

Japan

Cooperation & Assistance

The promotion of international cooperation and assistance constitutes an important pillar in facilitating the implementation of the obligations under the Convention by the States Parties affected by cluster munitions. In order to maximize the positive impact of the CCM on the lives of people on the ground, active and effective utilization of the framework for cooperation is essential. As a donor country, Japan attaches great importance to this framework and has been supporting the projects for clearance of cluster munitions and their victims.

Since the 1st Meeting of States Parties last year, Japan has provided assistance to over 9 affected countries for the projects for clearance of cluster munitions, land mines, and other ERWs. The amount of funding reaches over 31 million US dollars. This year in Lebanon, Japan provided assistance to two projects for improving equipment for clearance of cluster munitions implemented by the Norwegian People's Aid Lebanon and Dan Church Aid. In Lao PDR, there are currently three ongoing projects for cluster munitions clearance implemented by the UXO Lao and Japan Mine Action Service. These projects exemplify Japan's unwavering effort to uphold the spirit enshrined in the Convention.

In a time of global economic downturn, cost-effective resource allocation is an element which needs to be taken account of in providing assistance. Nevertheless, Japan intends to continue to contribute to the sound functioning of the framework for cooperation under the Convention.

Thank you.