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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 First Quarter, 2023 Meeting of UXO/Mine Risk Education Technical Working Group (Q1,2023), The Results of Data collection on the Knowledge Attitude and Practice (KAP) Survey, and the UXO/Mine Risk Education Workplan in the Second Quarter, 2023 (MRE Workplan in Q2, 2023).

- In reference to the Decision of Minister of Labour and Social Welfare, No. 4999/MLSW, dated 09<sup>th</sup> September 2022 on the mandates of the Office of the National Regulatory Authority for UXO/Mine Action Sector in Lao PDR.
- In reference to the First Quarter, 2023 Workplan of UXO/Mine Risk Education Unit, Office of National Regulatory Authority for UXO/Mine Action Sector in Lao PDR.

UXO/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 achievement of the First Quarter, 2023 Meeting of UXO/Mine Risk Education Technical Working Group, the Results of data collection on the Knowledge Attitude and Practice (KAP) Survey, and the UXO/Mine Risk Education Workplan in the Second Quarter, 2023 (MRE Workplan in Q2, 2023). The meeting was convened in the afternoon of the 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023, at the meeting room in the Lao Social Security Organization and 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 Results of Data collection on the Knowledge, Attitude and Practice Survey on UXO (KAP Survey).
- To report on the implementation of UXO/Mine Risk Education Workplan in the First Quarter, 2023 and focus areas of works in in the Second Quarter, 2023.
- To update on statistical data of UXO accidents in the first quarter, 2023.
- To discuss and exchange experiences on the implementation of UXO/Mine Risk Education and the result of data collection on the Knowledge Attitude and Practice (KAP) Survey.

### **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, Department of

International Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Co-Learning Center, Ministry of Education, Department of Healthcare and Rehabilitation, Ministry of Health, Training Center of Lao Women Union, Medical and Rehabilitation Center, Department of Planning and International Cooperation, Department of Policy for Devotee, Disability and Elderly, Department of Employment, Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare, Training Center for Disabled (Sikerd Center), Skills Development Center, Department of Labour and Social Welfare of Vientiane Capital, Victim Assistance Unit, NRA, Humanitarian UXO Demining of Army 58, Department of Vocational Development, Lao People's Revolutionary Youth Union, Lao National Radio, Representatives from UNDP in Lao PDR, UXO Lao Program, Humanity and Inclusion (HI), HALO Trust, Terra Renaissance Xiengkhuang province, MAG Xiengkhuang Province, World Education, Lane Xang Minerals Limited, COPE and Consultant Company which responsible for KAP Survey.

### **3. The Conduct of Meeting**

The Meeting was presented by Dr. Robert Bob Killy regarding the results of data collection on the Knowledge Attitude and Practice (KAP) Survey in Pek, Kham and Khoun Districts, Xiengkhuang Province. Throughout the data collection and survey, it is found that proportion of UXO accident mostly occurred to male at middle aged and children below 7 years old for 60%, and female 40%, who are th UXO victims. In the result of KAP Survey, Dr. Robert Bob Killy has also categorized 5 groups of victims including:

- 1.) The unaware: those who are not aware on the danger of UXOs, this group of people are a small number.
- 2.) The unformed: those who know about UXOs, but do not know the safe behavior. Those people are including the staffs working with NGOs.
- 3.) The reckless: those who know about UXOs and the behavior of risk, but ignore on it, this group of people are including youth and children that play on UXO without any fear.
- 4.) The intentional: those who have option, but intend to have unsafe behavior. This group of people are including youth and adult who are doing rice farm and vegetable farms in hazardous area.
- 5.) The misinformed: those who do not access to UXO information, safety or belief, and do not know enough.

The Head of UXO/Mine Risk Education Unit reported to the meeting on implementation of UXO/Mine Risk Education in the first quarter, 2023, and the focus areas of works in the next second quarter, 2023, including: the arrangement in hosting Annual Meeting on Advertisement/Campaign through radio program, a meeting with the Ministry of Education and Sport in coordinating and linking information/data, training on capacity building for youth volunteers of villages with the Lao People's Revolutionary Youth Union, a workshop on Media Advertisement/Campaign for UXO/Mine Risk Education to Humanitarian UXO Demining of Army 58, a Meeting to review on Media Advertisement with the Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism. Besides, the meeting was reported and updated by Victim Assistance Unit on the UXO Accident in the first quarter, 2023. The UXO Accident was occurred 5 times, with 12 total number of victims (4 females, 8 males), 11 injured and 01 death. Among of them, there are 4 adults (2 females and 2 males), 3 injured

and 01 death, and 8 children (3 girls, 5 boys), 5 injured, 0 death. The cause of accident was from slash and burn agriculture and digging land for cassava cultivation.

#### **4. Outcomes of Meeting**

- The participants were informed on the result of data collection on the Knowledge Attitude and Practice (KAP) Survey on the danger of UXOs.
- The participants were informed on the implementation of the UXO/Mine Risk Education in the first quarter and ways forward in the second quarter, 2023.
- The participants were updated on the statistical number and cause of UXO accidents.
- The meeting also exchanged and discussed on Media Advertisement Method for UXO/Mine Risk Education to ensure the applicability and consistency with actual condition and practice, particularly the children who are in pre-school age.
- Ms. Vanpheng Khounbualay, Deputy Director General, Department of Vocational Development, the Lao People's Revolutionary Youth Union, expressed her gratitude to NRA office and related UN agency to jointly support the conduct of KAP survey as the data of survey greatly supports and contributes to the UXO/Mine Risk Education campaigns periodically. She also expressed her appreciation to NRA for the effort to address on the UXOs issues with various UXO/Mine Risk Education initiatives, methods, and campaigns. Those initiatives and campaigns are well implemented though great methods particularly onside-school campaign, radios, local radios and other social media platforms which can attract more participants in UXO/Mine Risk Education campaign, leading to the decreased number of UXO accident.
- Mr. Sangkhan Choumkhamphanh, Deputy Director General, Lao National Radio, expressed his appreciation on the KAP survey that it is a good program, and it is expected to extend in other provinces, beside Xiengkhuang Province. In some province, there are still numbers of injuries and victim of UXOs. In order to raise the awareness on the danger and risk of UXOs, and to ensure the accessibility of efficient information through various media platforms for group of people as well as to ensure the consistency and suitability of contents, particularly those minority and ethnic groups.
- The meeting discussed and found that the UXO/Mine Risk Education through local radios are the most efficient and effective methods as the number of accidents is significantly decreased.

#### **5. Agreement of Meeting**

- The meeting agreed to review on the curriculums for UXO/Mine Risk Education by coordinating with the Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism.
- 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 to develop UXO/Mine Risk Education radio campaign in ethnic/indigenous language to ensure ease access to information on UXOs.

- The meeting agreed on the National and Provincial Regulatory for UXO/Mine Action to have the monitoring and evaluation of the activities, implemented by the UXO operators.
- The meeting agreed on the promotion of village's volunteers to work on UXO/Mine Risk Education as it could be more sustainable and connectable to people and children to be aware on the danger of UXOs.
- The meeting agreed on the result of Knowledge Attitude and Practice (KAP) Survey and will continue exploring for more data to discuss in the next technical meeting.
- The meeting will continue discussing comprehensively on the detail of activities concerning UXO/Mine Risk Education for exchanging information and better implementation.
- The meeting agreed on the equipment support of Lane Xang Minerals Limited in UXO/Mine Risk Education initiatives.
- The meeting agreed to put more efforts in the coordination.

## **6. Proposal of Meeting**

- According to the result of KAP survey, it is proposed to design perspicuous posters as it would be a helpful tool for UXO/Mine Risk Education campaigns.
- It is proposed to review on the curriculums and contents for UXO/Mine Risk Education in order to ensure more consistent and applicable in the actual practice.
- The meeting proposed NRA office to financially support for producing UXO/Mine Risk Education Spot in ethnic languages such as Hmong, Kamu, and Bru, since most of UXO accident was occurred to them more.