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Japan Supports Clearance of Unexploded Cluster Munitions in Sour

The Embassy of Japan funds the Lebanese Association for Mine and Natural Disaster Action (LAMINDA) for their clearance operations in the Caza of Sour, in order to provide a safer living environment and improve the livelihood opportunities of the residents.

On the occasion of the project completion, on June 25 2018, H.E. Mr. Matahiro Yamaguchi, Ambassador of Japan to Lebanon, attended the ceremony organized by LAMINDA, where the cleared lands were handed over to the owners. The ceremony was also attended by Mr. Anwar Jammal, the CEO of Jammal Trust Bank, Brigadier General Ziad Nasr, Director of Lebanon Mine Action Center (LMAC) and the Mayor of Zebqine. Through the Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Program (GGP), LAMINDA was able to provide a safer and better living environment to at least 25,000 residents of the villages of Hinnieh and Zebqine that suffered from the presence of cluster munitions during the wars.

During the ceremony, H.E. Ambassador Yamaguchi congratulated the land owners and praised LAMINDA's efforts in implementing the project and highlighted Japan's strong commitments to assist the local communities. Meanwhile, Ret. Brig. Gen. Badwi El Sakkal, President of LAMINDA, expressed his deep appreciation for the Japanese support to people in Lebanon over the years. In addition, Mr. Anwar Jammal, introduced the microfinance scheme that JTB offers to assist the owners to re-invest in their recently cleared lands.