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For UXO/Mine Action Sector in Lao PDR

Technical Working Group Minutes of the Meeting on UXO Survey and Clearance in Quart 2, 2020

I. Overview

The Technical Working Group Meeting on UXO Survey and Clearance for quarter 2, 2020, was held on the 24th of June 2020 at 8:30 am at the Women's Union Training Center, Vientiane Capital. The meeting was chaired by the Deputy Director of the NRA office, Mr. Bounpheng SISAWATH, and attended by co-workers and technical personnel from the NRA office and representatives from the UXO operators with a total of 65 participations, the details at the attachments.

II. Purpose

- To discuss and exchanged ideas on the technical works on Survey – Clearance and destroyed, testing hightechnologies for survey – clearance to update the National Mine Action Standards.
- To discuss on coordination and information exchange on the survey – clearance.
- To discuss on CHA to be put in the work plan on priorities areas selection.
- To review and present the updating the quarter 2, 2020 the survey – clearance on implementation.

III. The result of the meeting

The meeting discussed and ideas excanhge on technical work on uxo survey – clearance, coordination, data exchange as following bellows:

- The clearance unit reports the progress of the priorities selection for CHA which will be conducted in Xiengkhoang, Salavan, Sekong, Champasack and Attapue provinces.
- Update the NTS, TS and AC forms.
- Qualities management reports the result of implementation on Survey and Clearance for operators and companies.
- The meeting discussed the improvement of the NTS report forms, technical survey, area clearance and land clearance forms
- Updae the traning on priorities selection on the Survey and Clearance in Salavan, NRA will be communicate with Tretratech.
- The meeting discussed the ways how to clear mines field in Kalongnieu, Palanxay District, Savannakhet and Houameuang District, Houaphanh Province these areas was responed by Halotruse.

- The meeting discussed testing bomb 26 to be improve the national standart, this work relative to the technical so must be studies details.
 - The meeting discussed on the uxo clearance priorities
 - The meeting raised the issue of using drones to work in the UXO sector, which was of interest to the participants as many countries have used and developed this technology.
 - Regarding the correction of errors in the database, it was noted that this issue has not been solved for a long time. This will need to be improved in the near future.
 - The meeting discussed on EOD traning in level 4 which will be conducted in the 2021, for fuding the NRA will more discuss with Tretratech.
 - There are still some operators that conduct clearance in the same Confirmed Hazardoua Area (CHA) in the same province.
1. Discussed how to removed the borm 750 pon, fule 123, its was found in Svannakhet province. The funding for remove and destroyed the meeting was calls to the company who was responce on this area project.
 2. When reporting on GPS data, all operators should use the UTM format that is used in the online reports.
 3. Clearance unit request to tretratech continue to sport on coodination workshop with provicail authorities and distrcit authorities.
 4. The meeting discussed the way how to selects the staff for MAG Xiengkhoaung, requested to MAG coordination with NRA province and PRA.
 5. The meeting discussed the way to reseached on MOU on these sector.

IV. Purpose and agreed as follows :

- MAG requested to impove old EOD level 3.
 - UXO Lao want to update high technical on EOD.
 - Most people never understands on Survey and Cleancerance.
 - Request to put qualities management as: QA &QC to all job sides on uxo sector.
 - The Qualitimangement, NRA office go to data collection on data eerors.
 - For the ElectRICT sews of Japanese expert is requests to UXO Lao to put in National standart.
 - How big of bormb for CHA yellow box.
 - For non CHA of UXO Lao purporse to NRA for consideration.
 - The meeting would be develops for National standart for mine clearance.
 - The NRA would be reviews for spending fud of 90 US dollars.
 - Purpose to all operator make to the annual work plan on Clearnce and Survey suach as: date, Month, year.
 - The improvement of the National Mine Action Standards of the UXO sector is the responsibility of the Quality Management unit.
6. For the dynamite usage, each operator must conduct the operations in accordance with recognised techniques and specific standards.

Meeting Chairman

Meeting minutes by

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