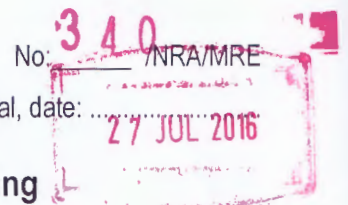




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### **Minute of Technical Working Group (TWG) Meeting of UXO Mine Risk Education, Quarter II, 2016**

The Mine Risk Education TWG Meeting for quarter 2, 2016 was held on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016, at 09:00 am at the NRA Office meeting room, chaired by Mr. Bounphamith Somvichith, the NRA Deputy Director Operations, with the other representatives from operators and partners including Officers and Technicians from NRA Office attended totally 12 people, 2 females.

In his opening speech of the meeting, the Chairman of the meeting had emphasized to the purpose of the MRE which he added that this meeting was for exchanging, discussing about approaches of educating people about the danger of Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) to ensure that people understand and being able to avoid from UXO accident. Due to not less number of UXO contaminations have been contaminated in Lao PDR and we have not been clear on how long more for clearance it out, therefore, we have to emphasize to educate people to avoid UXO accident.

In the meeting, the Mine Risk Education Unit of the NRA had briefly reviewed the minute of the last TWG meeting together with reporting about the quarter 2, 2016 activities and estimated plan for quarter 3, 2016, which in this content it would be highlighted to: supporting Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism for its radio broadcasting projects on the awareness of the danger of the UXOs in 4 provinces of (Khammouan, Salavan, Sekong and Champasack), holding technical working group meetings, reviewing the implementation of Mine Risk Education activities of the village volunteers in 2 provinces.

Afterthat, representatives from operators and partners took turns to report the achievements in implementing their works for the last three months and raising their quarter III, 2016 work plan, of this, there was an assistant coordinator for the Mine Risk Education project of the Physical and Art Education Department, Pre-school Education Department, Ministry of Education and Sports, Spirit of Soccer Lao, representative from Unexploded Ordnance Programme Lao (UXO Lao), Handicap International, Representative from WE for the UXO Education Project, representative from the community liaison and Mine Risk Education of Halo Trust, and the representative from DCA. They all reported on the achievements of implementing their work for quarter II, 2016 and describing about their work plan of quarter III, 2016. For more details on the achievement of each organization as well as their work plan can be seen in the annexes of this document.

- Representative of the VA Unit, NRA office had reported on the statistics of UXO accidents which caused 4 injured, but no death.
  - Representative from IM Unit, NRA Office reported about number of times that each organization reported MRE information into IMSMA, and he also required that if which organization has not sent or already sent but not covered all the items that needed by the NRA. Therefore, they had to hurry and send them to the IM Unit of the NRA.
1. Representative from Mine Advisory Group Lao (MAG), reported about the target areas of the project within three Districts in Xiengkhouang Province, the target areas of the project that has been implemented in quarter II, 2016 in Nonghet, Phaxay and Khoun Districts.
    - Held Mine Risk Education activities in schools and communities, forming village volunteer to educate people about the danger of UXO and how to protect themselves from UXO accident.
    - Based on the MOU that NRA supports for the new funding, there was no MRE activities.
  2. UXO Lao, the activities that have been conducted were; refresh training for village volunteers which supported by provincial NRA Office of Khammouan and Attapeu Provinces.
    - For quarter III, 2016, there is a plan for organising a lesson learned conclusion meeting for Mine Risk Education Activities from 1996 up to now and improving new MRE activities to appropriate its current time which will be held in Khammouan province.
    - In addition, UXO Lao proposed that for marking in donor's column in IMSMA Format it would be proposed to initiate revising it from next year for all 9 provinces.
  3. Halo Trust work plan is to conduct MRE activities in the target villages, working together with village and provincial level, work with CRS for conducting MRE in villages. The provincial authorities would like to achieve the target in terms of number of people involved in these activities, but in practice, the village level did not give good cooperation to participate in the activities.
  4. DCA, the conducting of Mine Risk Education activities in the project target areas in Peak, Kham Districts, Xiengkhouang Province and Mai, Khoua Districts, Phongsaly Province (based on the MOU).
    - Problems and challenges when conducting the real activities; some schools did not pay more attention to Mine Risk Education work.
    - Working together with Buddhist monks for quarter III, sometimes the activities may not be continuous because it is the period of Buddhist length.
  5. Handicap International (HI), its activities are MRE disseminations and also conducted MRE disseminations through videos for people to watch. The activities of instruction of training teachers will also monitor in schools for its teaching and learning curriculum. Activities were conducted in Nong, Sepon, Vilaboury Districts by organising MRE and First Aid Training Course for village volunteer.



- Focus on emergency report which when the team got emergency call then the team will be deployed to survey immediately.
  - Organise Refresh Training Course to the teachers.
6. World Education: The first 6 month report; due to the activity plan has not yet approved , therefore, WE didn't have any information to report.
- Activites were conducted as per the normal plan but there was no legislative paper (MOU) that got approved from Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
7. IM Unit of NRA added that the MRE reporting to the data base, operators can link and watch the data of IM Unit which currently is finishing updating data base and will send link to operators but just awaiting for the manual.

By the end of the meeting, the chairman guided that:

1. The Research Unit who is in charge of MOU will issue a guidance about MOU process and will notify to each Ministry and operators concerned soon.
2. NRA also coordinated with donors and sent documents related to the requirements of the Government for approval funding as appropriate to the policy and the need of local people.

The Chairman expressed his thanks to participants and officially speech of closing the meeting about 12:00 o'clock of the same day.

❖ **Remarks:** For the details of the results of the activities implementation and the statistic of work implementing for quarter 2, 2016 and quarter 3, 2016 work plan of operators, all can see in the annexes of this minute of meeting.

For Director General



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