



## SERVICE PROJECT SHEET Mines Advisory Group



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Project name:

**Mines Advisory Group (MAG)**

(Registered Charity 1083008)

Project goals:

MAG removes landmines and unexploded ordnance (UXO) from countries affected by conflict, preventing death and injury and enabling communities to live and work in safety and without fear. In addition to mine clearance, MAG provides education to those living in a dangerous environment and raises money to support existing mine clearance projects, expanding their work to introduce mine clearance programmes to other areas that need assistance.

Rotary service type:

Fund-raising.

Unique selling proposition:

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Description:

Landmines and unexploded bombs kill and maim men, women and children - indiscriminately: as always it is the innocent that are affected long after wars have finished. All over the world the legacy of conflict devastates families, prevents the return of refugees to their homes and lays waste fertile land. MAG works to address this problem and enables people affected by conflict, to live their lives safely and without fear.

MAG works world-wide in countries such as Angola, Sri Lanka, Cambodia, Lebanon, Laos, northern Iraq, southern Sudan and Vietnam. MAG is the world's leading mine clearance charity and employs more than 2,000 national staff; supervised and trained by small teams of highly skilled expatriate advisors. MAG's de-miners include both men and women, some of whom have been disabled by landmines or have lost partners through land mine accidents.

MAG's work integrates landmine survey, data gathering, demarcation and clearance work with a range of community liaison and mines awareness activities. This work deals with the problem and reduces the risks for people living in a dangerous environment.

MAG uses multi-skilled teams consisting of approximately fifteen highly trained staff; these Mine Action Teams (MATs) engage and work with local communities to prioritise land for clearance. In many situations clearing just a small area of land can make a massive difference, e.g. access to a river, a school yard, a safe plot of land for returning refugees to build a house and grow food. MAG's work saves lives and returns safe land to those that need it most.

A speaker is available to give presentations to clubs within one hour's travel radius from Manchester. Some cases will be considered further afield. The Rotary Club of Sedgely and Wombourne will in some cases speak on behalf of MAG in the Midlands.



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