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### Minute of Q1 2018 MRE TWG Meeting

The Q1 2018 of MRE TWG Meeting organized on the date 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018 time 8:30-12:00 at NRA's office meeting room which chaired by Mr. Bounphamith Somvichith Deputy of NRA Director General responsibility of Operation Department with 12 (5 women) representative participants from difference stakeholders, partners and including NRA staffs.

Mr. Chair man welcome the participants and official opening the MRE TWG meeting and encourage the participants to share experiences and discussion for the further approaches to be applied on the MRE activities to ensure people get well understanding and to avoid the accidents caused by UXOs.

MRE Unit brief presented the last minute of MRE TWG Meeting and present the Q1 2018 works-plan had been implemented and also present Q2 2018 work-plan as focus on such as MRE TWG Meeting, MRE's tools and meterails revising meeting workshop, printing the posters as feed back from the workshop, coordinate with Ministry of Information and Culture and Tourism which implementing the Radio Program in 5 provinces.

- 4 UXO victims for 2018 are reported the latest is occurred in Sekong province.

Regarding to the agenda all operators and stake holders are shairing the excievements of their works from last quarter and also present the Q2 of 2018 work-plan such as representative Ministry of Education and Sports, UNDP, National Lao Radio, Lao Youth Union, SOS, UXO Lao and Halo Trust reports their Q1 2018 works-plan implementation exchivements and present their Q2 2018 works-plan. The details of full reports and plan are in the appendix.

#### The meeting delivers relevan consultations and discussion important toppics

1. Ministry of Education and Sports raise the issue on caused of accidents almost occurred by setting fire in the same location, so that how can we solve for risk education related to this issue. The respond from NRA said that in the new poster is mention on the masseges is to put more eart-up before setting fire.
  2. National Lao Radio currently use the old masseges for radio program on Mine Risk Education as they have limitation of information due to they have not collect any new information, so that is why they still use the old masseges for broad casting on radio program.
- If possible in the future we would like to request more funding on data collection in order to add more voice of the interview of people affected by UXO, increase more funding on producing radio program and propose to all oprators to support more in to risk education throuthg the radio program.



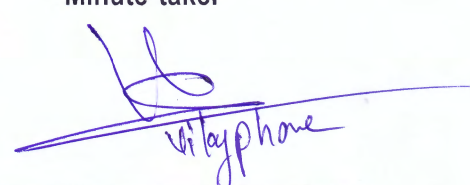
3. UXO Lao organize the pilot on training to RE and NTS.
  - UXO Lao are going to follow up and conduct lesson learnt from the new pilot project at the provincial level and improving the tasks of MRE in Quarter 2.
4. Lao Youth Union would like to cooperate with the NRA due to they have networks down to the village level and currently LYU under planning to be a stake holder with NRA.
5. Halo Trust operation is seem that
  - The problems and challenges of tasks implementation in the ground as some villages is not have a good cooperation enough and villagers don't want to report the UXO items that they are fond and also don't want to lead the team to see the location of UXO found.
  - When we provided the War Victim Medical Fund to the health center it seem that health center's staff are not really aware this policy.
  - The work-plan is to continue conducting MRE in the day time and evening in the target villages and schools and continue to meet with villages to operate the survey and intergrated MRE as well and aslo conduct data collection on UXO affected persons.
7. SOS and Ministry Education and Sports, provincial department of Education and Sports, and District Education and Sports had organized the football match by intergreted the MRE activity to the students in Mok district.
  - Good points and challenges of the works implementation ingeneral is good cooperation with the central down to the provincial and district authorities including teachers who received the training have a good contribution and well participation in the project activity.
  - The tools and materails are not enough as needs due to many schools are lack of sports tools that project is not available to provide such as busket ball, volleyball, Petuqe, Table tennis and other sport materails for teaching.
  - Number of trainers Some times is not enough for training to the students are participated, so that the training had to provide into two round.
  - For the project cooperation with UXO Lao in Salavan the project activity is currently under preparation for conducting M&E and propose to continue new project.

**At the end of the meeting the chair had some recommendation to**

1. Request IM unit to improve the reporting system into two langues Lao and English to ensure that easy to understand.
2. Propose to all operators representative to report to their managers on how can we improve the MRE works inorder to meet the two objectives and inline with the donors' objectives.
3. We hope that all operators will have a good cooperation to ensure that we improve the MRE works as it is necessary to continue for safety to the people living in the affected areas.
4. Request to increase more funding allocate to MRE works such as from Canada, USA, South Korea and other donors who interest investing on MRE works.

**Remark:** More details of the activities and work-plan achievements and Q2 work-plan are in the appendix

**Chair of the Meeting**  


**Minute taker**  


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