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

Subject: The Report of the Second Quarter, 2022 Meeting of Mine Risk Education Technical Working Group (Q1,2022) and way forward of the Third Quarter (Q3,2022)

- 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 Second 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 Second Quarter 2022 Meeting of the Mine Risk Education Technical Working Group which virtually convened in the morning of the 17th May 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 implementation of Mine Risk Education in the second quarter, 2022 (Q2,2022), including the related issues, challenges and focused plan in the next third quarter (Q3,2022);
- To seek, discuss and exchange lesson and experience on the implementation of Mine/UXO Risk Education of the operators, in order to improve and ensure the effectiveness of the activity implantation;

2. Participants:

The meeting was participated by representatives from Department of Mass Sport, Physical and Art Education, the Ministry of Education and Sport, the 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, Victim Assistance Unit, NRA Office, Humanitarian UXO Demining of Army 58, Lao National Radio Station, Sekong Radio Station, Salavan Radio Station, Khammuan Radio Station, Vientiane Radio Station, Xaysomboun Radio Station, Champasack Radio Station, UXO Lao Programme, Humanity and Inclusion (HI), HALO Trust, Terra Renaissance,

MAG Xiengkhuang Province, World Education, Lane Xang Minerals Limited, specialist from from UNDP and representatives from US Embassy

3. The Conduct of Meeting

In accordance with the meeting agenda, the meeting has been convened and briefly reported on the implementation of Mines/UXO Risk Education from line ministries and related operators. The detail of the meeting is the follows:

The meeting was reported on the achievements of Mine/UXO Risk Education workplan in Second Quarter (Q2, 2022) and focused works in the third quarter (Q3,2022). The meeting was also reported on the development progress of the MRE Workplan in 2021-2025 and the revision of National Standards on Mine/UXO Action Sector in Lao PDR, Chapter 13. Furthermore, The Victim Assistance Unit, NRA Office also reported on the UXO Accident during January to May 2022, the accident was occurred 07 times, 08 victims, 01 death, 07 injured. Those accidents were caused from setting fire for cooking, digging land for tapioca plantation, slashing and burning agriculture and digging land for setting water pipelines. Comparing to the UXO accident in 2021, the number is decreased. The meeting was reported by the operators and line ministries.

4. Outcomes of Meeting

- The Meeting was presented and realized on the Mine Risk Education Workplans and focused works by NRA Office;
- The Meeting was acknowledged the statistic number and the causes of the UXO Accident. So, participants exchanged and discussed on the way to address and improve their MRE operation;
- The participants were discussed and realized on the plan of MRE activities from the operators including HI, MAG, HALO Trust, Terra Renaissance, UXO Lao Programme and Lao National Radio Station.
- The participants were realized and understood on the situation and difficulty in implementing MRE activities during the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic which the operator have faced.
- The Meeting considered to allow Sam University to conduct the Study on Possibility Research on for Knowledge, Attitude and Behavioral Change Survey.

5. Agreement of Meeting

- The Meeting agreed to review on the standards in reducing the risk from UXO in Chapter 13 to adapt with the actual and real situation;
- The Meeting agreed on the report on the development progress of the MRE Workplan in 2021-2025;
- The Meeting agreed to develop MRE training curriculums for the operators, ministries and related organization;
- The Meeting deeply discussed in detail on the MRE activities and exchanged information to improve the activities.

- The Meeting reviewed on the curriculum regarding the Education on the Danger of UXO implemented in the National UXO Training Center where 7 provincial radio stations have been participated in the training.
- The Meeting agreed to enhance the coordination;
- The Meeting agreed to conduct KAP Survey.

6. Recommendations of Meeting

- It is proposed to add more different forms of the dissemination on the danger of UXO activities for children and adults in the UXO risk area.
- It is proposed the operators and line ministries to submit Annual MRE Workplan
- Lao National Radio Station requested to produce more **Spot** of Dissemination on the danger of UXO as well as to increase the modern channel for ease access;
- Lao National Radio Station requested to produce two documentaries on UXO (5 minutes for each) on air.
- The Specialist from UNDP requested the meeting to conduct the assessment and awareness study on risk behavior in consistence with National Strategic Plan for UXO Sector in Lao PDR 2021-2030 “Safe Path Forward II”.
- Representative from US Embassy recommended UXO Lao Programme to draft proposal letter to request funding support on MRE works.
- For the information dissemination on the danger of UXO, the behavioral change of the target group should be considered.

Therefore, we have reported to you for your information and guidance.

Chair of the Meeting

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