

# Strategic Plan for Mine Risk Education in Lao PDR, 1 January 2007 – 31 December 2010

## **PROGRAMME VISION: A LAO PDR IN WHICH STAKEHOLDERS WORK TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE A SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF UXO VICTIMS THROUGH A SUSTAINABLE, TARGETED RISK REDUCTION STRATEGY**

GOAL	ENABLING OBJECTIVES	ACTIVITIES	RESPONSIBILITY
1. A targeted UXO risk reduction strategy focusing on high-risk areas and high-risk groups.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. To identify highly impacted communities and at-risk groups.</li> <li>b. To deliver risk education to identified at-risk groups.</li> <li>c. To increase UXO awareness and behaviour change among targeted at-risk groups.</li> <li>d. To mainstream gender considerations in MRE activities</li> <li>e. To promote a timely response to requests for clearance of UXO by affected communities.</li> <li>f. To facilitate the timely reporting of UXO casualties at local levels.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Analysis of existing data on risk-taking and incoming victim information data to identify high-risk areas and high-risk groups, ensuring a distinction between intentional risk-taking and unintentional risk;</li> <li>ii) Application of recommendations from the UXO Risk Education Needs Assessment (October 2006) in programme design and monitoring;</li> <li>iii) Development of new MRE messages and materials, in local languages where appropriate and according to the law of Lao PDR, taking into account gender considerations and regional best practices, to target at-risk groups, including farmers and people engaged in scrap metal collection or dealing;</li> <li>iv) Participatory review of procedures for responding to clearance requests and enhancement of existing procedures to ensure community reports are responded to by clearance bodies;</li> <li>v) Support and encourage local authorities to report on UXO casualties and ensure all known UXO incidents are reported to data collectors for the Lao Victim Information System (LVIS).</li> </ul>	<p>NRA with support of MRE Technical Working Group members</p> <p>NRA MRE Unit and MRE Operators</p> <p>NRA in cooperation with MRE Technical Working Group, Operators, at-risk communities &amp; Ministry of Information &amp; Culture</p> <p>NRA Technical Working Groups and UXO Operators</p> <p>NRA, UXO Operators, local authorities, LVIS</p>
2. A sustainable risk education programme.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. To integrate risk education into government plans, priorities and budgets.</li> <li>b. To integrate risk education into development plans and activities.</li> <li>c. To identify alternative sources of funding for risk education.</li> <li>d. To build community capacity to</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Advocacy with government at central and provincial levels for inclusion of risk education in development plans and budgets;</li> <li>ii) Advocacy and dialogue with donors and development operators on the importance of UXO risk education as a cross-cutting theme in plans, budgets and agreements;</li> <li>iii) Continue to support and expand risk education in the school curriculum and develop a focus on out-of-school youth;</li> <li>iv) Develop and implement a pilot project on parenting orientation;</li> <li>v) Continue to support and develop projects that build on local coping</li> </ul>	<p>NRA, UN agencies and donors, including through donor roundtable</p> <p>NRA, UN agencies and donors, including through donor roundtable</p> <p>Ministry of Education &amp; World Education/Consortium, NRA &amp; donors</p> <p>UNICEF and HIB</p> <p>MRE Operators, NRA &amp; donors</p>




	<p>respond to the UXO threat and associated vulnerabilities</p> <p>e. To ensure awareness &amp; involvement of GoL regarding international &amp; national legislation &amp; treaties.</p>	<p>strategies and encourage community responsibility for risk management and reduction</p> <p>vi) Advocacy for adherence to and implementation of relevant international and national legislation on weapons and assistance to victims.</p>	<p>NRA, UN agencies and international NGOs</p>
<p>3. Effective coordination and management of the risk education programme.</p>	<p>a. To develop the capacity of the National Regulatory Authority to coordinate and regulate the national risk education programme.</p> <p>b. To develop the capacities of local authorities to coordinate local community and school risk education projects.</p> <p>c. To contribute to the collection, input and updating of UXO casualty data and ensure use and analysis for project planning and monitoring.</p>	<p>i) Conduct an assessment for capacity development of National Regulatory Authority for coordination and management of risk education and develop and implement a capacity building plan;</p> <p>ii) Produce annual workplans and reports for the risk education programme, including the work of the National Regulatory Authority and MRE operators;</p> <p>iii) Convene and facilitate regular MRE Technical Working Group meetings;</p> <p>iv) Review and update terms of reference for the MRE Technical Working Group and its members;</p> <p>v) Encourage local authorities to identify and document existing risk education initiatives;</p> <p>vi) Encourage local authorities to identify their roles and responsibilities in managing risk education projects;</p> <p>vii) Encourage local authorities to promote the integration of risk education into other projects, including in education, health, and women's issues;</p> <p>viii) Participate in workshops concerning the development, implementation and use of a victim information system;</p>	<p>NRA, MAG and UNICEF</p> <p>NRA with input from MRE operators</p> <p>NRA with support from MAG &amp; UNICEF</p> <p>NRA MRE TWG</p> <p>NRA, NRA Provincial Offices &amp; relevant MRE operators</p> <p>NRA, NRA Provincial Offices &amp; relevant MRE operators</p> <p>Lao Women's Union, Lao Youth Union, Fund for National Construction and Committee for Planning and Investment</p> <p>NRA and MRE operators</p>
<p>4. Effective monitoring of the risk education programme.</p>	<p>a. To establish and manage a central reporting system for risk education activities.</p> <p>b. To establish a national monitoring system for risk education projects.</p>	<p>i) Conduct a mapping exercise of risk education activities and develop an MRE report form for the central database;</p> <p>ii) Collect regular reports from MRE operators and compile information to give an overview of MRE activities in Lao PDR;</p> <p>iii) Develop a national monitoring framework for MRE in Lao PDR and undertake periodic monitoring of MRE activities</p> <p>iv) Develop an agreed set of indicators for measuring progress towards the objectives and goals of the MRE National Strategy.</p>	<p>NRA with support from MRE TWG</p> <p>NRA with support from MRE TWG</p> <p>NRA MRE &amp; QA</p> <p>NRA &amp; MRE TWG members</p>

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