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Reporting

Minute of Quarter 1, 2021 Mine Risk Education

Technical Working Group Meeting

To: Director General of National Regulatory Authority for UXO Action Sector in Lao PDR.

Subject: Completion Reporting on Q1 2021 Mine Risk Education Technical Working Group Meeting and Planning for Q2 2021.

- Referring to the Agreement of the Minister of Labour Social Welfare for the mandate implementation of the NRA Office No.3639/MLSW, Dated September, 21st 2018.
- Referring to the workplan for conducting the Q1 2021 MRE TWG Meeting and Planning for Q2 2021.
- Referring to the Role and Responsibility of Term of Reference for the MRE TWG Meeting.

MRE Unit NRA Office would like to report the completion results of the Q1 2021 MRE TWG Meeting and Planning for Q2 2021. The TWG Meeting organized on February 18th 2021 at NRA's Meeting Room the details as followings:

1. Objective

- To present the completion of MRE work implementation of each operator for Q1 such as good implementation, difficulty, challenges and solution on MRE implementation.
- To present the workplan and focus Q2 2021 works for the MRE of each operator

2. Participants

- Department of Art Ministry of Education and Sports, Department of Education Ministry of Education and Sports, Department of Mass Media Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism, Lao Youth Union, Lao National Radio, HI, MAG Xeingkaung, UXO Lao, Halo Trust and MMG.

3. Meeting methodology

The meeting is chaired by Mr. Daungsy Thammavong deputy of NRA Director and the meeting conducted in regarding to the agenda as following:

The meeting presented the achievement of the Q4 2020 MRE TWG Meeting and the achievements of the Q1 2021 MRE operation implementation. The meeting also discussed and recheck on the 2021 MRE work-plan and presented the Q2 2021 MRE Unit's activities work-plan. The information on UXO/Mine accidents from beginning of the 2021 up to date shared to the meeting and representative of operators who conducted the MRE works such as Department of Art Ministry of Education and Sports, , Department of Education Ministry of Education and Sports, Lao Youth Union, Lao National Radio, UXO Lao, HI, MAG Xiengkhaung, Halo Trust and MMG are reporting the achievements of MRE activities implementation such as good achievements, difficulties, and lessons learnt from the Q1 implementation and for the planning of Q2 work-plan.

4. The achievements

- The representative of MRE operators reporting the good achievements, difficulties, and challenges of Q1 2021 MRE activities implementation as each operator is followed as their quarterly planed.
- The operators' work-plans and lessons are identified in line with objective of the NRA Office's strategy such as MRE contents to be delivered or to confirmation of understanding on UXO for the participants of MRE activities.
- For the Q2 2021 work-plans the operators will continue to conduct the pending work-plans from the Q1 and planning for Q2 which will focus to implementation on activities as planed however, the operators are strictly follow the government regulation notice on COVID19.
- The Meeting agreed on improving the MRE Reporting Forms ensure the form covers all activities related and conducted by operators and will present on next TWG Meeting.
- The meeting received the information on 2021 UXO/Mine Accidents and Victims up-to-date there are 9 victims with 2 killed. The most accidents occurred are in Savannakhet. The caused of the accidents are setting fire for cooking and burning rubbish, playing as the higher number are children.

5. Proposes

- Mass Media Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism propose to the meeting to create the MRE on media such as on megaphone program which will be good channel for MRE because when the megaphone broadcasting it can be heard by everyone in the community.
- National Lao Radio presented the problems facing and challenges on conducting the radio programe in five provinces (Vientiane capital, Khammuan, Salavan, Sekong and Champasak province) such as the understanding of the DJ who in charges this radio programe is not fully understanding of the MRE contexts therefore, we would like to propose to conduct the lesson exchanging, provide training to those DJs.
- Lao Youth Union presented the problems facing and challenges on conducting the activities by district and village youth union volunteers due to there is no transportation, difficult roads, not enough MRE tools and equipment there are many things still missing, difficulty on gathering communities therefore, would like to propose to have a exchanging lesson learnt on planning. For the plan of Lao Youth Union is to conduct the follow up village volunteers in Bolikhamxay province.
- UXO Lao proposes to have a MRE training for MRE staff due to some of them are not experiences on MRE course because they are new staff.
- MAG proposes to conduct MRE by online currently this is on process of consideration.
- The meeting agree on IMSMA Forms as they can add some points such as the spreading of COVID19 MRE Unit will gathering the Forms and send out to operators for recommendation and after final then will sigh off by NRA Director.
- HI proposes to MRE Unit to support on coordination for exchanging the puppets activity with the operator who is implemented this activity or if there is any training of puppet show we would like to send HI's staff to participate.

- MMG proposes to MRE Unit to support on training to MMG staff due to trained staff of MMG are moved to work with other sections. Therefore, if any training please inform MMG to send staff for attending the training.
- Chair of the meeting request to the participants, however if their organization has the budget they could invite MRE Unit to provide the training or other option they could come to train with MRE Unit but, for the DSA is respond themselves.
- Operators also facing the problems and challenges on activities implementation in the period of COVID 19 spreading which will affected on the MRE implementation process due to some activities are temporary suspending and also limitation of participants.

We are appreciate to reports the achievements and your recommendation is values.

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