Welcome and Opening Remarks
Review Minutes from last SWG
Review UXO SWG Terms of Reference
UXO Sector progress report
Revised Safe Path Forward
Lunch
Revised Safe Path Forward (continued)
Annual Work Plan
Convention on Cluster Munitions
Closing Remarks
Review Minutes from last SWG
Review UXO SWG Terms of Reference
Separated into sub-sectors and cross cutting areas:

- MRE
- Victim Assistance
- Clearance
- Standards and Quality Management
- Information
- Funding
- Revised Sector Strategy
Achievements – January to July 2009

MRE Activities Delivered via UXO Lao, MAG, HIB, and FSD
• Village visited: 529 villages
• Total audience: 99,859 people
  (Children: 45,705 Adults: 54,154)

UXO School Education Program Conducted with World Education Consortium
• Schools involved: 533 primary schools
• Audiences: total - 160,134 (155,244 children, 72,620 females)
Achievements – January to July 2009

Ministry of Information and Culture MRE Radio Spots
• Broadcast in three ethnic languages
• Radio spot developed as a CD in three more ethnic languages
• 4,500 spots aired and 2,000 paid for by GoL

Development of Key MRE materials
• Behavior change communication (BCC) poster and documentary for specific at-risk groups
• BCC audio CD broadcast in community loudspeakers
• In-use by multiple operators
Achievements – January to July 2009

**Operator Training in ‘Communication for Behavior Impact (COMBI)’**
- Delivered to all MRE Operators

**MAG Foundry Project**
- Community liaison conducted behavior change workshops with scrap metal industry – complete.

**HIB Risk Education Program**
- Parenting and village volunteer education module - ongoing
Opportunities

Continued focus on specific at-risk group and at-risk areas

Improved targeting of MRE messages – use the right message for the right group

More support to villages volunteers

Create peer educator network among scrap metal dealer
Achievements – January to July 2009

Establishment of Six Pillars of Victim Assistance

- Data Collection
- Medical Care and Rehabilitation
- Physical Rehabilitation
- Psychosocial Rehabilitation
- Economic Rehabilitation & Vocational Training
- Advocacy
1. Data Collection

Phase 1  UXO Victim and Accident Survey Historic 1964-2008

- 50,136 Casualty Forms Collected
- From 9,066 Villages (9,583 villages in Lao PDR)

Phase 2 UXO Victim and Accident Survey Ongoing, January 2008 and Continuing

- Started August 2009
- Information now coming in
Example of the type of report that can be produced

Results of Phase 1: Total Casualties 1964-2008

Number of casualties over time

0
1000
2000
3000
4000
5000
6000


casualties
year
Example of the type of report that can be produced

Results of Phase 1: % Deaths and Injuries: 1964-2008

percentage killed and injured 1964-2008


killed
injured
Example of the type of report that can be produced

Results of Phase 1: Devices Causing Accident: 1964-1973

Type of Device Causing Casualties 1964-1973

- Mine: 20.51%
- Big Bomb: 15.07%
- Mortar: 5.12%
- Grenade: 7.44%
- Artillery shell: 11.58%
- Bombie: 13.22%
- Fuse: 0.30%
- Other: 14.34%
- Rocket: 4.75%
- White Phosphor Bomb: 4.08%
- Unknown: 0.43%
Example of the type of report that can be produced

Results of Phase 1: Devices Causing Accident: 1999-2008

Type of Device Causing Casualties 1999-2008

- White Phosphor Bomb: 0.42
- Artillery shell: 9.40
- Grenade: 8.73
- Mine: 14.94
- Big Bomb: 2.81
- Bombie: 28.79
- Other: 14.60
- Mortar: 6.63
- Rocket: 4.99
- Unknown: 4.91
- Small bomb: 2.14
- Fuse: 1.64
2. Medical Care and Rehabilitation

- 4 National Hospitals
- 5 Regional Hospitals
- 12 Provincial Hospitals
- 22 Grade A District Hospitals
- 102 Grade B District Hospitals
- 789 Sub-District Health Centres

- about 20,000 Village Health Volunteers: 2 per village
- 5,000 Drug Kits
3. Physical Rehabilitation

- NRC/COPE Prosthetic & Orthotic Programme
- Fits about 1,500 P&O + 450 Wheelchairs thru
- Five Rehabilitation Centres (Luang Phrabang?)
- Outreach Programme Started in 4 Provinces
- Limited facilities for blind (VTE, SVK)
- Limited facilities for deaf (VTE, SVK, PKS)
4. Psychosocial Rehabilitation

- Helping survivors to adjust after trauma
- Very limited development in Lao PDR
- MoH have a Mental Health Strategy
- NGOs with some responses: Basic Needs, HIB, WE/C
- NRA VA Unit prepared a Position Paper
5. Economic Rehabilitation & Vocational Training

- There are limited CBR projects for PWD in some provinces (VTE P, XKH, SVK, SRV, SKG)
- These provide some micro-enterprise support
- Vocational training is available in most provinces
- NRC has a vocational training project for PWD at Ban Sikeud + VTE P, KMN, SVK, LPB & CSK
6. Advocacy

- The CCM, with the CRPD, gives a base for advocacy in Lao PDR
- The chief focus for advocacy is LDPA
- LDPA has promoted a Decree on Disability Rights
- HIB has initiated the Cluster Munitions Ban Advocacy movement
Clearance Operators

Not-for-profits
- UXO Lao
- MAG
- NPA
- HIB
- FSD
- SODI
- Lao Army

Commercials
- BACTEC
- Milsearch
- Phoenix (PCL)
- MMG (LXML)
Achievements – January to July 2009

Land Released (TS & Clearance) so far total 2,808 Ha
Achievements – January to July 2009

*Number of UXO Destroyed via TS, Roving & Clearance, totals 48,053*
Developments – January to July 2009

FSD completed clearance operations, while NPA and SODI have signed MOU’s and will commence clearance shortly

The building of a new National Training Centre has been in principal agreed by MLSW

Post Clearance Impact Assessment (PCIA) project plan and TOR agreed

UXO Lao started a pilot project using upgraded equipment (data-logger with magnex 120 and UPEX 740M)
## Accreditation Progress – Operator’s Status

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Achievements – January to July 2009

National Standards
• UXO/mine Action Standards approved in 2008 and formalised as a decree in January 2009
• Training Standards have been finalised.

Accreditation progress
• The process of accrediting organisations continues successfully
Opportunities

The NRA and FSD have agreed to establish a Quality Assurance/Quality Control Capacity (mobile QA/QC Teams)

The team will inspect:

- All Organizations carrying out UXO clearance.
- Focus on UXO Clearance operations.
- Roving tasks.
- Mine clearance operations.
- Area of operation will be throughout Laos.
Achievements – January to July 2009

IMSMA status - fully operational with latest national information (2005 census & latest maps from National Geographic Department)

Data in IMSMA:
Hazard Reduction Forms:
• Area Clearance reports: 2000 +
• Technical Survey Reports: 200 +
• Roving task reports: 500 +
• General Survey reports: 100 +
• MRE reports: 597
• LVIS Reports: 48,849
Achievements – January to July 2009

IMSMA Roll Out Commenced
(*Training and Installation*)
• Training and installation for MMG mineral mining UXO Clearance
• Training and installation for UXO Lao in 6 provinces
  (Saravance, Attapeu, Champasack, Sekong, Savannakhet and Khammoune)
Financial Contributions to the UXO Sector - 2006 to 2008 (excluding commercial companies)

- **Donor Contributions to the Sector 2006 - 2008 (USD$)**

  - **2006**: 16,752,778 USD
  - **2007**: 16,528,833 USD (1.5% decline from 2006)
  - **2008**: 12,852,381 USD (22% decline from 2007)

UXO Sector Working Group 2009: Humanitarian Funding
Financial Contributions to the UXO Sector - 2006 to 2008 (excluding commercial companies)
Expenditure in the Commercial Sector - 2006 to 2008*

*Expenditure within the commercial UXO Sector 2006-2008 (USD$)*

- 2006: 6,022,006
- 2007: 4,615,471
- 2008: 8,963,894

*UXO Sector Working Group 2009:
Commercial Sector Expenditure*

*Bactec, Milsearch, PCL, and MMG (Oz Lang Xang)*
Humanitarian clearance operators accounted for **96%** of all clearance work (numbers of UXO destroyed) in 2007-2008. However, they received only **78%** of all contributions into the sector.
Donor Contributions vs. Sector Productivity

Figures show an increase in sector efficiency and output. However funding is in decline. **THE SECTOR IS PRODUCING MORE WITH LESS.** If more resources were committed, the speed of progress would quicken.
The UXO Sector Strategy, ‘The Safe Path Forward’ has been under revision since May 2009

• Through a series of consensus building, all-stakeholder meetings, a revised version (version 2) has been produced.
• This is the main topic for the UXO SWG today.
• An explanation and discussion will take place after the coffee break
Questions??

Then lets have a Coffee Break
The UXO Sector Strategy: ‘The Safe Path Forward 2’

Second Draft Open for Consideration and Discussion
Lunch
Strategy Annual Work Plan

Discussion in Plenary
Review of the state of the CCM and initiate a discussion about a First Member States Party Conference
Kop Jai Der! 😊