

Strategic Plan for UXO Clearance in Lao PDR, 2009 - 2012

PROGRAMME VISION: A LAO PDR WHERE:

- **COMMUNITIES CAN REQUEST AND RECIEVE NATIONAL UXO CLEARANCE RESOURCES TO REMOVE UXO THAT HAVE BEEN DISCOVERED AND WHICH PUT THE POPULATION AT RISK.**
- **POOR OR VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES CAN REQUEST AND RECEIVE THE CLEARANCE OF UXO CONTAMINATED LAND WHICH IS REQUIRED FOR THE ENHANCEMENT OF LIVELIHOODS**
- **WHERE APPROPRIATE THAT ALL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND COMMERCIAL PROJECTS PLAN AND INCLUDE DEALING WITH UXO AS PART OF THEIR PROJECT DESIGN AND BUDGETING**

GOAL	ENABLING OBJECTIVES	ACTIVITIES	RESPONSIBILITY
1. A targeted UXO clearance strategy focussing on poor and vulnerable groups	<p>a. To identify poor and /or vulnerable communities and at-risk groups.</p> <p>b. To provide a reporting and response mechanism for community requests for clearance.</p> <p>c. To provide a prioritisation system for planning the response to requests.</p> <p>d. To ensure a timely response to requests for clearance of UXO from affected communities.</p> <p>e. To mainstream gender considerations in clearance activities.</p>	<p>i) Analysis of existing data to identify poor and vulnerable communities in relation to UXO contamination.</p> <p>ii) Participatory review and enhancement of procedures for reporting, receiving and responding to clearance requests.</p> <p>iii) Development of a clear prioritisation process for dealing with requests for UXO clearance;</p> <p>iv) Support and encourage local authorities to report on UXO casualties and ensure all known UXO incidents are reported to data collectors for the Lao Victim Information System (LVIS).</p> <p>v) Coordinate with MRE and VA units to ensure the harmonization and analysis of information which may lead to directing clearance activities.</p>	<p>NRA with support of Clearance Technical Working Group members</p> <p>NRA Operations Unit in conjunction with MRE Unit.</p> <p>NRA in cooperation with Technical Working Groups, Operators, at-risk communities & Ministry of Planning and Investment. Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare.</p> <p>NRA Technical Working Groups and UXO Operators</p> <p>NRA, UXO Operators, local authorities, LVIS</p>

<p>2. A sustainable UXO response and clearance programme.</p>	<p>a. To integrate UXO clearance into government plans, priorities and budgets. b. To integrate UXO clearance into development plans and activities. c. To identify alternative sources of funding for UXO clearance. d. To assist in building community capacity to respond to the UXO threat and associated vulnerabilities e. To ensure awareness & involvement of GoL regarding international & national legislation & treaties.</p>	<p>i) Advocacy with government at central and provincial levels for inclusion of UXO clearance in development plans and budgets; ii) Advocacy and dialogue with donors and development operators, commercial and humanitarian, on the importance of UXO clearance as a cross-cutting theme in plans, budgets and agreements; iii) Support and develop projects that build on local coping strategies and encourage community responsibility for risk management and reduction, village volunteers / scrap dealers / police ?? iv) Advocacy for adherence to and implementation of relevant international and national legislation on weapons and assistance to victims.</p>	<p>NRA, UN agencies and donors, including through donor roundtable NRA, UN agencies and donors, including through donor roundtable NRA Board, Local authorities ,UNDP, UNICEF. NRA, UN agencies and international NGOs</p>
<p>3. Effective coordination and management of the UXO response and clearance programme.</p>	<p>a. To develop the capacity of the National Regulatory Authority to coordinate and regulate the national UXO clearance programme. b. To develop the capacities of local authorities to coordinate clearance activities in support of risk deduction and development. c. To contribute to the collection, input and updating of UXO casualty data and ensure use and analysis for project planning and monitoring.</p>	<p>i) Conduct an assessment for capacity development of National Regulatory Authority for coordination and management of UXO clearance and develop and implement a capacity building plan; ii) Produce annual work plans and reports for the UXO clearance programme, including the work of the National Regulatory Authority and Clearance operators; iii) Convene and facilitate regular UXO Clearance Technical Working Group meetings; iv) Review and update terms of reference for the Clearance Technical Working Group and its members; v) Encourage local authorities to identify and document UXO clearance, individual UXO and areas clearance, requirements. vi) Encourage local authorities to identify their roles and responsibilities in managing UXO clearance projects; vii) Encourage local authorities to promote the integration of UXO clearance into development projects, including in rural development, agriculture, construction. viii) Participate in workshops concerning the development, implementation and use of a victim information system;</p>	<p>NRA, UNDP NRA with input from clearance operators NRA with support from donors NRA Clearance TWG NRA, Provincial Authorities & relevant UXO operators NRA, Provincial Authorities & relevant UXO operators Planning authorities , Lao Women's Union, Lao Youth Union, Fund for National Construction and Ministry for Planning and Investment NRA and UXO operators</p>

<p>4. Effective monitoring of the UXO response and clearance programme.</p>	<p>a. To establish and manage a central reporting system for UXO clearance activities. b. To establish a national monitoring system for UXO clearance projects.</p>	<p>i) Conduct a mapping exercise of UXO clearance activities and develop UXO clearance report forms for the central database; ii) Collect regular reports and work plans from UXO clearance operators and compile and analyse information to enable an overview of UXO clearance activities in Lao PDR; iii) Develop a national monitoring framework for UXO clearance in Lao PDR and undertake periodic monitoring of clearance activities iv) Develop an agreed set of indicators for measuring progress towards the objectives and goals of the Clearance National Strategy.</p>	<p>NRA with support from Clearance TWG NRA with support from Clearance TWG NRA Clearance & QA units. NRA & Clearance TWG members</p>
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