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To: Director General of National Regulatory for UXO/Mine Action Sector in Lao PDR
Office

Subject: The Report on the Achievements of the Fourth Quarter, 2022 Meeting of UXO/Mine Risk Education Technical Working Group (Q4,2022) and the Annual Plan 2023

- In reference to the Decision of Minister of Labour and Social Welfare, No. 3639/MLSW, dated 21st September 2018 on the mandates of the Office of the National Regulatory Authority for UXO/Mine Action Sector in Lao PDR.
- In reference to the Fourth Quarter 2022 Workplan of Mine Risk Education Unit, Office of National Regulatory Authority for UXO/Mine Action Sector in Lao PDR.

Mine Risk Education Unit, The Office of National Regulatory Authority for UXO/Mine Action Sector in Lao PDR has the great honor to report on the Fourth Quarter, 2022 Meeting of UXO/Mine Risk Education Technical Working Group which convened in the morning of the 30th November 2022, chaired by Mr. Bounpheng SISAWATH, Deputy Director General of NRA Office. The detail of the meeting is below:

1. The Objectives of Meeting

- To report on the UXO/Mine Risk Education implementation and the achievements during January to November 2022.
- To update on the statistic of UXO incidents from January to November 2022.
- The Annual Plan 2023 for UXO/Mine Risk Education.
- To discuss and exchange lesson/experiences on UXO/Mine Risk Education which implemented by related ministries, sectors and UXO operators in order to ensure the efficiency and effectiveness of the MRE implementation.

2. Participants:

The meeting was participated by representatives from Department of Mass Sport, Physical and Art Education, Department of General Education, the Ministry of Education and Sport, Department of Mass Media, Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism, Department of Youth Movement, the Lao People's Revolutionary Youth Union, MRE Unit, NRA Office, the Humanitarian UXO Demining of Army 58, Ministry of National Defense, Experts from UNDP, UXO Lao Programme, Humanity and Inclusion (HI), HALO Trust, Terra Renaissance Xiengkhuang province, MAG Xiengkhuang Province, World Education, Lane Xang Minerals Limited and the Spirit of Soccer (SOS).

3. The Conduct of Meeting

In accordance with the meeting agenda, the meeting convened and reported on the implementation of UXO/Mine Risk Education including the achievements during January to November 2022, and the MRE Annual Plan 2023. Besides, the meeting was also reported by Victim Assistance Unit on the update of the UXO accidents during January to November 2022 which has occurred 13 times with 17 victims in total (02 females and 15 males), 14 injured and 03 deaths. Among the total number of victims, there were 9 adults (02 females, 07 males), 07 injured and 02 deaths; 06 children (all males), 5 injured and 01 death. The main cause of accident is the setting fire for cooking, digging land for cassava cultivation, and playing with UXOs. If comparing to the 2021 statistic, the number of UXO accident significantly decreased. After that, the meeting continued with the updates of UXO operators and related ministries on the MRE implementation.

4. Outcomes of Meeting

- The participants were informed on the achievements and implementation of the UXO/Mine Risk Education during January to November 2022.
- The participants were updated on the statistic and cause of UXO accidents as well as exchanged and discussed on the UXO incidents to continue improving the MRE activities.
- The participants were informed on the detail of MRE Annual Plan 2023.
- The participants were updated on the development progress of UXO/MRE Action Plan for 2021-2025.
- The participants understood on the Knowledge Attitude and Practice (KAP) Survey.
- The meeting was discussed on the review of media in enacting UXO/Mine Risk Education in order to ensure the consistency with actual implementation.
- The meeting was acknowledged on the achievements of the UXO/Mine Risk Education implementation and the support of Terra Renaissance Xiengkhuang province on vocational training for the UXO victims for the past two years.
- The meeting noted that World Education will develop Teaching Manuals on UXOs Education for Secondary Schools.

5. Agreement of Meeting

- The meeting agreed to review on the curriculums for UXO/Mine Risk Education.
- The meeting agreed on the development of UXO/MRE Action Plan for 2021-2025.
- The meeting agreed to develop the curriculums for UXO/Mine Risk Education for the UXO operators, related ministries and those who are interested.
- The meeting agreed on the recruitment of staffs who understand the indigenous/ethnic language to work in UXO/Mine Risk Education as it will also promote the employment opportunity for them.

- The meeting agreed on the National and Provincial Regulatory for UXO/Mine Action to have the monitoring and evaluation on the activities, implemented by the UXO operators.
- As per the Knowledge Attitude and Practice (KAP) Survey, it is requested to have further consultation and analysis with the UNDP and related company who responsible for the survey particularly the questionnaires, methodology for data collection by sex, age, ethnicity, and target villages.
- The meeting discussed and exchanged information in deep detail on the activities concerning UXO/Mine Risk Education.
- The meeting agreed to put more efforts in the coordination.

6. Recommendations of Meeting

- It is proposed to review on the curriculums and contents for UXO/Mine Risk Education.
- It is proposed the UXO operators to develop its fiscal for the participation of UXO/Mine Risk Education Training in 2023.
- The UXO operators to develop online publication/media or poster and propose to the Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism as the key facilitator of the government in managing of all media. As per the technical and contents concerning UXO Action, shall be submitted to NRA Office for consideration.

