



Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare  
National Regulatory Authority for UXO/Mine Sector  
in Lao PDR.

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**To:** Director General of National Regulatory Authority for UXO/Mine Action  
Sector in Lao PDR.

**Subject :** The achievement of the MRE Technical Working Group for Quarter 03, 2020  
and set up the direction and plan for the fourth Quarter of 2020.

- According to the plan of holding a MRE Technical Working Group meeting for quarter 3, 2020 and set the direction and plan for the fourth quarter of 2020.

Mine Risk Education Unit from the National Regulatory Authority for UXO/Mine Sector in Lao PDR (NRA Office) has an honour to report to you about the achievement of the Quarter 3, 2020 Mine Risk Education Technical Working Group meeting and the setting of the Direction and Plan for Quarter 4, 2020. The said meeting has organized on 2020 at the NRA Office in which its details as below :

### 1. Purpose

- To report on the achievement of the Mine Risk Education activities of each operator in the third quarter ; advantages, difficulties, challenges and solutions;
- To set the direction and the implementation plan of the Mine Risk Education of each operator for the quarter 4, 2020.

### 2. Participants

Department of Arts Education, Ministry of Education and Sports; Department of General Education, Ministry of Education and Sports; Department of Youth Process, Lao People's Revolutionary Youth Center ; National Radio Station ; World Education (WEL); Organization for Humanitarian and Involvement; Mine Advisory Group, Xiengkhouang Province; Lao National Unexploded Ordnance Programme; HALO Trust, and Lane Xang Minerals (Sipheung).

### 3. The Conducting of the Meeting

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Duangsy Thammavong, Deputy Director General of the NRA. The meeting was conducted as follows:

The meeting received the success of Mine Risk Education TWG meeting Quarter 2, 2020 and the success of Mine Risk Education TWG meeting Quarter 3, 2020. At the same time, the meeting heard the report on Mine Risk Education activities plan for quarter 4, 2020 from the Mine Risk Education Unit and after that, the meeting heard report on the accidents that occurred from the beginning of 2020 to the present, then after that, the representatives of each party whose working on mine risk education, such as: Department of Arts Education, Ministry of Education and Sports; Department of General Education, Ministry of Education and Sports; World Education (WEL); Organization for Humanitarian and Involvement; Mine Advisory Group, Xiengkhouang Province; Lao National Unexploded Ordnance Programme; HALO Trust, and Lane

Xang Minirals (Sipheung) reported on the achievements, advantages, difficulties, and lessons learned in the implementation of quarter 03 as well as setting plans for quarter 04.

#### 4. Meeting Success

- The meeting heard reports from the MRE operators regarding the advantages, difficulties and challenges in the implementation of work in Quarter 03, which each organization implemented its activities well and accordingly with the Quarter 3 plan;
- For the direction and plan for the fourth quarter, 2020, each operator will continue to implement and complete the outstanding activities of the third quarter and set plan to implement work plan for the fourth quarter by focusing on implementing of the activities to achieve as planned, as well as strictly pay attention to the government's notification on prevention, control and surveillance of COVID-19 of the Task Force Committee ;
- The meeting was unanimously to update the MRE Report Form to be in line with the operators' activities in the next meeting;
- The meeting acknowledged the number of UXO victims since early period of 2020 up to present, there have been 24 UXO victims, more accidents occurred in Xieng Khouang Province, there were 5 accidents occurred and most numbers of UXO victims were in Savannakhet Province.

#### 5. Proposals

- The meeting proposed NRA Office to publish UXO Victim Treatment Fund Policy Books and posters to distribute to the villages, as well as disseminate this policy through the radio broadcasting programme.
- Mine Advisory Group, Xiengkhouang province proposed to the meeting to reconsider regarding the use of the "terms" that currently use by the international agents, for example "Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE), but Lao PDR has still used the terms Mine Risk Education (MRE).
- The meeting proposed the NRA to consider to update the MRE Report Form to be consistent with the activities of the operators and World Education, requested to feed the info into the data base system of the NRA to report the MRE activities implementation in each period of time.
- The meeting proposed the relevant parties to consider about inviting journalists from the national or provincial radio stations to participate in order to collect information and broadcast news during the implementation of the operator conducting monitoring to support and evaluate the project activities;
- The meeting proposed the Victims Assistant Unit to distribute the document about UXO Victims Treatment Policy Fund to the participants for this meeting.

Therefore, I reported to you for your information and giving appropriate directives.

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