmines will be established in the relevant Cambodian organization with staff who have acquired expertise in third-country assistance for humanitarian mine action. Japan will provide capacity-building support to increase the number of personnel who can join this new team. Furthermore, Japan will strengthen cooperation between Cambodia and humanitarian mine action organizations in other countries.

Example: Strengthen the organization of the relevant Cambodian institution so that it could work actively in the international arena (The Project for Strengthening Organizational Functions of CMAC  
 Expansion of CMAC's cooperation intra-ASEAN, and African countries)

### **3 Japan-Cambodia Cooperation to Support Humanitarian Mine Action**

Both countries will jointly implement assistance for humanitarian mine action in third countries, utilizing the knowledge and technology of the private sector and academia, while taking into account the WPS perspective. In this context, Cambodia will be a hub for third-country assistance.

Example: In Ukraine, JICA and CMAC conducted training for the introduction of the Advance Landmine Detection System (ALIS) developed by Tohoku University.

### **4 Development of equipment using the latest technology**

Japan and Cambodia will cooperate to develop demining technology utilizing the latest technology such as AI for further efficient mine clearance, in cooperation with private companies.

Example: Demonstration test of a landmine burial location prediction system using AI (project in collaboration with a private company).



Training for Ukrainian Demining Personnel



Training for Colombian demining personnel





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- This is very important, relevant and timely strategies in response to the needs of mine action.
- Japan-Cambodia Landmine Initiative will become a centre of excellence for mine action to save lives and support post-conflict development as well as promote peace and security.
- CMAC highly values the contribution of women in the area of peace and security and will continue to strengthen their roles in mine action.
- With this new approach of cooperation, we strongly hope that the People and Government of Japan will continue to support the Kingdom of Cambodia not just to deal with remaining problems in the country but also to strengthen our cooperation with other affected countries.



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