

Mr. President

Allow me first to appreciate the efforts done by LAO PDR for coordinating on Risk Education.

Lebanon Mine Action Center, in collaboration with national and international partners, achieved a number of notable accomplishments during the period 2024–2025.

throughout the war, A comprehensive technical working group was established aiming to raise awareness against the danger of explosive remnants of war, safety messages were updated, and new publications were issued to address emerging threats, like white phosphorus, and contaminated rubble.

Refresher training courses were conducted for more than 200 activists, and new awareness teams were deployed to cover all communities and temporary shelters, adopting innovative methods such as online sessions besides face-to-face sessions, in addition to billboard advertising campaigns to disseminate protection messages on a large scale and reach maximum beneficiaries especially “the most at risk “.

As the conflict escalated after September 2024 and risk had increased, Lebanon made a strategic shift from traditional awareness sessions to integrating a conflict preparedness and protection approach, with the aim of strengthening communities' resilience in actual conflict environments. This included conducting rapid situation assessments, standardizing messages and mechanisms among partners, and building the capacity of community liaison officers and activists to ensure coordinated and effective interventions that are sensitive and responsive to the reality on the ground.

Together, these efforts reflect a high level of institutional and operational readiness and reinforce the Lebanon’s role as a key player in protecting civilians and mitigating risks in volatile circumstances.