Happy New Year,

We are very pleased to say that this past year has been a very successful year for us. With around 1.4 million beneficiaries, we have saved countless lives and built even more futures. We accomplished this by removing more than 100,000 landmines, UXO, and submunitions. This means more than 30 million square meters of land was cleared and returned to safe use. We also provided more than 23,000 risk education sessions to over 500,000 people. These achievements were the sum of our continual efforts.

However, we did have a few big moments we were proud of last year. Let's take time to look back on our six biggest social media moments of 2015:

#1: President Obama becomes the first U.S. President to visit Laos
A huge milestone for US-Laos relations, this article garnered the most interest of everything we shared on our Facebook page in 2015.

#2: Mozambique destroyed its last landmine

A huge victory for food security, Mozambique became the most recent country to be declared landmine-free. This article outlines why landmine removal is such an important step towards securing a sustainable future.

#3: Newsweek revisits how Princess Diana brought the landmine problem into the world’s view
Newsweek shines the spotlight on Princess Diana's humanitarian work with mine victims, and how she helped bring about the beginning of the end of an era. MAG America is proud to help continue that mission.
"After filming stopped, Diana didn’t. The fight to ban anti-personnel land mines became a personal crusade, one that would fill the last year of her life."

#4: Following up with our beneficiaries

After sharing an article posted by Take Part, Abby Frimpong, our Development Director, realized she had met the couple who was featured in the article's photograph last year. She had her own photo taken with them that she was more than happy to share - she was absolutely ecstatic to learn that they are doing well! We always love hearing about the people whose land we have cleared.
#5: Mine detection dogs visit DC

We had the pleasure of meeting mine detection dogs Astra and Sergeant Sohl at the MLI (Marshall Legacy Institute) gala in October, along with recently retired mine detection dogs that had returned to the US to enjoy their retirement after a decade of clearing mines and UXO in Afghanistan.

#6: To Walk the Earth in Safety 2015
MAG America had the honor of being a part of the US Department of State's annual To Walk the Earth in Safety (TWEIS) panel. Our Executive Director, Jamie, is pictured at the far left of the photograph above.

TWEIS is an annual report that outlines accomplishments of the U.S. Conventional Weapons Destruction Program. MAG was mentioned several times in 2015's report for our efforts and accomplishments throughout the world.

We couldn’t have done this without your support. Thank you for following us on our journey over the last year.

We look forward to saving even more lives over the course of 2016. We’re sure there will be countless stories of success, hope, and building towards a mine free world.

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All the best for the coming year,

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