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Quarter 01 of 2016 MRE TWG Meeting Minute

MRE TWG Meeting for the quarter 1 2016 was organized on March 23rd, 2016 9:00 am at NRA's meeting room. The meeting chaired by Mr. Bounphamith SOMVICHITH, deputy of the NRA director, in-charge of the operational department. 18 participants with 5 female from operators and stakeholders including NRA staff are attended.

The chair of the TWG meeting was official opening the meeting by focusing on MRE activity issues, exchanging the experiences and other approaches apply on MRE to make sure that people living in the contaminated areas are understood the messages and avoid from the UXO accidents. As Laos is the highest contaminated by the UXO and we don't know when we can finish the UXO clearance, so that we should focus on the MRE activities to make sure that there are no UXO accident occur to the population who are living in the contaminated areas.

Regarding to the agenda, MRE officer reviewed the last minute of the MRE TWG Meeting especially, reviewing of the 2016 sector MRE work-plan and Quarter 1 2016 sector work-plans and expected work-plan for the quarter 2 of 2016. The MRE Unit will focus on supporting Ministry of Information and Culture and Tourism to implement the radio program for MRE in four provinces including: (Khammaun, Salavan, Sekong and Champasak province) and supporting Village Volunteer Training Program.

The representative from difference operators and stakeholders are reporting their last three months achievements and quarter 2 of 2016 work-plans such as representative from Ministry of Education and Sports, Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism, UXO Lao, Handicap International, MAG, World Education, Halo Trust. For details of the achievements and work-plans are in the attachment to this minute.

The importance topics discussion on this MRE TWG Meeting are follows:

1. Mine Risk Education Unit of MAG is working in regarding to the National Standard and advising by the NRA such as IMSMA reporting issues and MAG also works closely with local authorities and other operators such as provincial NRA or Poverty Reduction and Rural development department and other operators.

- Increasing of mine risk education activities and village volunteers in the communities for providing enough information on the MRE and also how to prevent the UXO accidents to their people and for the village volunteers needs to use the report Forms as to enter in to the IMSMA database system.
 - MAG would like to exchange the experiences of village volunteers working in Xiengkhaung as currently the EU funding is ending and we don't know how to do in order to continue this activity.
2. UXO Lao: For the village volunteers programme is not yet implemented due to we are waiting the funding budget for the Q 2 we have plan refreshment training to village volunteers which supported by UXO Lao, collaboration with NRA and SOS for six months in 2016.
 3. HALO TRUST: The main activities implemented are visiting villages for the MRE and target schools. This season is revisiting the villages.
 4. Handicap International: The main activity implemented is filming for the awareness of the danger of UXO. Relevant films are used for awareness such as films provided by NRA, UXO Lao. Additionally the team also provided some souvenirs to attendants. The activity conducted by dividing into different groups of people, sex and age.
 - HI is planning to establish the big information board in the village the information will include of the danger of the UXO and also indicate the Emergency Number if any accident or other issue occur in their village.
 - Conducted the reassessment after MRE activities are conducted.
 5. World Education: Reported that the people who had trained the IMSMA database are not working in this field, so we don't know how to report. Especially we can not report by quarterly. As recommended by the chair of the meeting that the reporting should report with regarding to the schools visited, such as the quarterly reporting should report as started date of the end date of the implementing and for the next reporting is start from the end date of this quarter.
 6. Ministry of Education and Sports: In previous year there was difficulty on coordination between HI in Savannakhet province especially, activity implementation with no planning and there was no notice letter to Ministry in order to inform the provincial education department as the procedure of the government.
 - HI should coordinate and meeting with Ministry of Education and Sports for discussion issues, exchange the lesson learnt from previous year and agree on future methodology of project implementation. And need more closely re-coordinated with local authority.
 - MRE Unit: Present the developed MRE data collection Forms for IMSMA database and adopted on March 23rd 2016. The chair of the meeting advising MRE Unit to inform all operators to apply this form to replace the existing form for the MRE works.

Chair of the meeting request and recommended to operators as follows:

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1. Request all operators who are working for the MRE to emphasize on the reality regarding to cause of the accidents occurred currently.
2. Request to UXO Lao to submit the workplan for the village volunteers programe to NRA for assisting on find out the solution for the budget on this activity.
3. For the TOT, NRA would like to request HI works closely with MOE, for the team structure if there is small team it will affect to the works, for the future work-plan is need to be conducted as education sector can provide only technical on the teaching. If possible, concerned stakeholders should accompany when conducting the programe.
4. Reporting should breakdown in details for the villages and schools for example number of villages and schools. Submission of the report is should direct to the IM Unit. People will be attended of IMSMA Training shold be selected the right position related to the job of responsibility.

At the end of the meeting, the chair of the meeting wrapped up the conclusion of all discussion and thanks to all participants for attending this TWG Meeting. The meeting official closed on 12:00.

❖ **Remark:** For the details of the quarter 1 of 2016 achievement of implementation and statistic of activities and quarter 02 of 2016 work-plans are fond in the annex to this minute.



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