



ສາທາລະນະລັດ ປະຊາທິປະໄຕ ປະຊາຊົນລາວ  
Lao People's Democratic Republic



Empowered lives.  
Resilient nations.

# Quarterly Project Progress Report

Support for the institutional strengthening of the National  
Regulatory Authority for the UXO/Mine Action Sector (NRA)

*Instruction box and instruction notes under each heading - please delete before final submission*

- ❖ *These text box guidelines are not exhaustive, nor do you have to answer each question. They are a guide only and should complement other relevant information identified by the project team.*
- ❖ *Not all headings/tables will be relevant to your project. Delete/amend/supplement as necessary.*
- ❖ *Keep your narrative as succinct as possible. Try to keep the report main text within 8-10 pages.*
- ❖ *Think of this report as an important **management and learning tool** and use this to guide discussions with partners and to inform any necessary activity adjustments. Focus your report on **RESULTS**. Demonstrate **project's value addition**.*
- ❖ *The report should be submitted together with FACE form and other supporting documents to request for advance settlement of previous quarters and request for new advance. The late submission of this Quarterly Progress Report may result in new advances being withheld.*
- ❖ *One copy of the report should be shared with the Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Planning and Investment (DIC, MPI) for their information.*

## Basic Project Information

*(Basic information can be completed by UNDP before sharing the report with the partner)*

### Project Title:

UNDP Award ID	00062994 and 00063618
UNDP Project ID	00080296 and 00080607
Project Duration	1 April 2013 to 31 December 2015
Reporting Period	1 April 2015 to 30 June 2015
Implementing Partners	National Regulatory Authority for the UXO Sector in Lao PDR (NRA)
National collaborating agencies	
Other UN/International collaborating agencies	
Cost-sharing and Trust Fund donors	Australia, the Government of Belgium, the Government of Canada, the European Union

	Delegation to Laos, the Government of Ireland, the Republic of Korea, the Government of Luxembourg, the Government of New Zealand, the Government of Norway, and the Government of Switzerland.
UNDP Programme Officer/Programme Analyst	Ms. Souphalack Bounpadith
UNDAF and Country Programme Outcome	Outcome 9: By 2015, national and local governments and communities have significantly reduced the impact of UXO on people in the Lao PDR

## 1. Project Implementation Status and Key Results

### Implementation Status Summary at Outcome level *(This needs to be completed by project)*

❖ *What development condition has changed in the country under this outcome area with or without UNDP support (maximum 150 words) - if there is any during the reporting period. Outcome-level changes including changes in institutional capacity and performance, changes in capacities, attitudes, and behavior among individuals or groups, and changes in enabling conditions such as social, economic, political, governance conditions, policies, legislation, power relations, norms, etc...*

In Quarter 2 of 2015, the NRA has continued to perform its important role in the UXO sector, coordinating, regulating and monitoring the work of UXO sector operators<sup>1</sup>, and has contributed to maximizing the performance of the Sector as a whole. The NRA continues to assist the Government in achieving the UNDAF outcome, in a manner consistent with the Safe Path Forward II (SPF II) and that advances progress toward MDG 9).

The NRA encourages operators to coordinate with the education department in contaminated provinces and districts, before conducting MRE activities in schools. During Q2 of 2015, the number of accidents reached 2 accidents with total of 2 victims, of whom 2 people were killed (all men).

During the second quarter of 2015, a total of 622 Ha of land was cleared (interim figures as of 30 June 2015); including 413 Ha of agricultural land and 209 Ha of development land. During Q2 of 2015, operators in Lao PDR destroyed more than 14,290 items of UXO, of which 23 were bombs, 9,877 were bombies, 4 were mines, and 4,386 were other UXO items.

❖ *What was UNDP's specific contributions to these changes at this Outcome level during the reporting period? Please note that the contributions can be from the work that the project did prior to this year but the results take place this year.*

❖ *What are your project's key Output level results during the reporting period? Please see in below matrix.*

<sup>1</sup>As of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015, there are 16 non-profit operators in the UXO sector (UXO Lao, NPA, MAG, HI, (APOPO left mid of 2014), Halo Trust, IMAS, AAR, COPE, CPI, CRS, DCA, LDPA, NCDP, SoS, CARE International and World Education) and 13 commercial operators (ASA, PSD, SBH, Lao BSL, LAUNC, XTD High-tech, (THB has stopped their operational in 2014), SP, Aus Lao, Dumma, Milsearch, BACTEC and Engineering Department of Ministry of National Defense associates with MMG/LXML.



## Implementation Progress Summary at Output level

(Provide details on key Output/Activity during the reporting period in below table. Please add Output/activities as per QWP/AWP. UNDP can pre-fill the table for the first 5 columns. Project needs to complete last 3 columns. Where implementation delays for an activity, please indicate alternative actions being suggested or taken, e.g. changes to activity dates, proposed meetings to discuss delays and so forth.)

OUTPUT <sup>2</sup> In line with QWP/AWP	INDICATOR (Including Baseline and Target at the end of the project as per Project Document)	MILESTONE (Target of the current reporting year)	STATUS OF TARGET (Achieved, On Track or Off Track)	PLANNED ACTIVITIES (List all activities to be undertaken during the period as stated in QWP/AWP)	ACTIVITY PROGRESS TO DATE (Give detailed explanation of the status. Provide justification if delayed and new schedule planned and provide response strategy if any)	RESULTS ACHIEVED (Describe concrete, key results (policy, publication, key event etc.) achieved so far, vis-a-vis the specific targets set in the QWP/AWP. Please provide data/evidence to support the results)	BENEFICIARY (Approximate number of beneficiaries reached by project activities (disaggregated by sex/age), etc.)
Output 1: The National Regulatory Authority for the UXO/Mine Action Sector is better able to coordinate and regulate the UXO sector:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Availability of updated UXO Education textbooks for primary schools (2013: no, 2014: yes).</li> <li>No. of UXO survivors whose needs are tracked (2010: 0, 2015: 10,000, MoV: NRA Database).</li> <li>Victim Assistance Sector Strategy drafted (2010: no, 2015: yes; MoV: NRA Annual Report).</li> <li>No. of workshops conducted to disseminate the Victim Assistance Strategy (2013:0,</li> </ul>	2014: yes	On Track	<p><b>Activity Result 1: Risk Education methodologies improved, reinforced and better disseminated.</b></p> <p><b>Activity 1.1</b> Monitor UXO Risk Education (RE) activities conducted by operators in Lao PDR, including gender issues; and ensure training (if necessary) and support of Risk Education operators and local authorities.</p>	Monitoring is not only via field mission. NRA can help and engage with MoE on text books for example.	Planned in Q4.	
2. Activity Result: Risk Education methodologies improved, reinforced and better disseminated.		2014: 6,000	Achieved		<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed (yes) Reason: _____ New Schedule: _____ Response Strategy: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes: _____		
3. Activity Result: More				<p><b>Activity 1.2</b> Monitor radio spot programme in 4 provinces and UXO curriculum in school.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed (yes) Reason: _____ New Schedule: _____	During Q1, the MIRE unit planned to monitor of radio programme in Khammoune and Champasack provinces. The monitoring aims to encourage radio stations staff to	

<sup>2</sup> Please note that for GEF projects, GEF Outcomes are actually Outputs in UNDP context

<p>efficient and effectively-planned release of land, coordinated and regulated in accordance with development goals as prioritized in the NSEDP and other relevant national planning and policy frameworks.</p> <p>4. Activity Result: Effective coordination and regulation of the UXO Sector.</p>	<p>2014: 2 including 1 at policy level and 1 at technical level).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No. of districts with district clearance plans based on district survey (2010: 0, 2015: 20, MoV: District Clearance Plans).</li> <li>Availability of approved revised survey procedures (2013: no, Q2 2014: yes).</li> <li>% of clearance operators accredited (2010: 33%, 2015: 100% MoV: NRA Annual Report).</li> <li>% of operators reporting electronically to the NRA (2010: 13%, 2015: 80%, MoV: NRA database).</li> <li>Availability of approved concept note on the Civil Society Funding Facility (2013: no, Q2 2014: yes).</li> <li>Availability of NRA capacity assessment report (2013: no, Q2 2014: yes).</li> </ul>			<p>Response Strategy: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____</p>	<p>improve the MRE messages delivered and making and evaluating performance of MRE radio programme as well. But this activity was delayed due to a lack of funding to operation.</p> <p>No mission conducted in Q2. 4 provinces are running the UXO radio programme. Each province sends the report and radio script recorded to NRA and Information Department for consideration and feedback on monthly basis.</p>	
<p>5. Activity Result: Improved institutional development of the NRA and its integration into the regular set-up of the Government.</p> <p>6. Activity Result: International treaty obligations met.</p> <p>7. Activity Result: Establish and manage a Civil Society Funding Facility.</p>	<p>2014: 2 including 1 at policy level and 1 at technical level</p> <p>N/A</p>	<p>On track, one already organized.</p> <p>N/A</p>	<p>Activity 1.3 Conduct a capacity needs assessment of community volunteers on MRE.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed (yes) Reason: _____ New Schedule: _____ Response Strategy: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____</p>	<p>The unit planned to conduct a capacity need assessment of the community volunteer in Huaphan, Xiengkhouang provinces to gain a better understanding of capacity needs of village volunteers supporting Risk Education. But the mission was delayed due to lack of funding in Q1 to implementing this activity. In Q2, the unit faced the same issue as lack of funding for mission. The KOICA proposal is included this activity. The agreement between KOICA, UNDP and NRA signed on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2015 and MRE unit plans to conduct this mission in Q3.</p>	
	<p>2014: 2 including 1 at policy level and 1 at technical level</p> <p>N/A</p>	<p>On track, one already organized.</p> <p>N/A</p>	<p>Activity 1.4 Convene four meetings of the Risk Education Technical Working Group.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress (yes) <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: _____ New Schedule: _____ Response Strategy: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____</p>	<p>In Q2, the MRE TWG meeting was held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at the NRA conference room. The meeting was chaired by Deputy Director of the NRA, Mr. Bounphamith Somvichith. Key highlights are:</p> <p>Some MRE operators required to have the IMSMA training by NRA</p>	

					(WE, SoS and DCA). Key topics for operators to consider for the meeting agenda should be provided in advance before 2 weeks to the NRA. MRE form reporting should be provided with more detail to show how many beneficiaries from the MRE activities compared with the whole population in percentages. With regard to MOU considerations, NRA proposed to have clear indicator to measure the progress of the MRE activity, not only No. of visited reporting on the IMSMA form. MRE unit cited operators that MOU will be submitted to the NRA for consideration should include budget a break downs for each activity area such as: how much funding for MRE, how much for clearance and how much for VA. There are some operators that are conducting MRE activities without the approval from the NRA and MoFA Lao. The NRA recommended that those should be stopped until the activity is being agreed from the government. Minutes of the meeting will soon be approved and circulated to MRE TWG participants in Q3.
			Work in progress but not yet fully finalized. Achieved.	2014: yes	
			Achieved.	2014: 100%	
			Work in progress but not yet fully finalized. Achieved.	2014: 60%	
				2014: yes	
				2014: yes	

			<p><b>Activity 1.5</b> Printing UXO MRE poster.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed  <input type="checkbox"/> In progress  <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed (yes)  Reason: _____  New Schedule: _____  Response Strategy: _____  <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____</p>	<p>In Q2, the printing is postponed and plan to printing in Q3. The printing costs for 500 sheets are included on KOICA proposal and plan to print in Q3.</p>	
			<p><b>Activity 1.6</b> Printing of UXO education curriculum (12 textbooks = 1 set) to use in primary schools, in cooperation with the Ministry of Education.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed  <input type="checkbox"/> In progress (yes)  <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed  Reason: _____  New Schedule: _____  Response Strategy: _____  <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____</p>	<p>During Q1, this is work in progress. MAG and HI have completed their commitment to support the printing of 1,400 additional sets of the curriculums for primary school. These books have already printed in February 2015 and are distributed by the Ministry of Education in Xiengkhouang and Savannakhet provinces. But the total need is estimated at 6,000 sets; it means that we have yet to print and distribute around 3,600 sets.</p> <p>In Q2, the printing costs for 4000 packages are included on KOICA proposal. In Q3, the unit plan to</p>	

					print of 1100 packages based on the distribution list provide from Ministry of Education and Sport.	
				<p><b>Activity 1.7</b> Broadcasting UXO messages and UXO information for 4 quarters (every month-8 times per month) at 4 provincial radio stations (Khammouane, Sekong, Saravan and Champasack). In cooperation with the Ministry of Information &amp; Culture.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed (yes) Reason: _____ New Schedule: _____ Response Strategy: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____	4 provinces are running the UXO radio programme. But in Q22015, this activity was delayed due to there is no funding to support continually.
				<p><b>Activity 1.8</b> Share lesson learnt about UXO spot radio programme on how UXO spot radio are well functioning and appropriate with target groups and work planning for next year, (Funding by KOICA).</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed (yes) Reason: _____ New Schedule: _____ Response Strategy: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____	<p>In Q2, the unit planned to organize a workshop at Khammoune province for 4 days with 4 radio stations to share ideas and discuss for improve UXO radio programme activity in the sector. But this activity was delayed due to a lack of funding to support.</p>
				<p><b>Activity 1.9</b> Continue to improve the regulation on increasing of MRE, UXO breaking out and UXO detectors using. After finish the final draft, NRA will propose to NRA</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress (yes) <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: _____ New Schedule: _____ Response Strategy: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____	<p>During Q1 2015, this is work in progress. In Q4 2014 The NRA has reconsidered of the decree on the scrap mental trade which aims to reverse the current situation whereby UXO accidents are expected to increase in 2014. After internal discussion with the NRA units concerned, this decree's name was changed into "the</p>



				<p>chairman for approval.</p>		<p>decree on prohibition on the UXO scrap metal trade, dismantling and the use of scrap metal detector". Then, the NRA sent the draft decree to Ministry of Home Affairs for consideration. So far, the NRA has received the revised version from Ministry of Home Affairs already and changes were made by the NRA to the document. In March 2015, the NRA also sent the revised draft decree to the NRA board members for final comment. So far, the unit has received some from the NRA Boards and changes were made to the document in Q2. In Q3, the NRA management will submit this document to the Prime Minister for signature.</p>	
			<p><b>Activity Result 2:</b> Practices of information management and surveillance of UXO survivors improved; a strategy for victim assistance formulated.</p> <p><b>Activity 2.1</b> Conduct a Workshop on VA Strategy dissemination and coordination mechanism building to support for the needs of UXO Survivors. Currently, the information on UXO survivors needs is available to Ministries,</p>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/> Completed  <input type="checkbox"/> In progress (yes)  <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed  Reason: _____  New Schedule: _____  Response Strategy: _____  <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____ </p>		<p>Planned in Q2 but postponed due to lack of funding.</p>	

				<p>local and international NGOs and donor countries.</p> <p><b>Activity 2.2</b>          Coordination with Vocational Training Centers in provincials of HP, XK and SVK to support of UXO Survivor Victims Assistance.</p>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/> Completed  <input type="checkbox"/> In progress (yes)  <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed            Reason: _____            New Schedule: _____            Response Strategy: _____  <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____         </p>	<p>in Q2, the NRA secured funding from KIOCA to cover this activity. In Q3, the unit plans to meet with vocational training centre of Xiengkhoung and then Savannakhet provinces. The aim is to agree on the existence of letters with vocational training service providers. Step 2: VA unit of the NRA collaborate with local authority of Savannakhet province go to district and village level to assess UXO survivors for training. Step 3: Providing vocational training and economic support for UXO Survivors (expect 35 people for Savannakhet and 35 people for Xiengkhoung province).</p>	
				<p><b>Activity 2.3</b>          Providing Vocational training for 100 UXO survivors in HP, XK and SVK provinces.</p>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/> Completed  <input type="checkbox"/> In progress (yes)  <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed            Reason: _____            New Schedule: _____            Response Strategy: _____  <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____         </p>	<p>Please see section 2.2. Once step 2 is finalized, then the training will follow.</p>	

			<p><b>Activity 2.4</b> Convene quarterly meetings of the Victim Assistance Technical Working Group.</p>	<p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed  <input type="checkbox"/> In progress (yes)  <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed  Reason: _____  New Schedule: _____  Response Strategy: _____  <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____ </p>	<p>The Q2 VA TWG meeting was held as planned on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at the NRA conference room. The meeting was chaired by Deputy Director of the NRA, Mr. Bounphamith Somvichith. key topics discussion include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- UXO victim updating and present the victim assistance report form.</li> <li>- Discussion the VA strategy 2014-2020 (in term of responsibilities of the stakeholders in each activities)</li> <li>- COPE's Key of the first 6 months of 2015.</li> <li>- WE's Key of the first 6 months of 2015.</li> <li>- Updating the quarterly work plan of stakeholders and operators in Q3 (Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education and Sport, Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare, UXO Lao, HI, LDPA, CMR, QLA, LDWDC, ICRC, LRC, CRS and AAR)</li> </ul> <p>Minutes of the meeting will soon be approved and circulated to VA TWG participants in Q3.</p>	
			<p><b>Activity 2.5</b> New UXO accidents follow-up in provinces across the country.</p>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/> Completed  <input type="checkbox"/> In progress  <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed (yes)  Reason: _____  New Schedule: _____  Response Strategy: _____ </p>	<p>During Q1, there were 9 UXO accidents, with a total of 16 victims, of whom 3 people were killed (all men). The missions planned to visit some UXO victims were not conducted due to a lack</p>	

				<input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____	<p>of funding to cover for travelling expense.</p> <p>During Q2 of 2015, the number of accidents reached 2 accidents with total of 2 victims, of whom 2 people were killed (all men).</p>
			<p><b>Activity Result 3:</b> More efficient and effectively-planned release of land coordinated and regulated in accordance with development goals as prioritized in the NSEDP and other relevant national planning and policy frameworks.</p> <p><b>Activity 3.1</b> Approval of UXO survey procedure by NRA Chairman and utilize it in one standard.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed (yes)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> In progress</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Delayed</p> <p>Reason: _____</p> <p>New Schedule: _____</p> <p>Response Strategy: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____</p>	<p>In November, the Clearance Unit participated in the NRA Board Meeting for 2014 and reported on progress made with the new evidence-based survey procedures. It was approved, but the board directed that if there is an issue in the implementation then the NRA will have to revise accordingly. The NRA intends to dedicate more assets in the UXO sector for survey and to give priority, as directed by the government, to 64 areas that have been identified as focal development areas and 167 rural areas identified for stabilization for settlement and secure livelihoods, in keeping with the 5 year Rural Development and Poverty</p>
					<p>In Q2, the NRA has made progress</p>

							towards implementing an evidence-based survey methodology to focus clearance efforts on land that is confirmed as contaminated. Now there are 5 operators (UXO Lao, NPA, MAG, HI, Halo Trust) apply this methodology and trialed in their operational site of work.	
				<p><b>Activity 3.2</b> Integrate outcomes of 2014 data collection on government development priorities, and identify linkages with other ministries to support improved integration with the 8<sup>th</sup> NSEDP and UXO sector planning mechanisms. The Government of Lao PDR aims to further link UXO clearance with Rural Development and Poverty Eradication.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed (yes) Reason: _____ New Schedule: _____ Response Strategy: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes: _____		<p>During Q2, the NRA has a consultation meeting with UXO humanitarian operators (UXO Lao, MAG, NPA, HI and Halo Trust) to discuss possible indicators that could be used to measure progress with UXO Evidence Based Survey at a country level, in particular to linkage with other ministries to support improved integration with the 8<sup>th</sup> NSEDP and UXO sector planning mechanisms. The first draft of the UXO matrix was discussed with operators and changes were made to the document. On 22 June 2015, the NRA submitted this matrix to the Department of Planning, MPI for consideration.</p>	
				<p><b>Activity 3.3</b> Conduct provincial coordination, field monitoring and support clearance operators, including through the development of the new methodologies approved.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed (yes) Reason: _____ New Schedule: _____ Response Strategy: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes: _____		<p>The CL unit planned to conduct provincial coordination, implementing of priorities for survey and clearance activities and field monitoring of some UXO operators in Xiengkhouang and Xaisomboun provinces. This mission was not carry out due to a lack of funding support for travelling expense.</p>	

			<p><b>Activity 3.4</b> Convene quarterly meetings of the Clearance Technical Working Group.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed (yes)  <input type="checkbox"/> In progress  <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed  Reason: _____  New Schedule: _____  Response Strategy: _____  <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____</p>	<p>The Q2 CL TWG meeting was postponed to 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015 at the NRA conference room. The meeting was chaired by Deputy Director of the NRA, Mr. Bounphamith Somvichith, key topics discussion include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Clearance and survey reporting formats and guidelines.</li> <li>- Proposed changes to Survey Procedure.</li> <li>- Monthly progress report.</li> <li>- Updating country structure on IMSMA.</li> <li>- Dashboard.</li> <li>- Dropbox.</li> <li>- Development focal area villages on IMSMA.</li> <li>- Analysis of CM fragments.</li> <li>- Update of National Standards.</li> </ul> <p>Minutes of the meeting will soon be approved and circulated to CL TWG participants in Q3.</p>	
--	--	--	---	---	--	--

				<p><b>Activity 3.5</b> Conduct training for Humanitarian teams of the Lao army and equipping them with a full equipments to available for operation.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress (yes) <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: _____ New Schedule: _____ Response Strategy: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes: _____</p>	<p>In fiscal year 2014-2015, the government of Lao made available 100 million KIP for training of the new Lao army humanitarian team and 500 million KIP for Lao army humanitarian team to conduct the survey. The NRA worked with Ministry of National Defense to discuss where we can plan to use this amount for UXO operation. Both side agreed to give for Sexisting Lao army humanitarian teams which have already trained in 2013-2014 to Xaisomboune province in the focus development areas.</p>		
				<p><b>Activity 3.6</b> Conduct training for Humanitarian teams of the Lao army and equipping them with a full equipments to available for survey???</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress (yes) <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: _____ New Schedule: _____ Response Strategy: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes: _____</p>	<p>And? Progress in procurement, in training, in conducting survey?  This activity is cover by KOICA funding. In Q3,</p>		
				<p><b>Activity 3.7</b> Attend the fifth Mine Action Technology Workshop in (venue to be confirmed), and share the relevant information to the</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress (yes) <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: _____ New Schedule: _____ Response Strategy: _____</p>	<p>Time: The date of this mission is not yet known, either Q3 or Q4.</p>		

				<p>Technical Working Group members. Remark: If sponsorship is available, the expenses will be covered by the sponsorship.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____</p>		
				<p><b>Activity 3-7</b> Emergency response for UXO removal on where there is no UXO operator working in.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed  <input type="checkbox"/> In progress (yes)  <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed  Reason: _____  New Schedule: _____  Response Strategy: _____  <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____</p>	<p>On January 2015, the NRA received the request letter from Vangvieng, Kasi and Hinbert district authorities, Vientiane province to destroy the UXO found in Phonsida, Namoung and Phonkang villages where it was the scene of extensive ground battles during the Indochina war. On 2-8 February 2015, NRA sent the clearance unit, incorporation with associated the Lao Army Humanitarian UXO Clearance Force for survey and inspection on what type of UXO was present, how many and at what depth the UXO were buried. The mission found that it was the cluster munitions BLU 24 are still being in canister, white phosphor 4 items and some UXO items. The clearance unit of the NRA is not only monitoring UXO operator operation compliance with NS, but also active in prompt response for emergency task. BUT WHAT ACTION? Did they destroy the items safely? Same for next para.</p>	<p>On April 2014, the NRA received the request letter from Saisomboun province to destroy the UXO found in Natiem village cluster, Mainajalem development focus area where they need to</p>



						<p>build the district health center. On 12-14 June 2014, NRA sent the QA/QC unit, incorporation with associated the Lao Army Humanitarian UXO Clearance Force for survey and inspection on what type of UXO was present, how many and at what depth the UXO were buried. The mission found that it was the large bomb MK 82 PGLA, weight 500 Pb dropped during the Indochina war. The QA/QC unit of the NRA is not only monitoring UXO operator operation compliance with NS, but also active in prompt response for emergency task.</p>
				<p><b>Activity Result 4:</b> Effective coordination and regulation of the UXO Sector.</p> <p><b>Activity 4.1</b> Provide policy guidance and direction as required to ensure the effective coordination and regulation of the UXO sector and compliance with national strategies.</p>	<p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed  <input type="checkbox"/> In progress (yes)  <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed            Reason: _____            New Schedule: _____            Response Strategy: _____  <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____         </p>	<p>Please see 4-2 section.</p>
				<p><b>Activity 4.2</b> Providing the SEOD level 4 training for UXO humanitarian operators and commercial</p>	<p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed  <input type="checkbox"/> In progress (yes)  <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed            Reason: _____            New Schedule: _____         </p>	<p>On February 2015, the NRA together with MMG opened officially the SEOD level 4 training for 20 MMG staff. The training took place in Sepone district,</p>

				<p>companies.</p>	<p>Response Strategy: _____  <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____</p>	<p>Savannakhet province for 2 weeks.</p> <p>In Q2, on 16 June 2015, the NRA in cooperation with MMG LXML UXO clearance company organized the 5<sup>th</sup> Senior Explosive Ordnance Disposal closing course at the NRA office. The SEOD Batch 5 course was delivered in accordance with National Training Standards. In this course, eight trainees and two observers have completed which run from 18 March to 23 May 2015 (four were from MMG employees, two were from UXO Lao, two from the Ministry of National Defense, one from BACTEC and one from Milsearch). The main aim of the course was to enhance the skills of officials in the UXO sector. In addition, the trainee had to learn how to recognize 24 models of aircraft bomb and dispenser fuses, learn how these fuses function and understand all the hazards associated with each of the fuses. Also on the program was learning the safest ways to deal with each UXO wet with these fuses and finally how to destroy the UXO safely.</p>
			<p><b>Activity 4.3</b>  Process accreditation of all operators (including NGOs, commercial operators and the Lao Army), to ensure compliance with the National</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed  <input type="checkbox"/> In progress (yes)  <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed  Reason:  New Schedule:  Response Strategy: _____  <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____</p>	<p>During Q1, there is no UXO operator or commercial company submitted request document to the NRA for accreditation.</p> <p>During Q2, accreditations for Oumma and LAUNC have been</p>	

				Standards			issued.	
				<b>Activity 4.4</b> Conduct QA/QC of operators and investigate incidents, as defined by national standards.	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed (yes) Reason: _____ New Schedule: _____ Response Strategy: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____		During Q1, the unit planned to conduct the QA/QC inspections of MAG in Xiengkhouang and Khammouane province, but the missions were postponed due to a financial constraints to support for travelling expense.  During Q2, there is no mission conducted. But they go out for QA/QC of commercial operators since they cover expenses.	
				<b>Activity 4.5</b> Manage, maintain and publicize information from databases, including IMSMA, as required. (IM Unit).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress (yes) <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: _____ New Schedule: _____ Response Strategy: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____		This is a regular activity of the Information Management Unit, this unit is also responding to requests for information from various stakeholders.  Provide info which data is fully updated or not. I heard UXO Lao info only reached last week, so I doubt it is all in IMSMA db.  But maybe all Q1 data on MRE are in, etc. Provide more precise info.	
				<b>Activity 4.6</b> Record the information on Government Focus Area (in the context of improving survey	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In progress (yes) <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: _____ New Schedule: _____		The IM unit worked closely with CL unit to enter the data collected on development focus areas which need to be surveyed (into IMSMA). Currently, collected information on development focus areas where to conduct UXO survey and clearance	

				<p>methodologies), to allow better informed work planning by the clearance operators in 2015. (IM Unit)</p>	<p>Response Strategy: _____  <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes</p>	<p>is available at NRA. NRA was provided with relevant maps and GPS information for some development focus areas.           Was this Q1 and now Q2 update?</p>	
			<p><b>Activity 4.7</b>          Upgrade the Information Management System to Version 6 (it will incorporate significant technical upgrades compared to the previous version 5 which was released in 2005), in collaboration with GICHD.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In progress (yes)  <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed          Reason: _____           New Schedule: _____          Response Strategy: _____  <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes</p>	<p>After the last mission of the Advisor and Coordinator of Information Management Software Development of the GICHD, Ms. Anne-Li Naucier finished the evaluation of the software and assessed the work to upgrade IMSMA version 5 to IMSMA version 6. On July 2014, Ms. Anne-Li Naucier visited NRA again to install IMSMA version 6.           In February 2015, the evaluation team of the GICHD met with the IM unit to discuss on how the new IMSMA version 6 is function for the UXO sector.           On 28-30 April 2015, at Donchan Palace, for three days in week in Vientiane, Lao PDR, an information management stakeholders workshop was held in coordination with the GICHD and Norwegian People's Aid (NPA) funded by the DFID. The workshop aimed to increase understanding of information management and the land release methodology. It identified current communication gaps between operations and information management groups. Participants at this workshop included representatives from the NRA as well as operators such as UXO Lao, NPA, HI, Halo Trust and</p>		

	<p>MAG.</p> <p>On 4-7 May 2015, the NRA sent one IM officer to attend the workshop hosted by the GICHD in Geneva, Switzerland. As part of the long-term evolution of the Information Management System for Mine Action (IMSMA), and to ensure continual improvement of the system, the GICHD invited some of its key stakeholders to discuss user requirements in a series of consultation workshops over the course of 2015.</p>		<p>During Q1, at NRA office, IM unit organized the training on IMSMA version 6 for the Lao Army Humanitarian UXO Clearance staff and World Education staff. The training consisted of understanding and using the software, and how to correctly enter and send data via online reporting. This will allow in the future reporting on activities to be done digitally at the site of operations via laptops, which reduces a reliance on hard copies, bridges the spatial divide between field operations and the NRA, and reduces the time needed for reporting.</p> <p>During Q2, no IMSMA training was conducted for clearance operators.</p>		
	<p>Activity 4.8 Train UXO Sector clearance operators on IMSMA Version 6. (IM Unit).</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In progress (yes)  <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed  Reason: _____  New Schedule: _____  Response Strategy: _____  <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____</p>			
	<p>Activity 4.9 Ensure the monthly reports from the NRA to Lao Government, the quarterly reports to UNDP and other</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed  <input type="checkbox"/> In progress (yes)  <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed  Reason: _____  New Schedule: _____</p>	<p>Monthly reports are prepared by national staff (Programme unit), and submitted to the NRA Chairman and NRA Board members.</p>		

				donors reports.	Response Strategy: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____			
				<b>Activity 4.10</b> Convene meetings of the UXO Sector Working Group, the NRA Board, the Project Board and any other meeting required for UXO Sector needs.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: _____ New Schedule: _____ Response Strategy: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____		For UXO Sector Working Group is planned to convene in Q3.	
				<b>Activity 4.11</b> Consolidate the information on the UXO sector and in collaboration with UNDP, to strengthen the Sector Working Group contribution to Round Table.	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In progress (yes) <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: _____ New Schedule: _____ Response Strategy: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____		Planned in Q3.	
				<b>Activity 4.12</b> Convene the policy forum (in addition to 3 TWGs) on Policy, Coordination and Planning (target audience will be the programme managers).	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In progress (yes) <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: _____ New Schedule: _____ Response Strategy: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____		Planned in Q3.	

			<p><b>Activity 4.13</b> Update the NRA website</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In progress (yes)  <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed  Reason: _____  New Schedule: _____  Response Strategy: _____  <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____</p>	<p>A new Public Relations technician was recruited in February 2014, and started effectively to work in March 2014. He has worked with NRA IT technician to update and to improve the website contents, and especially the newfeed.</p>	
			<p><b>Activity 4.14</b> Establish NRA Public Relations capacity and improve the use of NRA print communications.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In progress (yes)  <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed  Reason: _____  New Schedule: _____  Response Strategy: _____  <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____</p>	<p>In 2015, there are no the document folders are available in the storage of the NRA. The blue ones that were printed in 2010 for the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of States Parties to the CCM are out of stock. In Q3 2015, the unit-plans to re-printing its again for 1.000 items to increase awareness of UXO issues, work undertaken in the UXO Sector, international treaties, and heightened profile of the NRA.</p>	
			<p><b>Activity 4.15</b> Develop the UXO sector annual report 2014.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In progress (yes)  <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed  Reason: _____  New Schedule: _____  Response Strategy: _____  <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____</p>	<p>Report on progress: text is ready, only one foreword is missing.   500 copies of UXO Sector Annual Report 2014 (English version) will be printed soon and planned to distribute to line ministries, donors, international organizations and operators.</p>	
			<p><b>Activity 4.16</b> Convene UXO TF Steering Committee and UXO Project Board Meeting (for 2015) in February and March 2014.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed (yes)  <input type="checkbox"/> In progress  <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed  Reason: _____  New Schedule: _____  Response Strategy: _____  <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____</p>	<p>On 27<sup>th</sup> February 2015, the NRA together with UNDP held the UXO Trust Fund Steering Committee attended by UXO Trust fund members. The meeting was co-chaired by H.E Saleumxay Khommasith, the Vice Chairman of the NRA and Mrs. Kaarina Immonen UN Resident Coordinator in Lao PDR. The aim of the meeting</p>	

						<p>was to report on the UXO Trust Fund management 2014, UXO Trust Fund work plan for 2014 and review of Term of Reference (TOR) of the UXO Trust Fund. It was an excellent occasion for discussion among UXO TF members to reaching agreement on the principles to the amendments of.</p> <p>On 18<sup>th</sup> March 2015, the NRA together with UNDP held the UXO Project Board Meeting to support for the Institutional Strengthening of the National Regulatory Authority for the UXO/Mine Action Sector (NRA) and of the Lao National UXO Programme (UXO Lao) 2013-2015. This meeting was attended by project board members (the NRA, UNDP, donor countries and UXO Lao. The meeting was co-chaired by H.E Bounheuang Douangphachanh, Minister to the Government Office, Chairman of the NRA and Mrs. Kaarina Immonen UN Resident Coordinator in Lao PDR. This meeting was a great opportunity to present and to get approval from the project board members for the NRA and UXO Lao annual work plans for the year 2015. Minutes of the meeting will soon be approved and circulated to project board members.</p>
				<p><b>Activity 4.17</b> Organize anniversary celebration of the entry into force of the CCM and Mine Awareness Day.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed  <input type="checkbox"/> In progress ✓  <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed  Reason:  New Schedule:  Response Strategy: _____</p>	<p>Achieved in Q2- as the consultation from the Lao Ministry of Foreign Affairs, NRA only hanged the visual banner across the main streets around Vientiane capital and several articles were published in local newspapers (Vientiane</p>



					<input type="checkbox"/> Other changes: _____	Times and Lao language newspapers) concerning the 4 <sup>th</sup> April celebration, and the achievements of the various operators active in the UXO Sector.
				<b>Activity 4.18</b> Organize media and/or donor Field visit in UXO contaminated provinces.	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress (yes) <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: _____ New Schedule: _____ Response Strategy: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes: _____	On 10-13 June 2015, the NRA office organized the first media field visit in 2015 to Luangprabang province. Three NRA board members and eight media from difference organizations attended the program. During the field visit, the delegations had opportunity to review UXO demolitions on clearance site in Longnamsueng focal development area in Phak Ou district and Nayang focal development area in Nambak district. More than 10 articles were published in local newspapers (Vientiane Times and Lao language newspapers) concerning the UXO issue.
				<b>Activity 4.19</b> Initiate dialogue with all unit concerned to develop and consolidate each unit work plan.	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed (yes) <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: _____ New Schedule: _____ Response Strategy: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes: _____	
				<b>Activity 4.20</b> Conduct mid-term review of National Strategic Plan (SPF II). Step 1: Recruitment of a consultant to facilitate the mid-term review, Step 2: Review between the NRA and UNDP Step 3: Review with Development partners and other	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress (yes) <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: _____ New Schedule: _____ Response Strategy: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes: _____	During Q1, The NRA started with discussion with all unit concerned of the NRA to analysis how the format of report to review of the implementation the strategy from 2011-2015 to reflect for the next 5 year plan for the UXO sector.  In Q2, NRA plan to organize the consultation meeting with UXO operators and line ministries concerned, especially, the NRA board members for the direction given to capture the key things are

	<p>stakeholders.</p>	<p>need to be reflected on the reporting. Currently, the NRA started with the drafting of a 5-Year Review report in Lao language and sent to all units concerned to provide the necessary input.</p> <p>In June, UNDP recruited short term CTA Mr. Sebastian Kasack to assist with the MTR process. Following consultations with NRA, UNDP, and operators a roadmap and timeline were proposed and approved for Q3.</p>		
	<p><b>Activity Result 5:</b> Improved institutional development of the NRA and its integration into the regular set-up of the Government.</p> <p><b>Activity 5.1</b> Deployment of the new UNDP Chief Technical Advisor</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed  <input type="checkbox"/> In progress (yes)  <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed  Reason: <i>Faced funding shortage</i>  New Schedule: _____  Response Strategy: _____  <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____</p>	<p>After the NRA Chief Technical Advisor left from Lao PDR due to his contract ending in June 2014, the NRA has still not recruited a new CTA.</p> <p>In Q1, the NRA and UNDP have been revising of the Terms of Reference for the new CTA to facilitate the work of NRA / UXO Sector in Lao PDR. This position was advertised in Q1 2015 in worldwide via local and international media.</p> <p>As the period for applications has now closed in mid of March 2015, with 37 applications received in total, of which the UNDP has worked to producing a shortlist of</p>	

					<p>4 strong candidates. On 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2015, UNDP plans to hold the interview sessions for the new Chief Technical Advisor to the UXO sector. The panel interview committees will attend by UNDP, NRA and UXO Lao and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as the most relevant bodies to represent the Government of Lao PDR at the interviews.</p> <p>In Q2 the recruitment process concluded successfully, Mr. Allan Poston was selected. He will take up his assignment on 17 August. In order to bridge the gap, UNDP hired a short-term CTA for 30 working days in June-August. See activity 5.1.</p>
			<p><b>Activity 5.2</b> Follow-up and establish the priorities for implementation among the 16 action points in the Capacity Development Action Plan.</p> <p>During Q1, the NRA is in the process to move those recommendations forward.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed  <input type="checkbox"/> In progress (yes)  <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed  Reason:  New Schedule:  Response Strategy:  <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes</p>	<p>The 2014 Capacity Assessment report is available; the report was shared and discussed at the Policy Forum in October 2014. A Capacity Development Strategy and Action Plan for 2014 – 2016 was drafted, with 16 Action Points proposed for discussion. The NRA has considered the recommendations and is in the process of prioritizing the steps needed to fulfil the recommendations of the assessment. The NRA presented the main recommendations at the Policy Forum on 21 October 2014, when the draft report was also shared with relevant stakeholders. UNDP also used this opportunity to review and assess the capacities that have been built with UNDP support to date and to identify</p>

					those which require further support. in Q2, UNDP shared this document with PR unit of the UNDP country office for some English language editing before design and layout. In Q3, UNDP plans to print this capacity assessment report with 200 books (Lao version 100 books and English version 100 books).	
				<p><b>Activity 5.3</b> Clarify NRA structure and organigramme at HQ and sub-national levels; including the review of roles and responsibilities.</p>	<p>The NRA decree No. 406/PM, dated 8 November 2012 was amended and issued as a new decree, No. 43/PM, dated 3 February 2015 signed by Prime Minister.</p>	
				<p><b>Activity 5.4</b> Consult with all NRA partners to establish contributions of support to implementation of CD strategy.</p>	<p>It will happen after the Capacity Assessment of the NRA and UXO Lao. Now the NRA is in the process of taking those recommendations forward.</p>	
				<p><b>Activity 5.5</b> Clarify the position of NRA within the Lao Government and secure Lao government resources for the UXO Sector.</p>	<p>The NRA submitted a request for funding to government of Lao PDR for 2015-2016 to cover the rent of the NRA office, army humanitarian UXO clearance team training, operation cost for the survey and clearance and several activities with total amount 380,000 USD. Unit the end of Q2, there is no official decision was received by Lao National assembly yet unit November this year.</p>	

			<p><b>Activity 5.6</b>          Manage financial, logistical &amp; human resources of the NRA. Ensures all kind of payments and proper documentation (quality of the supporting documents).</p>	<p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed  <input type="checkbox"/> In progress (yes)  <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed            Reason: _____            New Schedule: _____            Response Strategy: _____  <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes: _____         </p>	<p>Based on the meeting conducted on 14 January 2015 hosted by MPI and three UN agencies (UNDP, UNFPA and UNICEF) in term of Micro Assessment under the Lao PDR UNDAF (2012-2015). This meeting aimed to call for an upfront assessment of the programme country's public financial management and the financial management capacity of each implementing partners. This assessment was performed by consulting firm from India.</p> <p>On 9-11 February 2015, the UNDP provided an assessment consulting firm from India to conduct the micro assessment of the NRA financial management system. The assessment primarily consisted of interview with NRA staff with questionnaires and reviewed of relevant documentation.</p> <p>UNDP/external audit of NRA's activities implemented in 2014 was conducted in 4-6 March 2015 which done by Nexia STT from Vietnam. The audit team member includes: Mr. Pham Ngoc Thang, Audit Manager and one Lao staff to support.</p>
--	--	--	---	---	--

				<p>Activity 5.7 Prepare annual and quarterly work plans and reports, in coordination with all NRA units.</p>	<p>✓ Completed  <input type="checkbox"/> In progress (yes)  <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed  Reason: _____  New Schedule: _____  Response Strategy: _____  <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____</p>	<p>Permanent responsibility, managed by the national staff (Finance unit), associated with Programme unit), with the support from UNDP Technical Advisor.</p>	
				<p>Activity 5.8 Maintain a new effective financial resources management system (ACCPAC) and develop the reporting potential.</p>	<p>Completed  <input type="checkbox"/> In progress (yes)  <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed  Reason: _____  New Schedule: _____  Response Strategy: _____  <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____</p>	<p>NRA Finance Unit is in regular contact with the supplier to further develop the reporting formats of the software, but there are some technical difficulties. In 2015 this work is still pending for solution.</p>	
				<p>Activity 5.9 Initiate dialogue with all concerned partners in the UXO sector, to develop a Multi-year Work Plan 2015 – 2020 including a transition strategy.</p>	<p>Completed  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In progress (yes)  <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed  Reason: _____  New Schedule: _____  Response Strategy: _____  <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____</p>	<p>After the draft of UXO Sector Multi-year Work Plan 2015 –2020 Work Plan (English version) was shared and discussed among Lao stakeholders. NRA has finished translation of this document to Lao language. The next step will be to submit to NRA chairman and NRA board members for consideration.</p> <p>On 4 February 2015, the Deputy Assistant Secretary Plan, Programme and Operations Bureau of Political Military Affairs, Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement of the United States Department. Mr. Samuel Perez met the Director of NRA, Mr. Phoukhieo Chanthasomboune at the NRA Office. The aim of this visit was to discuss plans to increase US assistance for the UXO sector, in particular, in survey &amp; clearance, Victim assistance and risk</p>	

					education.	
				<p><b>Activity 5.10</b> Deployment of UXO Portfolio Manager, based in UNDP Country Office.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed  <input type="checkbox"/> In progress (yes)  <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed  Reason: _____  New Schedule: _____  Response Strategy: _____  <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____</p>	<p>The Portfolio Manager was recruited (Nils Christensen) and assigned to oversee the UXO Unit and its project portfolio. In Q1 2015, the Portfolio Manager was replaced temporarily for one month by Mr. Harry Gibb due to his personnel business. During the UXO Trust Fund Steering Committee on 27 February he concentrated his efforts with the finance and program technical advisor of the NRA prepared the presentation on the Trust Fund financial management.</p>
				<p><b>Activity 5.11</b> Deployment of Finance and Programme Technical Advisor.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed  <input type="checkbox"/> In progress (yes)  <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed  Reason: _____  New Schedule: _____  Response Strategy: _____  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____</p>	<p>The NRA Finance and Programme Technical Advisor left the NRA by the end of April 2015. Based on the consultation among UNDP and the NRA in June 2015, UNDP proposed to NRA to have request letter providing short term TA for Programme unit to filling the gap during this period. This work will continue in the earlier of Q3 by submitting the letter to UNDP for consideration.</p> <p>Progress on this one?</p>

			<p><b>Activity 5.13</b>          In collaboration with UNDP, development of long term resource mobilization and financing base strategy to support the transition strategy outlining cost recovery schemes for admin expenditures, future potentials for external funding support and access to national budget allocations for clearance, risk reduction education and VA, etc. examining various fundraising opportunities, private sector cooperation, corporate social responsibility partnerships, etc.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed  <input type="checkbox"/> In progress (yes)  <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed          Reason: _____          New Schedule: _____          Response Strategy: _____  <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____</p>	<p>During Q2, the government of the Republic of Korea has agreed to provide financial support of US\$3 million (24 billion kip) to clear unexploded ordnance (UXO) in Laos.</p> <p>On 30 April 2015, at Donchan Palace, the NRA together with UNDP and the embassy of Korea based in Vientiane, Lao PDR organized the grant contract signing ceremony for the 'Project to Support the UXO Sector in Laos' was signed by the Resident Representative of the KOICA Laos Office Mr Kim Hahng-Joo and the Director General of the National Regulatory Authority for the UXO/Mine Action Sector in the Lao PDR (NRA), Mr Phoukhieo Chanthasomboune.</p> <p>Minister to the Government Office and Chairman of the National Leading Committee for Rural Development and Poverty Eradication, Mr Bounheuang Douangphachanh, the Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Laos Mr Kim Soo-Gwon and other dignitaries attended the signing ceremony.</p> <p>The support will be channeled through the UXO Trust Fund administered by the UNDP.</p> <p>On 8<sup>th</sup> May 2015, the US Ambassador Daniel Clune met the Director of NRA, Mr. Phoukhieo Chanthasomboune at the NRA</p>	
--	--	--	--	---	--	--



						<p>Office. The aim of this visit was to make the announcement of the increase funding for the UXO Sector in Lao PDR from \$12 million in 2014 to \$13 million in 2015. The United States is strengthening its commitment to the UXO sector in Laos by increasing its assistance to \$13 million this year. As in past years, U.S. funding will support cooperation with the NRA, UXO-Lao, other humanitarian clearance operators, international organizations, and local organizations. The funding will also help support evidence-based survey. U.S. funds for clearance will focus on provinces seriously impacted by cluster munitions. Victims' assistance will provide direct services to survivors of UXO accidents and their families and also support the capacity development of national institutions to provide victim's assistance. Funds will also help strengthen first aid and emergency response of key health facilities and village volunteers in heavily impacted provinces. Funding for risk awareness supports educating Lao citizens – especially children – about the dangers of UXO.</p> <p>As you are aware, the UNDAF and associated Country Programme Documents (CPDs) are coming to an end in 2016. With the upcoming development of the new CPD, from 2-4 June 2015, the deputy director of NRA and program officer attended the 1<sup>st</sup> session of UNDP</p>
--	--	--	--	--	--	---

					<p>Strategic Plan Alignment Workshop. The workshop aimed to identify gaps and challenges in the current programming with regard to alignment with the Strategic Plan and programming quality, which could be addressed in the next programming cycle, to discuss key priorities for the next programming cycles that are in line with the national development priorities and align with UNDP Strategic Plan's areas of focus, to discuss next steps, through the formulation of and agreed Action Plan and to address the identified gaps and challenges.</p> <p>On 9<sup>th</sup> June 2015, two Norwegian delegations based in Hanoi, Vietnam came to meet with NRA management. The meeting aimed to follow up on bilateral cooperation on the UXO sector and Norwegian support to Laos' efforts in implementing the CCM.</p>	
			<p><b>Activity 5.14</b> Attend the Annual Program Directors meeting, international workshops on mine action technology, information management and other subjects relevant to the NRA.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed (yes)  <input type="checkbox"/> In progress  <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed  Reason:  New Schedule:  Response Strategy:  <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes</p>	<p>With support of GICHD, on 16-19 February 2015, 2 NRA staff (1 NRA director, 1 NRA and Research officer) attended the 18<sup>th</sup> International Meeting of National Mine Action Programme Directors and UN Advisors at the World Meteorological Organization Building (WMO/OMM) in Geneva, Switzerland.</p> <p>The meeting aimed to bring together national directors, officials and UN Advisors expertise in Mine Action to meet and to</p>	

					<p>assess the progress and challenges within the sector. 2015's theme was the "Evolution of Mine Action: More than Mines".</p> <p>Done in Q1.</p>	
			<p><b>Activity 5.15</b> Consider the establishment of a National Museum of UXO artefact in order to raise awareness on the dangers of UXO for future generations.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In progress ✓ Delayed (yes)</p> <p>Reason: No concrete plan.</p> <p>New Schedule: Response Strategy: NRA plan to include this activity in NRA 2015 annual work plan. <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes</p>	<p>No concrete plan so far.</p> <p>In 2015 NRA will present this concept idea on the NRA Board meeting in the first 6 month meeting of 2015.</p>	
			<p><b>Activity 5.16</b> Consider the options for the National Training Centre.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed ✓ In progress (yes) <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed</p> <p>Reason: New Schedule: Response Strategy: <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes</p>	<p>No concrete plan so far.</p>	
			<p><b>Activity 5.17</b> Ensure logistical and administrative support for NRA activities, as well as follow-up of operators.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In progress ✓ Delayed (yes)</p> <p>Reason: Lack of funding</p> <p>New Schedule: Response Strategy: <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes</p>	<p>Procurement plan for the year 2015 was finalized and not implemented due to financial constraints for Q1.</p>	
			<p><b>Activity 5.18</b> Develop the new project document between the NRA and UNDP to support for the institutional strengthening of the National Regulatory Authority for the</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In progress ✓ Delayed (yes)</p> <p>Reason: Lack of funding</p> <p>New Schedule: Response Strategy: <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes</p>	<p>During Q1, there are no consultation hold yet among the NRA and UNDP.</p> <p>As you are aware the project period in the document signed on 15 November 2013 between NRA and UNDP to be completed by 31 December 2015. However, based on the UXO project board meeting</p>	

					<p>decision making on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2015. On 14 May 2015, the National Regulatory Authority for the UXO/Mine Action Sector in Lao PDR (NRA) submitted the letter to kindly request UNDP for a <i>time extension</i> for the project for twelve (12) months from January 2016 to 31 December 2016. Currently, this work is under consideration of the UNDP country Office.</p>	
					<p>ITSU Unit updated the annual CCM Article 7 and 11 transparency report and will be submitted it to Lao Ministry of Foreign Affairs by the beginning of April 2015.</p>	
					<p>There is an ongoing recruitment process by NRA/UNDP of the local consultant to facilitate the legislation process. It was delayed in Q1 2015 due to a delay in the contracting between the local consultant and UNDP.</p> <p>No progress in Q2. Funding needs to be secured first.</p>	
					<p>On May 2015, the NRA deputy director of policy section and QM unit attended the meeting of MAG in Xiengkhoung province. The aim of the meeting was to hold a new</p>	
					<p>UXO/Mine Action Sector (NRA).</p>	
					<p><u>Activity Result 6:</u> International treaty obligations met.</p> <p><u>Activity 6.1</u> Provide annual updates on CCM i.e. Article 7 and 11 of the CCM Report.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed  <input type="checkbox"/> In progress (yes)  <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed  Reason:  New Schedule:  Response Strategy:  Other changes:</p>
					<p><u>Activity 6.2</u> Help prepare domestic legislation to be compliant with CCM i.e. Article 9, including the recruitment of a local legal consultant.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed  <input type="checkbox"/> In progress  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Delayed (yes)  Reason:  New Schedule:  Response Strategy:  Other changes:</p>
					<p><u>Activity 6.3</u> Monitoring of humanitarian operators to ensure compliance with</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed  <input type="checkbox"/> In progress (yes)  <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed  Reason:</p>

			signed MOUs and CCM.	<p><i>New Schedule:</i>  <i>Response Strategy:</i> _____  <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Other changes:</i> _____</p>	<p>joint training course by NRA and MAG for SEOD level 3. The participants in this meeting included NRA, provincial and district authorities and MAG staff.</p> <p>Between 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> June 2015, the NRA director and MRE officer attended the meeting of Dan church Aid in Phongsaly province. The purpose was to introduce the program to be effective in advertising the risk of UXO for children and people who live in affected areas.</p>	
			<p><b>Activity 6.4</b>  Participate in the 1st preparation of the first review of the CCM Conference in Geneva, Switzerland (3 people from the Gov).</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Completed (yes)</i>  <input type="checkbox"/> <i>In progress</i>  <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Delayed</i>  <i>Reason:</i> _____  <i>New Schedule:</i> _____  <i>Response Strategy:</i> _____  <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Other changes</i> _____</p>	<p>The first Preparatory Meeting of the CCM was held in Geneva on 5 February 2015. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs had nominated two MoFA Lao delegations representative office in Geneva to attend this meeting on behalf of Lao PDR.</p> <p>The Second Preparatory Meeting held in Geneva again, on 24 June 2015, from 10:00-13:00, room XIX, at the Palais Des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland. Participant: 2 from NRA, 1 from UXO Lao, 2 from MoFA Lao (SPONSORSHIP for Air for one MoFA staff), 1 from UNDP</p>	
			<p><b>Activity 6.5</b>  Participate the intersessional meeting and the 2nd preparation of the first review of the CCM Conference in Geneva, Switzerland (3 people</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Completed</i>  <input type="checkbox"/> <i>In progress</i>  <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Delayed</i>  <i>Reason:</i> _____  <i>New Schedule:</i> _____  <i>Response Strategy:</i> _____  <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Other changes</i> _____</p>	<p>Lao PDR continues to engage actively in the implementation of the Convention on Cluster Munitions at the international level. From the 22-24 June 2015, the Lao delegation participated in the intersessional meeting and the 2nd preparation of the first review</p>	

					from the Gov).				of the CCM Conference in Geneva, Switzerland. The Lao delegation made substantive statements in all key sessions.	
					<b>Activity 6.6</b> Participate in the 6th CCM Conference from 7-11 September 2015 in Dubrovnik, Croatia (First Review Meeting of CCM). (6 people from the Gov).				Planned for Q3 according to the Annual Work Plan. Pursuant to the relevant decision of the Fifth Meeting of State Parties (2 to 5 September 2014, at San Jose, Costa Rica) the First Review Conference will take place from 7 to 11 September 2015 in Dubrovnik, Croatia.	
					<b>Activity 6.7</b> Review MoU of operators, considering the MoU as a tool of mutual accountability between NRA and operators, and for compliance by operators with applicable Lao laws.				During Q2, MOUs were discussed with MAG only.  Only MAG MOU (supported by DFID) was signed on 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2015 between NRA and MAG at NRA office.	

			<p><b>Activity 6.8</b> Organize the MOU Notice dissemination workshop for NRA Focal points, UXO Operators and other stakeholders..</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed  <input type="checkbox"/> In progress  <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed (yes)  Reason: _____  New Schedule: _____  Response Strategy: _____  <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____</p>	<p>During Q1, the research unit planned to organize the MOU Notice dissemination workshop for NRA Focal points, UXO Operators and other stakeholders, but this work was delayed due to the financial constraint in Q1.</p> <p>During Q2, this activity is delayed due to lack of funding.</p>	
			<p><b>Activity Result Z:</b> Establish and manage a Civil Society Funding Facility.</p> <p><b>Activity 7.1</b> Establish and manage, with AusAid, SDC and UNDP assistance, a Small Grants Facility (with dedicated Secretariat established in the NRA) in support of civil society activities in the area of MRE, VA and Survey.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed  <input type="checkbox"/> In progress  <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed (yes)  Reason: _____  New Schedule: _____  Response Strategy: _____  <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____</p>	<p>During the UXO Project Board Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2015, cited from SDC on the issue of the Civil Society Funding Facility and noted that SDC is working with UNDP to have a call for proposals dependent on the approval of the government, as SDC's original 632,000 USD contribution to the CSFF was withdrawn when the facility was limited to only local Non Profit Associations, excluding International NGOs. The NRA clarified that the government of Lao wish to further engage and strengthen capacity of Lao civil society in the sector. Re-confirmed that the NRA board wishes to restrict the funds to Lao Non-Profit Associations only, and not to International Non-Governmental Organizations (INGOs), but</p>	

						currently, there are no Lao Non-Profit Associations who have full range of capacity to conduct the survey. Proposed to SDC consideration how can flexible to use this fund for UXO Lao instead of. This work is under the negotiation between UNDP and donors.	
						No changes in Q2.	



### 3. Project Management and Oversight

*(This section should be completed by project in coordination with UNDP)*

❖ Briefly assess (<150 words) whether during the reporting period, management and oversight of the project was sufficient to support progress of the project.

Consider the following questions:

- What M&E work was conducted during the reporting period (e.g. data acquisition, mid-term review...)

- How identified risks in the project document or identified during the project are being managed, and did any new risks emerge?

- What significant communications and advocacy efforts have been / are being undertaken in the project?

- **Monitoring and Evaluation**

- **Risk management**

*(Actual/ anticipated operational, political and environmental risks)*

Funding situation of the UXO Sector represents the biggest risk this quarter.

- **Communication and advocacy**

The NRA organized the media field visit in Luangprabang province. Three NRA board members and eight media from difference organizations attended the program. During the field visit, the delegations had opportunity to review UXO demolitions on clearance site in Longnamsueng focal development area in Phak Ou district and Nayang focal development area in Nambak district. More than 10 articles were published in local newspapers (Vientiane Times, Lao National Television, Lao Star Television, National Radio and Lao language newspapers) concerning the UXO issue.

In terms of advocacy, we can highlight two elements during the second quarter 2015:

- The NRA was represented at the intersessional meeting and the 2nd preparation meeting of the first review conference of the CCM, both held in Geneva, Switzerland (see the details in the table – Activity 6.5).

### 4. Management Responses and Recommendations

*(To be completed by project in coordination with UNDP)*

❖ Update on the implementation of audit, Spot Check recommendations & management responses to project evaluation

❖ Highlight if there any key issue that require the attention of management / steering committee in the next quarter.



## 2. Financial Management

- ❖ Provide a summary of key financial information using the tables below as a guide. Put detailed information in an annex if necessary.
- ❖ Please add Output/Activity as per QWP/AWP. If required, provide additional information (eg list specific activities funded by the donor's contribution).

### Financial Information Summary

(UNDP can pre-fill the first 4 columns and project will report remaining columns.)

Reporting Period: 1 April 2015 – 30 June 2015

Output	Activities	Source of Funding	Activity Budget (KIP)	Expenditure of the current reporting period (KIP)	Accumulated Expenditure by the current reporting period (KIP)	Delivery Rate of the current reporting period (%)	Accumulated Delivery Rate by the current reporting period (%)
<b>Output 1:</b> The National Regulatory Authority for the UXO/Mine Action Sector is better able to coordinate and regulate the UXO sector.	Activity Result 1: Risk Education methodologies improved, reinforced and better disseminated.  Activity Result 2: Practices of information management and surveillance of UXO survivors improved; a strategy for victim assistance formulated.  Activity Result 3: More efficient and effectively-planned release of land coordinated and regulated in accordance with development goals as prioritized in the NSEDP and other relevant national planning and policy frameworks.	Switzerland / Ireland	47,890,629	42,261,388		88.2%	
		Switzerland / Ireland	47,089,620	44,066,155		93.6%	
		Switzerland / Ireland	79,154,253	77,816,779			98.3%

Activity Result 4: Effective coordination and regulation of the UXO Sector.	Switzerland / Ireland	401,273,146	357,749,450	89.2%
Activity Result 5: Improved institutional development of the NRA and its integration into the regular set-up of the Government.	Switzerland / Ireland	676,634,574	628,304,874	92.9%
Activity Result 6: International treaty obligations met.	Switzerland / Ireland	48,141,450	49,044,116	101.9%
Activity Result 7: Establish and manage a Civil Society Funding Facility.	Switzerland / Australia			
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,300,183,672</b>	<b>1,199,242,762</b>	<b>92.2%</b>

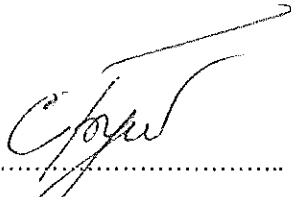
## 5. Annex/s

(Example of annexes attached to the report are at a minimum as the following, more annexes can be added as appropriate)

- ❖ Combined Delivery Report (provided by UNDP & validated by UNDP & IP)
- ❖ Budget Analytical Review of the quarter (optional)
- ❖ Quarterly Work Plan for the following quarter
- ❖ Project Monitoring and Communication Plan (if there is any revision to the annual plan)
- ❖ Project Risk Log for the following quarter (as per Annex 15 - Project Risk Log of the NIM-SOPs)
- ❖ Project Issue Log for the following quarter (as per Annex 16 - Project Issue Log of the NIM-SOPs)
- ❖ Project Lesson Learned Log for the following quarter (as per Annex 17 - Project Lesson Learned Log of the NIM-SOPs)
- ❖ List if there is any detailed project information (financial details, activity report, maps, brochures, M&E report, field visit reports, etc).

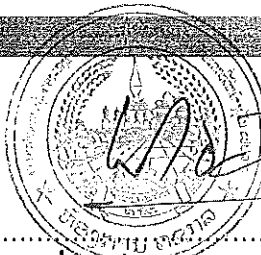
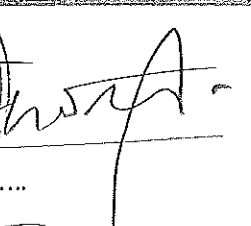
PREPARED BY PM

Date:

  
.....  
3/7/15

APPROVED BY NPD

Date:

  
  
.....  
3/7/15  
Phoukhieo CHANTHASOMBOUNE

RECEIVED AND REVIEWED BY UNDP

Date:

