



**Minutes of the Technical Working Group Victim Assistance
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Agenda Item 1: Welcome and Introduction

There was opening and welcome participants to TWG meeting from the Chief Of Operations.

Agenda Item 2 Minutes of the Last Meeting (Attached).

Bountao: Last minutes meeting on 28th Oct is focused on VA working plan this is not just VA unit but also Clearance and MRE Unit. The meeting was identified on the responsibility of six pillars. The operators and ministry concern such as WER/C, MoH, NRC and HIB(Handicraft) provide some information.

Last minute was approved

Agenda Item 3 Matters Arising

Bouavan: Sending invitation letters should be earlier because there is not enough staff in the office sometimes and may no one can join for TWG meeting.

Thongpon: NRA VA unit accompanied by WE/C team visited a UXO victims at Sangthong district, so I would request UXO assistance operators to expand their projects to other province.

Up-to-date NAR VA unit is completely implementing the training Provincial and District Focal Points in 13 provinces and ongoing in north provinces.

Agenda Item 4 VA Technician position (Verbal report)

Mike: I appreciate input from MofH and MLSW and I apology if not have progress on strategy develop. Especially, we lost VA officer and after that VA technician in the same period of time. Congratulation to Bountao promoted to be VA officer and recruited Manichanh as a new VA Technician.

Agenda Item 5 phase 1 report progress

Overview of work progress. There're a lot of input in to S.P.F.W, a lot of input VA strategies. We now work hard on survey plan and prepare annual working plan for VA farm work. So far we have completed final report for phase 1 (in printing both Lao and English versions, English about 100 pages and Lao might be more). Bountao has visited 4 Northern Provinces to discuss on establish the province and district focal point with Provincial Labour Social Welfare Department . So far, Phase 2 survey is reporting through the system from 13 province.

Bountao: so far 1171 villages of 6262, 95 accidents, 229 victims, 70 killed were report from 13 provinces.

Mike: VA strategy building is work on position papers of Psychosocial, Emergency and continue Medical Care Service, Data Collecting. Since then just a little progress because Bountao was in provinces, I also have two weeks holiday, so no strategy meeting for this until January next year. Hope you will understand and forgive us for these delay and provide assistant for these work.

Eg: HIB is provide ambulance . WE/C assist the UXO/Mine victims in 7 provinces. MofH

Bouavan: The MoH is provided < Sustainable medical kit > in health care centre to help poor people only and need to confirmation from village chief that this family poor.

Agenda Item 6 VA Sector Annual Work Plan 2010

Mike: to ensure strategy especially, data collection pillar is continue as phase 2 survey this is conduct until no more accident. Phase 2 has been established Phase 2 survey is under taking by NRA collaboration with provincial and district labour and social welfare department(MLSW) for tracking survivor. In 2010 VA unit will establish system from accident through to rehabilitation with collaboration by all government department concerned all NGOs and operators.

Eg: Explosion occurred

- VA received information is received, notice about accident within where, day, hour, who is involve, how many people.

- When information is received ? VA Unit send out Victims Assistant Provincial Emunerator to investigate and get the details, on what treatment the survivor received.

- NRA would like to exchange information with everyone, so we need to hear from you as well

Eg: treatment, nature of care because information will be in short into *database* about physical social, physical rehabilitation services, vocational training delivered to victims. If these flow into database then we'll able to identify to weak links of the victims flow. if we know that a victims doesn't got a contain service, the NRA, VA unit will inform related to operators to help them because we know that MoH have database about treatment, perhaps VA might attend TWG of MoH. VA have ambition work plan and need to make stronger band with you in 2 to 3 years to make it works, so need to finished on data collection and completed of report.

On second pillar we talk about emergency medical care, and there are several plans but most importantly is MoH which provided village medical kits.

For the AAR they have planning to provide for Emergency Medical Services Project in Pake district in Xiengkhouang Province and hope to get started next year (2010).

Phase 1 the result survivor rate increase 60% died and 40% survived. Now 37% died and 63% survived.

Eg: In Cambodia survived rates is decrease 90% and 10% died it due to they have improved mainly, achieved by village health worker and they provision for ambulance service, so the victims set to help immediately. Same as AAR Project will be very important for us. WE/C is provide emergency and continue medical care in 7 provinces.

Mike: AAR consulted NRA, NAR guide plan especially, the local network, held fund raising in Japan. Some money get put into out real project and the project still in survey in Xiengkhouang Province, will encourage AAR to work closely with curative department and any further should contact to Mr Noriyazu Okayama who is the link with Japan.

Thonglith: AAR nearly to completed of time to survey, mainly focus on emergency care in Pake district and micro health care centre.

Mike: Physical Rehabilitation is limited in eye and hearing damages, exclusive emphasis on wheelchair, limbs injures need info from you of all.

Bouavan: Curative Department might not separate eye, hearing.

Mike: We would appreciate if we know this information and if possible we need to get information direct contact with eye, hearing department.

MLSW: we have information about health services especially, prostheses, sometimes cost but mostly free, details of these operation curative can be provide.

LDPA: can provide statistic, service and training is difficult because of limited fund.

MoH: Mental health is limited only two people on government side and Basics Need is in but not yet go to provincial.

Thonglith: BasicsNeeds mostly concern with mental health social impact. For UXO victims on cost part how to improve their physical social?

MoH: We don't have network in every province. We plan to expand service but fund is limited. For support is received long times ago. Remark: The VA Sector annual work plan 2010 is will be completed by VA unit NAR and will send out by email to ministries concerned and VA operators.

Agenda Item 7 Strategy building progress and plans

Bountao: summaries on VA Sector Annual Work Plan 2010 and all VA operators need to input into match of VA Sector Annual Work Plan 2010 provided NRA VA unit.

Thonglith: NCDP look after policies if disable people get aware to services. And for the CBR can assure that help services go into village. And 2010 plan need to show identify funding for certain places for specialist.

Thongpon: Policies and plans are there but still no fund, so we plan to raise fund. VA might be comprehensive and know appropriate amount of funding, so relevant operators need to provide input (number and amount) and send back to us. MoH and MLSW should make plan.

Thonglith: if possible to set up the new small projects and Dr Bauovan to make the actual plan.

Mike: we need to identify plan to prepare budget get fund from donor if position paper to agrees that this mental health is needed.

Thonglith: The criteria on attending Sikerd vocational training must be under 40 years old. In 2010 to 2014 will provide the training for disable people the subject depend on appropriates.

For LDPA is provided train for disable people to produce handicraft and sale in local markets this project is implementing in Xiengkhouang Province and has to good result beside that if people lost eyesight they will received Massage Training.

Mike: confusion of exist on physical rehabilitation and vocational training, not everything can be done in 2010, so some work will carried on until following year. Band advocated moment (HIB). Advocate generally victim from UXO, general LDPA advocated for disable people. Eg: "right of disable people" for the right of disable people cause by UXO Eg: LDPA should ask ministers to fulfil their policies and should works with seven ministries to the rights for disable people.

Thongpon: Complement on our cooperation . New players should input their plan for 2010 especially, MSWL and thank you for your support.

Agenda Item 8 Date of Next Meeting

The next TWG Meeting will be on 27th Jan 2010.

Agenda Item 9: Closing remarks at 12:00

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