

KHEUN Sokhon



With the 11MSP, the Convention is returning to a place where the mine ban movement started two decades ago. It is an opportunity for the international community to recall how far this movement has come and how much work still remains to be done. It is also an opportunity to remember that there are many faces of the landmine movement in Cambodia. KHEUN Sokhon is one of these faces.



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Kheun Sokhon is a 29-year-old landmine survivor and deminer recruited in 2006 by the Mines Advisory Group, MAG, as part of its programme to incorporate participation from women and persons with disabilities in demining activities.

Thanks to the gender diversification recruiting procedures implemented by MAG, women now account for 31 percent of its personnel in Cambodia. In addition, 8 percent of MAG's staff members in Cambodia are women and men with disabilities, including Sokhon who, in 2002, lost a limb during a landmine explosion while working in a fruit orchard close to the Thai-Cambodian border.

Since 1992, the UK-based MAG has been clearing landmines in Cambodia and carrying out risk education programmes in mine affected regions in the country. MAG is currently working to clear 25 minefields in Cambodia.

To date, MAG's demining teams in Cambodia have cleared more than 32 million square meters of land.

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