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**The Minute of the Technical Working Group of Victim Assistance (TWG/VA)  
At National Rehabilitation Center Meeting Room on September 29, 2010 at 8:30-12:00**

**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) Mr. Bountao Chanthavongsa, VA Officer presented the last TWG minute the main points of discussion were the UXO Victim Assistance. Report on completion of workshops with local authorities and other NGOs working in the locals. In the workshops were discussed on how to report and manage as emergency with the victims in case accident occur in the future. The last meeting also reported the number of UXO Victims and also increasing in number of the villages reported by Provincial and District Focal Points. Policies on supporting the medical care to the survivor victims were presented during the workshops in 17 provinces if any accidents occur outside the project areas they should request and submit to the NRA for further request to the operators who is working on UXO Victims Assistance for further supports. The progress of strategy building was reported and to preparation the information of VA for the 1MSP that will be hold in Lao PDR on November 2010.

**Agenda Item 3** (Matter Arising) Mr. Phil Bean, TA/NRA raised that the VA strategies building progress were discussed in the last TWG meeting and this will continue to discuss again in this TGW meeting? Mr. Bountao Chanthavongsa, VA Officer stressed that yes, the Strategy will continue to summarize and will present in the next TGW meeting.

**Agenda Item 4** (Phase 2 progress report) Mr. Bountao Chanthavongsa, VA Officer reported to the TWG meeting that all the information collected will dedicate the locations of where accidents occurs this will use to prioritization for the clearance tasks and for the MRE activities in order to make sure that all messages are fully understood by the target groups and reflex to the victims' behaviors caused the accidents occur. Phase 2 survey are clearly indentified for example activities at the time of accident occur, girls, boys, men, women and etc. The information also used to indentify for the assistances needs of survivors for example Physical Rehabilitation and other Social Economic supports.

The Phase 2 Survey will continue to collect all the accidents and Victims occurred since January 2008 up to date and Ongoing. For the Phase 1 Report was printed in both Lao and English and also available at NRA's Website.

All Phase 2 Accidents and Victims Forms collected by VAPE are in the progress of enter into DATABASE called IMSMA. So far, the progress of collecting Accidents and Victims for the Phase 2 completed more than 95% for the remain are in the difficulties remote areas that cannot access during the rainy season for example in Ta Oi, Samauy district in Saravan Province.

VA Unit completed workshops with local authorities, NGOs and other development partners at the end of July 2010 for the Victim assistance in Lao PDR especially, reporting system through the network from the local to central in case of accident occur in the future. So far, 8,722 of 8,764 villages were reported and 24

villages not yet report are in Saychamphone district as new and difficulties district to access of Bolikhamxay province.

**Agenda Item 5** (VA TA) Mr. Stan Brabant, STA NRA presents the situation of recruitment of new VA TA so far, the progress is ongoing discussing with UNDP either to continue short term contract to ex-VA TA who ended contract previous month for continue on VA Strategy Building or may open to other candidates to apply and I hope this I be may recruit by next week.

**Agenda Item 6** (AAR presentation of the VA project in Xiengkhaung province) Mr. Noriyasu Okayama, representative of AAR in Laos presents the new Victim Assistance project in Xiengkhaoung province for 3 years;

First year will implement in Phaxay and Pek district, second year in Phoukoud and Kham district and third year in Nonghed and Khoun district.

The project is under supervised of National Rehabilitation Center, MoH. The daily tasks are to coordinate with the local hospital. The purpose of the project is to improve the first aid training and to establish the transportation net work for transportation to the higher medical care incase accident occur. The main activities of the project are providing the first aid and usage of the medical equipments training to the chief of village, Village Health Volunteers and medical persons at the health center. The project also will provide some training on transportation to the drivers who were appointed as driver to take the victims to the higher hospital if any accident occurs. The brochures will be distributed to the target districts and villages. The budget for 3 years project was reported to the TWG meeting.

**Agenda Item 7** (The progress of 1SMP Exhibition on 9-12 November 2010) Mr. Thondy Phommavongsa, MRE Officer announces to the all Operators interesting to register for exhibition during the 1SMP further information all Operators can contact the sub-committee at the NRA.

**Agenda Item 8** (UXO Survivor Tracking System) Mr. Phetsavang SOUNALATH, Deputy Director of NRA presents the next year work-plan of VA Unit for the Survivor Tracking System. So far, NRA is building the VA Strategy and each pillar regarding to the Victim Assistance. The purpose of tracking survivors is to make sure that all the survivors are received the services through rehabilitation. The question what Database will be identified for tracking system? And also the questionnaires will be used in the forms? Regarding to the information needed. The information from the Phase 1 Survey collected all the accidents and Victims occurred in 1964-2008, so how can we identified to track or we just track the survivors only from the last decade. This project should be discussing among the operators in the TWG Meeting and agree together how we can implement this project. The Questionnaires should be designed and draft the methodology and guide line of implementing this project.

**Agenda Item 9** (Announcement to Operators to submit 2011 work plan) Mr. Bountao Chanthavongsa, VA Offer reminds Operators to submit their 2011 work plan especially target villages, districts and provinces to the VA Unit NRA Office to put together and establish the Survivor Tracking System and also to introduce to all Provincial and District Focal Points when we have workshops for facilitation on their project implementation.

**Agenda Item 10** (Any Other Business) Mr. Thonglith Sihabandith, NRC recommence that in the past we have only WE/C to support on treatment cost to the UXO Survivors and now AAR also providing some services for supporting the medical care and Wheel Chair and tricycle to the UXO Survivors in Xiengkhaung province, for COPE is provided Orthotic & Prosthetic devices for disable people and including other operators which working for UXO sector. In services couldn't support all people who live in the rural areas. So for field visited in Saravan Province there was UXO survivor also needed to support for vocational training and social economic and it would very useful to the survivors for tracking system.

Mr. Beutha Xaykhao, MSLW share the idea; there was one UXO survivor in 1965 but he had good social economic to support him and took care by children and he has better life for now. This survivor should be tracking or not? Where was the budget from government or NGOs.

Mr. Phetsavang SOUNALATH, Deputy Director of NRA recommence that; The UXO sector was working on social economic plan by government for reduce poverty in Lao PDR. All most the UXO survivors were very poorness people. After 6 strategic building were issue by government and would have budget for tracking system and set up funding for UXO survivors. This funding would not provided for prosperities people. The target will provided only poorness and could not support by themselves.

Mr. Noriyasu Okayama, representative of AAR share the experienced in the past of the project on tracking that; AAR have provided wheelchair & tricycle for all disable people in Lao PDR but not undigested and distributed 500devices per year. But it was difficulty to track for all that where was broken from parts of device? The most importance things is how can give the messages to them and how to contact back to NRA or Operators is involved.

**Last agenda item 9 (Date for the Next TWG/VA Meeting)** suggestion that the regular VA/TWG meeting is holding in every two month and will be informed.

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

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