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Press Release

Japan Funds Mine Clearance Operations in Sour

In support of the mine clearance operations in Lebanon, the Government of Japan has extended a USD 635,996 grant to the Lebanese Association for Mine and Natural Disaster Action (LAMINDA) for the second consecutive year to continue clearing the contaminated areas of Yarin and Bustan villages in the Caza of Sour.

On August 6, 2019, H.E. Mr. Matahiro Yamaguchi, Ambassador of Japan to Lebanon signed a grant contract with Ret. Brig. General Badwi El Sakkal, President of LAMINDA, a local NGO that has been operating on mine and cluster munitions clearance in South Lebanon since its establishment in 2014.

The grant will allow the organization to clear all the contaminated areas in the villages, and providing a safe environment for around 7,100 residents, and will also help land owners to benefit from the previously contaminated fields for agricultural and residential purposes, and boost the economic development of the region.

This funding compliments the Embassy's previous support to LAMINDA in the years 2016 and 2018 with a total of around 1.2 Million USD. Through the Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Program (GGP), Japan has contributed around 4.5 Million USD to the demining operations in North and South Lebanon over the past 3 years.