ANNUAL SUMMARY 2015
At MAG, we believe that whenever and wherever wars happen, ordinary people should not be the ones who pay the price.

As Chief Executive of the UK’s only aid and development charity to have shared the Nobel Peace Prize, I am immensely proud of the difference MAG and our donors made directly to the lives of more than 1.4 million men, women and children in 2015.

Together, we made around 33 million square metres of land (that’s more than 4,500 Wembley-stadium sized football pitches) safe from landmines and unexploded bombs, so that people can safely grow crops, walk to school, access water, get to market, and live without fear.

This is truly extraordinary and would not have been possible without the generosity of all those who supported our programmes in Africa, Central America, the Middle East and South East Asia.

Yet, whilst these numbers are important, on their own they do not do justice to the incredible impact of this work on lives and livelihoods. The stories we hear, some of which are within this summary, of people sleeping soundly at night, of no longer worrying about their children walking to school, of growing enough rice to send their sons and daughters to school and build a new home, of escaping fear and poverty... this is the real difference MAG makes around the world and what inspires us to do more.

We are painfully aware of just how much still needs to be done. Mines and unexploded bombs are not being cleared fast enough for those who still live around them, in fear, every day. These people must not be forgotten.

Sadly, new conflicts are also putting even more people at risk. The ongoing crisis in Syria, violence in Iraq and instability in South Sudan mean the need to help vulnerable people is as big as ever. The families who’ve fled their homes in fear for their lives are now finding themselves in danger from explosive weapons left over from old conflicts in neighbouring regions and countries. They need our help.

This is why we are determined to do more. And so, as we thank everyone who has been part of MAG’s achievements and work in 2015, we look forward to reaching even more people in 2016 – to give them back their future, free from fear and danger.

Thank you

Nick Roseveare
Chief Executive
HOW WE SPEND OUR MONEY

What

- Overseas programmes £27,834,120
  [includes £418,284 unrestricted sources and MAG investment]
- Support and running costs £3,609,067
- Governance £304,119
- Fundraising £144,670

Total expenditure £31,891,976

Where

- Iraq 87.28%
- South Sudan 11.32%
- Laos 0.45%
- Vietnam 0.95%
- Lebanon
- DRC
- Somalia
- Other global projects
  - Angola
  - Cambodia
  - Chad
  - Sahel Maghreb
  - Sri Lanka
  - Mali
  - Myanmar

Note: This information is intended to illustrate how we spend our resources. All figures have been taken from our audited Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2015. Our full annual accounts are available at www.maginternational.org/accounts.
WHERE WE’VE WORKED IN 2015

Bosnia and Herzegovina
Chad
Iraq
Honduras
Lebanon
Somalia
Puntland
Somaliland
South Central
South Sudan
Democratic Republic of Congo
Angola
Burkina Faso
Mali
Niger
Nigeria
Mauritania
Sierra Leone
Somalia
Puntland
Somaliland
South Central
Iraq
Lebanon
South Sudan
HUMANITARIAN MINE ACTION (HMA)

Removing and destroying unexploded landmines and bombs, making land safe for agriculture, infrastructure and development.

Providing risk education programmes, to help reduce death and injury.

Employing and training local people in mine clearance, so they can rebuild their lives and communities in the aftermath of conflict.

ARMS MANAGEMENT AND DESTRUCTION (AMD)

Giving expertise and training to national authorities, preventing ammunition depot explosions and weapons from falling into the wrong hands.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Responding to emergency and conflict situations where unsafe explosives are a threat to communities, displaced people and other humanitarian workers.

HMA TRAINING & ASSESSMENT

Providing specialised advice on landmine clearance.

AMD ASSESSMENT

Evaluating the condition of weapons and ammunition storage facilities, stockpiles, and management procedures and processes. Specific recommendations are then provided to local and national authorities.
Tuy lives with her family in Battambang province, near Cambodia’s western border with Thailand. Until recently, a dangerous minefield threatened their lives and livelihoods.

“We came here in 1999 after the fighting [a conflict between rival political forces] had stopped,” she explains. “Soon after, I found a metal thing next to our house and my husband screamed at me to get away from it. It was a landmine.”

Cambodia is one of the countries most severely affected by landmines, unexploded bombs and other ordnance. As well as causing death and injury, these explosive weapons hamper economic growth by preventing safe access to land – in a country where around 80 per cent of the rural population is dependent on farming or related activities.

In 2006, Tuy’s neighbours were killed when their cart drove over a mine. “There was a massive explosion.

We used the same track, but we were very afraid and stopped using it after this accident.”

Life was difficult. Tuy and her husband struggled because they didn’t have safe land to grow food, and were forced to work as labourers in Thailand to buy rice to feed their family.

MAG teams made the family’s land safe, finding and removing all the dangerous weapons.

“We feel so much safer now. We often didn’t have enough food, but now that we can grow maize and cassava, life will be so much better. We’ll earn about 30 per cent more money and will be able to build a new house too, so our living conditions will improve. I’m so glad you came here to clear the mines. Thank you MAG.”

This is the kind of lasting change your support makes to people’s lives. Tuy, and millions like her, can now rebuild their lives and livelihoods, free from danger and fear.
The need for MAG’s work in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq cannot be overstated. Ongoing conflict is adding lethal debris to a land already riddled with unexploded weapons, each one capable of killing or maiming.

To add to this, one and a half million people have fled to the region, seeking refuge from other parts of Iraq. These families are often unfamiliar with the area and unaware of the dangers of hidden bombs.

In the six months from June to November 2015, MAG’s emergency response team here provided risk education to 67,000 children and 31,000 adults. But the statistics don’t tell the full story of what MAG’s work means to the people who benefit, the curious child who now knows which dangerous objects to avoid and how to stay safe.

The picture below right is of a risk education safety session held in October. The children were very animated because they had seen many of the dangerous items depicted in the materials. These are life-saving lessons that teach families how to stay alive, and we know they work.

Thirteen-year-old Marwan fled from Sinjar with his father and sister after family friends disappeared. His family participated in one of MAG’s risk education sessions and just one week later Marwan’s learning was put to the test when he spotted an unexploded mortar bomb.

“I saw the bomb right there. I knew it was a dangerous bomb because MAG had been here and given us lessons.”

This is the stark reality of the work our community liaison teams do. MAG’s lesson saved Marwan’s life because he was able to identify the object as deadly.

This emergency work in Iraq has never been more important and in the last year MAG teams have worked relentlessly to spread these life-saving lessons.

The lessons given by MAG’s community liaison teams keep children like Marwan safe.
“My family are proud of me. I appeal to people to support MAG. We are removing the danger from the ground and changing lives.”

Fatima is a deminer in Lebanon.

“Now we feel safe – before we were afraid.”

Mata represents the women in the village of Nyolo in South Sudan.

“We’ll earn about 30 per cent more money and will be able to build a new house too, so our living conditions will improve.”

Tuy’s family lives in Battambang province, Cambodia. MAG teams made their land safe.
Altadis Foundation
The Asfari Foundation
The Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
BICC [Bonn International Center for Conversion]
The Caerus Foundation
Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs
European Union
Finn Church Aid
The Freeman Foundation
French Ministry of Foreign Affairs
German Federal Foreign Office
Global Affairs Canada
Guernsey Overseas Aid Commission
Good Gifts
Hilda & Preston Davis Foundation
Humanitarian Demining Research and Development Program
The International Committee of Angola
Irish Aid
ITO Supporting Comity
Japanese Government
The Kirby Laing Foundation
Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Plan International
Rainbow World Fund
Roots Of Peace

Sida [Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency]
Stanley Thomas Johnson Foundation
Stichting Vluchteling
Swiss Government
UK aid from the UK government
UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office
UNDP (United Nations Development Programme)
UNHCR (The UN Refugee Agency)
Unicorn Grocery Ltd
UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief)
UNOPS (UN Office for Project Services)
UNSCAR (UN Trust Facility Supporting Cooperation on Arms Regulation)
USAID
US Department of State’s Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement
Vietnam – Cambodia Cycle Challenge Team
The Vitol Foundation
World Vision Laos

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OUR IMPACT IN 2015

33 million square metres of land was made safe for agriculture and development

22,000+ ‘risk education’ sessions were delivered

12,000+ weapons were destroyed, preventing them from falling into the wrong hands

100,000+ deadly landmines and unexploded bombs were removed and destroyed

which means helping 1.4 million men, women and children allowing them to live free from fear

half a million people to stay safe until the land is cleared

12,000 weapons were destroyed, preventing them from falling into the wrong hands

Rathika’s Story

Rathika and her son Dilakson live on land made safe by MAG in Mannar District, Sri Lanka. “The land is safe and we are safe,” she says. “We grow vegetables and have chickens. We could not be here at all if the landmines were still here.”

MAG believes that everyone has a right to live in safety and free from fear. Everyone has a right to hope for a better future.

Thank you for all your support in 2015.