

Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare
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Minutes of Mine Risk Education Technical Working Group Meeting Frist Quarter, 2020

INTRODUCTION

Mine Risk Education Technical Working Group Meeting in the first quarter, 2020 was conducted at the NRA Meeting room on March 20th, 2020. The meeting was attended by implementing partners and NRA staff in total 11 people and 5 females.

OPENING SESSION

Mr. Chomyaeng Phengthongsawat, Director General of NRA office meeting delivered his welcome remarks to the Mine Risk Education Technical Working Group Meeting and emphasized on the UXO/MRE as preventive measure. He also proposed all participants to active contribution, especially on the best practices, changes and way forward.

Purpose of meeting

- To report the progressive of implementing from the last quarter
- To share best practices of operators and stakeholders
- To exchange views and narrow gaps on the UXO/MRE

ITEM FOR SHARING AND DISCUSSION

Ms. Sisavane Khammoungkhoun, UXO/MRE officer presented the progress of implementing from the last quarter and focused on planning and coordination to implement the activities. She also presented the UXO/MRE Work Plan in second quarter 2020 and she took opportunity to share the importance of prioritization of UXO/MRE because it was basis of further implementation.

Mr. Bountao took opportunity to report of the victim assistance, there was 7 cases and 12 victims, and the last case was in Nong district, Savannakhet and Xiengkhuang province. It was double cases in the same village because of digging land and children play the bomb.

DISCUSSION

1. Mass Media Department, Ministry of Information Culture and Tourism mentioned that some people could not access to radio programs because of no equipment and he informed the meeting that the Lao National Radio Broadcasting Programs covered overall country.

3. Process Department, Lao People's Revolutionary Youth Union prepared joint activities with NRA, which it will conduct in Borikhamxay province.
4. HI Representative informed on provides the information to communities about UXO safety and distributed pens, color pencils, pencils, T-shirt, sticker of hotline number.
5. World Education reported that (WEL) supported 20 groups of drama in 10 provinces (2 groups per province) on the occasion of celebration of Women's Day on 8th March.
6. Mine Advisory Group shared information on conducting community outreach about safety from UXO to the communities, produced brochures, notebooks and pens.
7. Lane Xang Minerals (Sipheung) told the meeting on conducting MRE outreach at Primary schools, Secondary Schools including distribution of equipment.

CLOSING

Chair of the meeting thanks to all participants for constructive ideas, and then officially closed the meeting at 11:30.

The Minutes was drafted by UXO/MRE Unit on 20th March 2020 and submitted to NRA Management 22 June 2020 