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**The Minute of the Technical Working Group of Victim Assistance (TWG/VA)
At National Regulatory Authority (NRA) Meeting Room on May 25, 2011 at 9:00-12:00**

Agenda item 1 (Opening) Mr. Phetsavang SOUNALATH, Deputy Director on behalf of NRA welcomed participants and declared official opening the TWG meeting.

Agenda item 2 (Last VA TWG Minute Meeting) VA Officer presented the last minute of VA TWG Meeting as following items: The purpose of establish the Form for the survivor tracking system is to ensure that their assistances needs are met after they became UXO victims and promote them to have equity living in the society. The Provincial and District Committees Organization Chart in 10 provinces as follow: Xiengkhouang, Haophanh, Luangphabang, Bolikhamxay, Khammoune, Savannakhet, Saravan, Champasack, Sekong and Attapeu. Theses include the implementing, the roles and responsibility of committees and reporting to NRA. EU funded on suporting VA/NRA to conducted for data collection on accidents and casualties in phase 1. VA strategy building is mainly completed:

1. Data collection completed 95%
2. Medical Services completed 95%
3. Physical Rehabilitation completed 90%
4. Psychosocial completed 70%
5. Vocational and Social Economic Training completed 50%
6. Advocacy completed 95%

2011 VA workplan are focus on UXO survivor tracking system, continue to collect new accident and victims' data. Organize workshops in four provinces.

Agenda item 3 (Progress of Tracking Forms and Manual Developing) VA Officer presented UXO survivor tracking forms as nearly to complete and the forms consist of 11 questionnaires. Each questionnaire will be feedback, added the missing and cut off if not appropriate question by all operators within one week than send back to NRA finally.

Agenda item 4 (The Progress of Provincial Committees establishment in ten provinces and 10 Years Work Plan Workshop Outcome) The Deputy Director of NRA reported that MOFA and NRA organize the meeting of 10 years work plan on cluster munitions last weekend in Vientiane Capital and the meeting had participated by 10 provincial committees and central government officials. The meeting had provided in three groups; Mine Risk Education, Clearance and Victims Assistance. The groups exchange the experiences and lesson also methodology how to input the three subsectors into the action plans.

Agenda item 5 (The Progress of VA Strategy Building) VA consultant reported that 6 pillars of VA strategy building is mainly completed and still continuing on vocational and social economic training. All position papers were very importance, especially medical care services should be improved and it must be focus on assistance in manners.

VA consultant also had comments that VA strategy building would not just only for one party to responsibility, but is also for all people to work closely together and the main of people who really need helped that from poor people and living in remote area so, we must think about a part of medical care services in village level. At the present, MoH had provided for medical kits and village health volunteer in nationwide so it should be modified and improved that we have. For the, Second Meeting of States Parties would have Lao delegations to attend the meeting so hopefully that, all position papers would be submit or present in the meeting and find the source to conducted on all position papers in the future.

Agenda item 6 (Present the Mental Health in Lao PDR) The representative from Curative Department of Ministry of Health presents that people who have a good health would also have a good mental health. One Psychologist and 02 assistants work in each provincial hospital in Laos. In Vientiane Province, Bolikhamxay, Khammoune and Savannakhet were very good action on mental health. The ministry of health had developed plan on mental health studies exchanged with Mekong Region Countries. Lessons learned were focused and improved on mental health in communities' level. BasicNeeds also works for psychosocial in Lao PDR which supported by EU, previously, the implementation was successfully in targets provinces. BasicNeeds is continuing in three districts in Bolikhamxay Province. In the future, if there are funding to support we will focus in 47 poorer districts in Lao.

Agenda item 7 (Present the Decree of the Right Disable People) The representative from Lao Disable People Association reported that the Decree of the Right of Disable People on progress of developing and submitted to Ministry of Labour Social Welfare to consideration and further submit to government for adoption. If any progress on this then we will be informed to all operators on next TWG.

Agenda item 8 (Any Other Business) The representative from World Education comments on tracking forms that, the tracking forms must be put ID number of survivors because it could be easy to find the number of survivors. For questionnaire no 9.2 of A that mention on treatment fees or the kind of livestock it should be specified cost of treatments, number of livestock and name of organizations supported. In case will offer for the medical services to survivors, WE/C had experienced on treatments of one survivor received 15 times in Xiengkhouang province.

The Deputy Director advices on tracking forms that, the tracking forms was built for tracking the needs of survivors as all information in phase 1 already in IMSMA at NRA. The main point to know is the status of living in society and what is the needs of survivor after became the UXO victims.

The IT Technical advisor comments that, IT Unit had detailed and code number of all survivors in phase 1, all code number would not change. In case, code number had changed but it should changed on the forms before put in IMSMA. The survivors tracking would be difficult to track them because they might be moved to new places.

Victim Assistance Technician comments on survivor tracking that on last International Awareness Day held in April 2011 and did coordinate to UXO survivors join on activities. Some of survivors were taking of their circumstance and what they really need on helped. One of survivor whom from Savannakhet province was really need helped for operate, and she mention that the fragment inside on her finger it makes her could not moved easily and could not help much at family housework's: Other survivors who live in Xiengkhouang province need surgery assistance on

nose. Believe that many of survivors would need on other services in phase 1 and phase 2. For the clear on responsibilities need to be considered; who will be the major on services provider.

The representative from Oxfam comments that; the important thing did not give any promised to the survivors during interview on data, so they would not wait for any helping.

The representative from MSLW comments on VA strategy building that we should think about medical service it should be supported to survivors. Each states parties should be informed to all operators and how could find the source on victims assistance, Lao government should be involved on assisted.

The representative from NRC have comments that, VA/NRA strategy building should be the same as NRC strategy building, especially medical services should be improved. In present, NRC was not enough on accommodation supported to the patients who received the treatment. The medics in district hospital level and Village Health Volunteers should be received on knowledge training. So, NRC and NRA strategy building on medical care services should be combine together and the same for conducted direction.



TA Armor Group/NRA comments on VA/NRA strategy building that, the 6 position papers must be translated into Lao and worked closely with MoH to consist any feedback on medical care services position paper.

The Deputy Director advice that all position papers drafting was well done, all operators had worked closely together. For the number of budget should be appropriated for conducting and called to all operators gave any comments on each position papers then sent back within 2 weeks to the NRA.

Agenda item 9 ((Date for the Next TWG/VA Meeting) Suggestion that the regular VA/TWG will be hold in August 2011 and will be informed.

The list of participants is attached.
The meeting closed at 12 noon.

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