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Minute of Quarter 1, 2019 Mine Risk Education
Technical Working Group Meeting

The Q1 2019 of MRE TWG Meeting organized on the date 6th March 2019 time 8:30 at NRA’s office meeting room which chaired by Mr. Bounphamith Somvichith Deputy of NRA Director General, responsibility of Operation Department with 15 (5 women) representative participants from difference stakeholders, partners and including NRA staffs.

Mr. Chairman welcome the participants and official opening the MRE TWG meeting and encourage the participants to share experiences and discussion the further approaches to be applied on the MRE activities to ensure people get well understanding and to avoid the accidents caused by UXOs.

MRE Unit presented the last minute of MRE TWG Meeting and present the Q1 2019 work-plan had been implemented and also present the expectation of Q2 2019 work-plan as focus on such as MRE TWG Meeting and coordinate to the Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism for implementing the Radio Program in 5 provinces.

Regarding to the agenda all operators and stake holders are sharing the excievements of their works from last quarter and also present the Q2 of 2019 work-plan such as representative of UNDP, Lao Youth Union, SOS, UXO Lao and Halo Trust, HI, World Education, and LXML report their Q1 2019 works-plan implementation excievements and present their Q2 2019 works-plan. The details of full reports and plan are in the appendix.

• VA Unit reported the situation on the UXO accidents in 2018 as there are 17 accidents with 21 injured and three killed. The caused of the accidents are almost by setting fire, digging and etc. however, the VA Unit encourage the operators have a good coordination on any may have the UXO accidents issue in 2019.

The meeting delivers relevant consultations and discussion important topics

1. UXO Lao Risk Education conducted in two of temporary camps of flood disaster in Sanamxay district Attapue province, educated the people to aware of the dangers of UXOs in their daily living in the contaminated areas.

    - The tasks implemented in 2018 of UXO Lao is not met the work-plan due to funding issue in some provinces the RE tasks were temporary suspended and waiting for the extension the new contract and since the mid of 2018 the RE work in Luangprabang province was conducted during the team implemented the NTS works.
2. Representative of UNDP recommended that MRE and VA works are related therefore, it should focus on how to deeply solve the issues and those information should report to the high level of management.

3. Representative of Lao Youth Union represented the achievement of conducting the MRE training in Khammoun province during 26-28 Feb 2019.

4. Representative of Halo Trust presented the activities they had been achieved such as assessments of the understanding of people to the MRE activities as they conducted three times per month. The MRE activity was conducted at the same time of opening new village for conducting the Non-Technical Survey (NTS).
   - Continue conduct the MRE activity in the communities (conduct at night time VDO with projector).
   - Continue conduct the MRE in the schools in the target villages.

5. Representative of SOS presented the works they had been done such as coordination works from the central to local authorities were smoothy coordinated as facilitating of activities implementation.
   - The trained teachers are able to contribute, participate and implement the activities of the project as indicated during the sports competition ceremony almost were organized by the trained techers from the district and they also able to be referees for the competition.

6. Representative of HI presented their tasks such as develop and trail the first aid curriculum conducted by the village volunteers which benefit to the UXO survivors, indirect victims, disable people and their families.
   - Continued discussion with NRA, provincial and district authorities in Houphan province.
   - UXO victim data collection, interviewed households in the villages, deliver the VDOs, selecting the village volunteers.

7. Representative of World Education presented their tasks such as working with Ministry of Education and Sports by organizing the workshop for developing UXO cuuiculums. MRE Unit request World Education to submit the details of information as this will be the national curriculum.

8. LXML received the training on MRE in three phases which provided by MRE Unit NRA, therefore, next month we have plan to conduct the MRE in fifteen villages in Sepon district.
Recommendations of the Chair of the TWG Meeting:

1. Objective of the TWG Meeting is to follow up the MRE operation to ensure people who lives in the contaminated areas are safed from the UXO.

2. Exchange the experiences, problems issues and other challenges these to find out the solutions.

3. Request World Education submit the request letter to NRA for providing the information for applying in the UXO curriculums.

4. Chair request the TWG to create the Watch App for the TWG Meeting members for facilitating the communication.

Remark: The details of the Q1 2019 implementation and Q2 2019 work-plan of the operators are in the appendixes

Chair of the TWG Meeting

Mr. Bounphamith SOMVICHITH

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