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Minutes Technical Working Group Meeting on Mine Risk Education for Quarter 2, 2019

The Technical Working Group Meeting on Mine Risk Education for Quarter 2, 2019 was organized on the date of 19th June 2019, time 8:30 at NRA's office meeting room which chaired by Mr. Chomyaeng Phengthongsawat NRA Director, with 18 (5 women) participants that represented from different stakeholders, partners and including NRA staffs.

Mr. Chairman welcomed all participants and official opening the MRE TWG Meeting and encouraged the participants to share experiences, information and discussion on the further approaches to ensure people to get well-understanding and to avoid the accidents caused by UXOs.

MRE Unit presented the minutes of MRE TWG Meeting and present the Q2, 2019 work-plan that had been implemented and also presented work-plan for Q3, 2019 as focus on coordinating with the Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism for implementing the Radio Program in five (5) provinces, organising the MRE tools and equipment's reviewing workshop, organising the annual meeting and reviewing the radio program in five (5) provinces.

To follow the agenda, all operators and stake holders shared the achievements of their works from last quarter and also presented the Q3, 2019 work-plan such as representatives of Department of Medias, Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism, UNDP, Lao Youth Union, SOS, UXO Lao, Halo Trust, HI, World Education, MAG and LXML The full reports and plans as in the appendixes.

- The Meeting reported on the causes of the accidents and how could we adjust the methodology of awareness to ensure to respond to the causes of the accidents.
- IM Unit presented the achievements of the operation reports received from the operators and the statistics of the achievements and proposed the operators to continue to regularly providing the monthly reports to NRA office.
- IM Unit provided the information to operators by Dropbox for their rechecking and confirmation what they submitted to the NRA if they missed some information they also can resubmit again.

The Meeting exchanged views and discussed issues important topics

1. Media Department, Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism reported that now it is currently conducting the radio program and extension the megaphone network to other communities in order to ensure the MRE is awareness through the megaphone program.
2. UXO Lao expressed their views that it will follow up and exchange the lessons learned of the RE+NTS pilot project in Laungprabang province and relevant issues as follows
 - Follow up the RE activities which cooperated between UXO Lao and Spirit of Soccer through the football activity in Salavan province. The activities will focus on teaching and learning how to play football including the delivery of RE messages.
 - Difficulties: regarding to the project implemented in Q1 and Q2 of 2019, UXO Lao was not able to achieve the activities as targeted due to lack of funding that caused some provinces temporary stop RE activity and waiting for the extension of the contract.
3. UNDP mentioned on the results of the Round Table Meeting especially for the capacity building for the UXO Sector and cooperation issues. Quality of UXO victim data collection is also very important for asking operators to assist in conducting the data collection and reporting.
 - The information from the NRA database is different from UXO Lao's database, so that NRA and UXO Lao should discuss and fix on that later.
4. Lao Youth Union reported its cooperation with NRA to organise the training workshop for the planning and improving the skills of the RE for the Lao Youth Union Village Volunteers in Khammaun province, follow up the RE activity conducted by the Lao Youth Union Village Volunteers in 28 villages of 4 target districts.
5. Halo Trust conducted the evaluation of the understanding of people who attended their activities and if any reports on UXO found the team will take note and submit to the operation team for further destroying. The results of the evaluations in each village and school it seems that 90% of people and students still remember the lessons learned from the RE activities.
 - Some of lands' beneficiaries asked for the benefits from the organisation, regarding to the requests of people we don't have any policy to respond on that.
 - The plan is continuing to conduct the RE for the villagers (at night time by using video) and to continue to conduct in new villages together with NTS team.
6. Spirit of Soccer organised the project implementation phase 3 since September 2017 to May 2019 and reviewing meeting in relation to the MOU signed between Ministry of Education and Sport and Spirit of Soccer.
 - Good points and challenges of Q2, project implementation for the coordination issues from the local to central had a good cooperation and on time manner as we were able to conduct the activity smoothly. There were many students attending the RE activity and they were well understanding on the lessons taught by the trainers.
 - The challenges: due to some difficulties of the roads and some villages could not be accessible by roads, so the project implementation was not achieved as planned, therefore the activities have to postpone.

7. HI Lao conducted the interview households in the villages, video program, selected the village volunteers and provided the RE training at the primary schools in the target villages, developed and piloted on first aid training to village volunteers for the UXO survivors and their community, people with disability.
 - Good points: district and village authorities had a good cooperation, they used vehicles for implementing the activity, and teachers had knowledge on UXO curriculums teaching.
 - Challenges: the villagers were not fully cooperation with the team such as the reporting the location of the accidents occurred and evidence based. The villagers also did not fully participation of the activity and also the travelling was difficulty accessible to villages.
 - The next quarter plan will be 6 of 44 villages.
8. World Education reported on its cooperation with Ministry of Education and Sport to conduct the RE project in ten (10) provinces with 88 districts, and conducted the field visit in every target district as they focused on students, developed the UXO curriculum and proposed the Ministry concerned to consideration as national curriculum that can be applied throughout the country.
 - The achievement: completion of the organizing the workshop for development of UXO curriculum for the primary school and secondary school. The teaching will conduct two time a year, provided the ToT on puppet show in the community.
 - Conducted the puppet show on the children day.
 - New curriculum also includes in the subject of science and environment to mention on the danger of UXO.
9. MAG conducted RE in 39 villages in Ngommalath district and 22 villages in Baulapha district in total is 61 villages.
 - Quarter 3 work plan, July to September 2019 will conduct RE in 14 villages by using banners with UXO stickers and provide to the community.
10. LXML, Sepon Mining conducted the RE with the good results. The participants were interested in the activity and had a good cooperation from the village authority.
 - Some students are very young ages, so it has difficulties for them to understand the lessons of the RE and they do not really remember what had been taught.

Recommendations of the Chair of the TWG Meeting:

1. The MRE operation needs to conduct in line with the targets of the SDG18. Therefore, it should continue the RE activity in order to reduce the number of accidents.
2. To continue exchange the experiences with other operators for the fundraising, after receiving information from UNDP, we will share with the operators for further funding raising.
3. The lessons learned on how we can work together and make it sustainability.

4. Regarding to Round Table Meeting mentioned that it needs to enhance the cooperation among the MRE teams to ensure the reporting in details to NRA and NRA as the central focal point for coordination all related issues.
5. Congratulation to Spirit of Soccer for conducting the sports and using tools t as the UXO awareness activity.

Remark: The details of the Q2, 2019 implementation and Q3, 2019 work-plan of the operators as in the appendixes

Chair of the TWG Meeting



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