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**VA TWG Meeting Minute
NRA's Office Meeting Room Date March 21st 2018**

The meeting organized on the date of March 21st 2018 at 13:30 chaired by Mr. Bounphamith Somvichith Deputy of Director General, in charge of Operation with 11 attendants.

1. Mr. Bountao Chanthavongsa, VA Officer
 2. Mr. Khounkeo Laungphiboun, VA technician
 3. Miss Mayu Sakaguchi from UNDP
 4. Mr. Sokxay Sengvongkham from HI
 5. Ms. Southala Naunthong from CMR Ministry of Health
 6. Ms. Chanthalay Visathep from LDWDC
 7. Mr. Khampan Latsavong from UXO Lao
 8. Ms. Sisavanh Khammoungkhoun, MRE NRA Office
 9. Ms. Chitthavone Philavanh, Research Unit NRA Office
 10. Mr. Phonkeo Lattanavong from LDPA
 11. Mr. Vongthong Keomanivanh from Lao Youth Union
- Deputy of NRA Director General Mr. Bounphamith the chair of the meeting welcoming the participants and present the objectives of the VA TWG meeting and officially opening the meeting.
- UXO/Mine Victim Assistance Unit presenting the activities conducted in last three months Jan-Mar 2018, such as coordination on UXO/Mine Accident and victim reporting and the UXO/Mine Victims Assistance Received Reporting from Operators. And for the future plan of the Victim Assistance Unit will be close coordinated with CMR on the issue of UXO/Mine victim assistance and also to support to the Agent Orange survey and other related works.

2008 -2018 Lao UXO/Mine Accidents and Victims

Year	No. of Accident	Injured Boy	Injured Girl	Injured Man	Injured Woman	Total Injured	Death Boy	Death Girl	Death Man	Death Woman	Total Death	Total Victim
2018	4	1	0	3	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
2017	19	8	6	12	11	37		1	3	0	4	41
2016	35	24	5	17	3	49	8	0	2	0	10	59
2015	27	16	1	15	1	33	2	0	6	1	9	42
2014	22	9	7	8	5	29	12	0	4	0	16	45
2013	18	12	5	9	2	28	7	1	5	0	13	41
2012	36	11	2	17	11	41	6	2	6	1	15	56
2011	64	34	4	32	9	79	14	0	6	0	20	99
2010	75	47	7	33	8	95	9	5	9	1	24	119
2009	77	25	3	50	8	86	6	2	25	1	34	120
2008	186	67	15	99	22	203	20	5	66	8	99	302
Grand Total	563	254	55	295	80	684	84	16	132	12	244	928

Q2 work-plan of VA Unit as followings:

- VA Unit NRA will coordinate with Lao Youth Union on preparation of the establishing the coordinator person to work with VA Unit for preparation on the work-plan for 2019 UXO victim assistance in Xiengkhaung and Savannakhet province.
- Follow up and encourage the operators who implement the UXO/Mine victim assistance.

2018 UXO/Mine Victim Assistance Work-Plan

No	Organizations	Donor	Description	Province and district	Beneficiaries	Budget Available	Budget Need
1	OLA	?	Vocational Training and Economic support	5 districts in XK pro	150	\$0	\$ 139,750
		DFDI	Funding for Medical treatment	7 districts in XK pro	100	\$200	\$ 11,800
		EU/HH	Funding for Prosthetic and Orthotic	5 districts in XK pro	75	\$1,875	\$ 10,312
		EU/HH	Funding for Mental health support	7 districts in XK pro	150	\$2,000	\$ 10,500
		Team Dai	Funding for the Education Scholarship	7 districts in XK pro	400	\$5,000	\$ 45,000
		Anita	Funding for construction new houses	7 districts in XK pro	10	\$12,000	\$ 108,000
2	Vocational Training School in HP	KOICA	Vocational Training and Economic support	3 district in HP pro	39	\$50,000	
3	Community Development Association	KOICA	Vocational Training and Economic support	3 district in SVK pro	30	\$46,258	
4	World Education	WRA	Funding for Medical treatment	XK, HP, SVK, SLV, SK AND CPS	100	\$49,528	\$ 60,000
5	WLP	Green Cross International, Year of Giving Generously (G2G) China Clenega Foundation	Fund for medical treatment, vocational training and education scholarship	3 districts in SVK and 2 districts in SLV	67	\$26,667	
			42 villages are surveyed for orange agent	SVK and SLV		\$26,667	
6	CMR/COPE	Norway	Prosthetics and Orthotics	18 provinces	200	\$76,000	
		USAID				\$13,000	
		Australian Embassy				\$46,000	\$ 200,000
		?					\$ 950,000
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7	HI	EU/CDC (French MOFA)	1,100 victims and people with disability are survey	Haumaiung district HP		\$4,000	
			First Aid Training to 18 villages	Haumaiung district HP		\$6,000	
Total:					1,321	365,195	\$ 1,535,362

- **UNDP** recommended that currently there are difficulty on data collection from different organizations as they had fund from different donors, so how is NRA solving on that issues?

Mr. Bounphamith Somvichith, chair of the meeting responded to above question as NRA need more closely coordinated with organizations to establish a contact person to respond on reporting all the needed information to NRA, however it is very challenges as well due to some organizations not able to report on the budget expenditure to NRA.

- VA Unit share the progress of medical treatment support to UXO/Mine victims as implemented by World Education as the request had submitted to World Education, but not yet respond in regarding to the WVMF policy.
- HI shared the information on UXO Survey and Clearance and victim assistance's MOU progress as currently is under way of submitting and Q2 work-plan is reviewing and HI will request to NRA for approval on advertising and interviewing new staff then organize the training to VA staff and further planning at the end of April 2018. For the LDPA is partner to implement the awareness of right of people with disability.

Ms. Sisavanh Khammoungkhoun advised to HI submit the request to NRA office for pre-approval implementation however, this need to be approved by MOFA and also all information are available for consideration of approval.

- CMR implementation with regarding to the role and responsibility support to general people with disability including the UXO/Mine victims. The reporting mechanism is reporting to the line ministry however, CMR also able to support NRA office for coordinating with provincial CMR to provide the information of UXO/Mine victims who received the assistances as provincial NRA can deal directly with provincial CMR.
- Lao Youth Union: Lao Youth Union is new partner of NRA as will conduct two elements such UXO/Mine victim assistance and Mine Risk Education however, currently on the process of coordination in order to establishment of the coordinator to coordinate with NRA office related

units due to we need to prepare of the developing proposal to submit to the donor (KOICA) for year 2018-2022.

- VA Unit shared the progress of KOICA funding to QLA in Xiengkhuang, Vocational Training School in Hauphan and CoDA in Savannakhet province through UNDP and NRA office are under submitted to MOFA for further approval and expect these will be approved soon however, there are many challenges due to it take time for consideration as affect to the time period of implementation as mention in MOA and some activities the implementers have to use other funding to conduct to ensure that this project can be completed as the time period of the MOA.

The VA TWG Meeting closed at 16:00.

Chairman of the Meeting:



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Mr. Bounphamith SOMVICHITH

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