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**Record of Technical Working Group (TWG) Meeting
on Mine Risk Education, Quarter 04, 2016**

The Quarter 04, 2016 TWG Meeting on the Mine Risk Education was held on 12th December 2016, at 08:30 a.m. in the meeting room of the NRA Office, chaired by Mr. Bounphamith Somvichith, Deputy Director Operations of NRA, with representatives from relevant ministries, operators and including officers and technicians from NRA Office, totally 14 people, 4 females.

In his opening speech, the Chairman of the meeting had emphasized about the purpose of this meeting, he added that the purpose of this TWG meeting was for exchanging, discussing about the approaches of how to educate people about the dangers of the Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) to ensure that people understand and be able to avoid from UXO accident.

In the meeting, the Mine Risk Education Unit of the NRA had briefly reviewed the minute of the last TWG meeting and also reported about the activities that carried out in quarter 4, 2016 and introduced the estimated activities plan for quarter 1, 2017, of this, it would focus on: supporting Ministry of Information Culture and Tourism to produce radio programme to educate the dangers of UXO in 5 provinces of (Khammouan, Salavan, Sekong, Champasack and Vientiane Capital), holding MRE technical working group meetings, arranging and printing T-Shirts, monitoring and evaluating the audiences of the UXO Radio Programme within 5 provinces, conducting emergency UXO education.

After that, the representatives from operators and partners took turns to report the achievements in implementing their works for the last 3 month period of time and raising their activity plans for quarter 01, 2017. Of this, the representative from the Lao National Unexploded Ordnance Programme (UXO Lao), Handicap International (HI), representative from WEL for the project of UXO in Lao PDR, the representative from DCA, representative from Media Department, Ministry of Information Culture and Tourism, representative from Department of Primary and Preschool Education, representative from Department of Physical and Art Education, Ministry of Education and Sports reported the achievement of the implementation of the activities in quarter 4, 2016 and introducing their quarter 1, 2017 work plan. For more details of activities and work plan of each party can see them in the Annexes.

In the meeting, the participants also discussed on many interesting topics such as:

- The Victim Assistant Unit of the NRA had reported that the accident report from operators were sent to NRA very late. For the causes of the accidents were mostly from making fire, removing and playing with UXO, what we can do to increase the work of educating people thoughroughly, as we know, currently, there are 53 victims (higher than last year).
 - In addition, the VA Unit of the NRA also briefed that WEL has a Victim Assistance Fund in 6 provinces which now is in the processing of the assistance procedures. The assistance will focus on the treatment and in case of death there will be a compensation. For further details, after the procedures got approved officially then it would be declared to everyone.
1. Department of Primary and Preschool Education, Ministry of Education and Sports had conducted monitoing the teachings work of the teachers in Khammouan Province. Inserting, training on UXO to the teachers.
 - Holding a training course on puppertry drama in Savannakhet, forming puppertry drama for the trainers.
 - Proposed NRA holding a lesson learned meeting, what are the challenges and gaps to exchange lessons to each other and how to solve them.
 2. Department of Physical and Art Education, in conjunction with Spirit of Soccer (SOS), in quarter 4 had conducted activities in Xiengkhouang under the additional fund which is not included in the MOU and it was already approved by Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
 3. Media Department, Ministry of Information Culture and Tourism, reported about the achievement of implementing the Mine Risk Education activities in the 4 southern Provinces of Salavan, Sekong, Khammouan and Champasack.
 4. Lao National Unexploded Ordnance Programme (UXO Lao), currently is in the process of making plan for 2017 for 9 provinces which so far finished about 80% and expected to complete 100% by the end of this year.
 5. DCA, the implementing of the activities in quarter 4, 2016; the target areas are in Peak and Kham Districts, Xiengkhouang Province and in Mai and Khoua Districts, Phongsaly Province.
 - Recently, DCA has held annual meeting for conclusion of 1 year implementation of the project, and closing funding from EU. Now is in the period of reviewing the report.
 6. World Education Lao (WEL) proposed to Ministry of Education and Sports that the Prime Ministry Order is very clear, especially No. 1.2 and 1.3. Children have mostly affected, but the education on UXO has not got thouroughly.
 7. HI, worked in 4 districts in Savannakhet Province, training the trainers, providing movies to villagers, monitoring the teaching of teachers. We provided emergency numbers for each district in case

accident occurred they can report to us immediately, found that it is more convenient. In addition, HI has been also interested in choosing provinces to have Radio Programme for educating people on the danger of UXO through this radio programme, which NRA informing that: if we have sufficient funding, we want to expand this programme thoughtfully to many provinces. The Radio Programme mostly broadcasted in Lao language, they also want to broadcast in ethnic language as well but we based on the budget, we will discuss with Ministry of Information Culture and Tourism again.

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

1. If HI is interested in holding Radio Programme must have a meeting with NRA, HI and Ministry of Information Culture and Tourism (because the radio programme is very important, people in the paddy field, upland rice field can listen to it) considered that the information can approach to the target group well.
2. Propose to DCA, NRA want a completion project report for the old project under EU funding. If possible we would like your report contains the figures of the expenses as well.
3. The proposal of Department of Primary and Preschool Education is usefull, this proposal will be discussed in the NRA Board Meeting and want to offer to our internal survey organizations.

1. **Remarks:** For the details and results of the activities implementation for quarter 4, 2016 and work plan for quarter 1,2017 of operators, please find them in the Annexes attached.

Chairman of the Meeting



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