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Quarterly Project Progress Report

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

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 July 2015 to 30 September 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.
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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)*

In Quarter 3 of 2015, the NRA has continued to perform its important role in the UXO sector, coordinating, regulating and monitoring the work of UXO sector operators¹, 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).

In Q3, NRA and UNDP looked at the planning of the KOICA supported project. US\$1.6m is allocated from that project for 2015, and several activities are planned including large procurement of equipment and services for VA. So far, we have received the transfer from KOICA to the Trust Fund UNDP bank account already.

A charity golf tournament held at the Km4 Golf Club in Vientiane on Saturday raised more than 100 million Lao Kip (approximately US\$12,300) for the rehabilitation of UXO victims in Laos. More than 200 golfers took part. The tournament was also attended by the Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister of Education and Sport, as well as senior officials from ministries. The competition was conceived as a way of raising money from businesses and individuals to fund activities to help and treat UXO victims. In addition, the tournament also served to boost friendship among golfers whilst celebrating the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party and the 40th anniversary of the Lao PDR.

The NRA encourages operators to coordinate with the education department in contaminated provinces and districts, before conducting MRE activities in schools. During Q3 of 2015, the number of accidents reached 4 accidents with total of 6 victims, of whom 4 people were injured (1 boy and 3 men) and 2 people were killed (1 man and 1 woman).

During the third quarter of 2015, a total of 521 Ha of land was cleared (interim figures as of 30 September 2015); including 404 Ha of agricultural land and 117 Ha of development land. During Q3 of 2015, operators in Lao PDR destroyed more than 12,109 items of UXO, of which 17 were bombs, 7,802 were bombies, 8 were mines, and 4,282 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.*

¹As of 30th September 2015, there are 16 non-profit operators in the UXO sector (UXO Lao, NPA, MAG, HI, (APOPO left mid of 2014), Halo Trust, JMAS, 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, Oumma, Millsearch, 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 ² 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-à-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.
<p>Output: The National Regulatory Authority for the UXO/Mine Action Sector is better able to coordinate and regulate the UXO sector:</p> <p>1. Activity Result: Risk Education methodologies improved, reinforced and better disseminated.</p> <p>2. Activity Result: Practices of information management and surveillance of UXO survivors improved; a strategy for victim assistance formulated.</p> <p>3. Activity Result: More efficient and</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Availability of updated UXO Education textbooks for primary schools (2013: no, 2014: yes). No. of UXO survivors whose needs are tracked (2010: 0, 2015: 10,000, MoV: NRA Database). Victim Assistance Sector Strategy drafted (2010: no, 2015: yes; MoV: NRA Annual Report). No. of workshops conducted to disseminate the Victim Assistance Strategy (2013:0, 2014: 2 including 1 	<p>2014: yes</p> <p>2014: 6,000</p> <p>2014: The VA Strategy is approved.</p>	<p>On Track</p> <p>Achieved</p> <p>Achieved</p>	<p>Activity Result 1: Risk Education methodologies improved, reinforced and better disseminated.</p> <p>Activity 1.1 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>	<p>Monitoring is not only via field mission. NRA can help and engage with MoE on text books for example.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed (yes) Reason: _____ New Schedule: _____ Response Strategy: _____ Other changes: _____</p>	<p>Planned in Q4.</p>	
				<p>Activity 1.2 Monitor radio spot programme in 4 provinces and UXO curriculum in school.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed (yes) Reason: _____ New Schedule: _____ Response Strategy: _____</p>	<p>No mission conducted in Q3.</p>	

² Please note that for GEF projects, GEF Outcomes are actually Outputs in UNDP context

<p>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>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>at policy level and 1 at technical level).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. of districts with district clearance plans based on district survey (2010: 0, 2015: 20, MoV: District Clearance Plans). Availability of approved revised survey procedures (2013: no, Q2 2014: yes). % of clearance operators accredited (2010: 33%, 2015: 100% MoV: NRA Annual Report). % of operators reporting electronically to the NRA (2010: 13%, 2015: 80%, MoV: NRA database). Availability of approved concept note on the Civil Society Funding Facility (2013: no, Q2 2014: yes). Availability of NRA capacity assessment report (2013: no, Q2 2014: yes). 	<p>Activity 1.3 Conduct a capacity needs assessment of community volunteers on MRE.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Other changes: _____</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>Progressed: During Q3 2015, MRE unit conducted a capacity need assessment of the UXO Lao community volunteer in 4 provinces namely: Huaphan, Xiengkhouang, Savannakhet and Champasack provinces. The mission aimed to gain a better understanding of capacity needs of village volunteers supporting Risk Education. The mission found that UXO Lao community volunteer in those provinces are well skilling in delivery of MRE message and implementing of MRE activities, know well about local language, be access to target group easily and when people found UXO on the ground and UXO accidents they reported directly to those community volunteers. Despite, the UXO Lao four provinces faced the similar issues in term of the equipment to run the activity especially uniform for community volunteers when they are day to day working, t-shirt, pencil, book, poster, flipchart for distribute are inadequate and the once they have received from UXO Lao headquarter three year ago have been outdated. In addition, UXO Lao community volunteers required to have the MRE training. The NRA recommended that UXO Lao headquarters ensure the provision of adequate materials</p>
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									and equipment to conduct the work efficiency and effectiveness in accordance with current situation. Please consider it quickly. In term of the MRE training provision, UXO Lao has to provide them annually training and share lesson learnt with other provinces to improve their capacity and knowledge.	
									<p>Progressed: in Q3, the MRE TWG meeting was held on 29th September 2015 at the NRA conference room. The meeting was chaired by Deputy Director of the NRA, Mr. Bounpheng SisavathKey highlights are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MAG will organize the training of teachers (TOT) in Xiengkhouang province in Q4. - Halo Trust assessed MRE activities during the first 6 month of 2015 in primary schools in Nong and viabouly district. - Some MRE operators required to have the MRE technical term translation guideline for MRE technical term translation from English to Lao for MOU by NRA (DCA). - Operators agreed to support village volunteer for UXO in UXO contaminated provinces and will include in the 2016 work plan. 	
									<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress (yes) <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: _____ New Schedule: _____ Response Strategy: _____ Other changes: _____	
									Activity 1.4 Convene four meetings of the Risk Education Technical Working Group.	
									On track, one already organized.	
									N/A	
									Work in progress but not yet fully finalized. Achieved.	
									Achieved.	
									2014: 100%	
									2014: yes	
									2014: 60%	
									Work in progress but not yet fully finalized. Achieved.	

				2014: yes		
	<p>Progressed: In Q3, with support from KOICA to cover the printing cost, UXO MRE poster has been printed already with total 500 sheets. In the Q3 MRE TWG, SoS reported on their support to printing more the UXO MRE poster for primary school (1500 sheets). This work will start with the printing in beginning of October, 2015.</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>Activity 1.5 Printing UXO MRE poster.</p>	2014: yes		
	<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 Xiengkhoung and Savannakhet provinces. But the total need is estimated at 6,000 sets; it means that we have yet to print</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>Activity 1.6 Printing of UXO education curriculum (12 textbooks = 1 set) to use in primary schools, in cooperation with the Ministry of Education.</p>			

							and distribute around 3,600 sets. In Q2, the printing costs for 4000 packages are included on KOICA proposal. In Q3, the unit plan to print of 1100 packages based on the distribution list provide from Ministry of Education and Sport. Progressed in Q3: Following KOICA support to the UXO education curriculum, 1,100 storybooks and textbooks on the subject of UXO for primary schools have already been printed. These books will be distributed in eleven contaminated provinces during the fourth quarter of 2015 (HP, LPB, XK, Xaisomboun, BLK, KM, SVK, SLV, SK, CPS and ATTP). Detail list contribution will be provided by Ministry of Education.	
							Q2, 2015, this activity was delayed due to there is no funding to support continually. No progressed in Q3.	
							<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed (yes) Reason: _____ New Schedule: _____ Response Strategy: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____	
							Activity 1.7 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 & Culture.	
							Activity 1.8 Share lesson learnt about UXO spot radio programme on how UXO spot radio are	
							<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed (yes) Reason: _____ New Schedule: _____	
							In Q2, the unit planned to organize a workshop at Khammouane province for 4 days with 4 radio stations to share ideas and discuss for improve UXO radio programme	

				well functioning and appropriate with target groups and work planning for next year, (Funding by KOICA).	<p>Response Strategy: _____</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____	activity in the sector. But this activity was delayed due to a lack of funding to support.	
			<p>Activity 1.9 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 chairman for approval.</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>Q3: following the NRA management's suggestion, this document should be waited for NRA Board meeting for final comment before submit to the Prime Minister for signature. The NRA Board meeting plan to organize in December 2015.</p>		
			<p>Activity Result 2: Practices of information management and surveillance of UXO survivors improved; a strategy for victim assistance formulated.</p> <p>Activity 2.1 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</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>Planned in Q2 but postponed due to lack of funding.</p> <p>No progressed in Q3.</p>		

				<p>available to Ministries, local and international NGOs and donor countries.</p> <p>Activity 2.2 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>Progressed in Q3: During 14-22 September 2015, the VA unit of the NRA met with provincial and district authorities (Phin, Phalan, Sepone and Vilabouly) to assess UXO survivors for training. During the mission, the VA unit also met with the agricultural and vocational training centre in Xayboully district to agree on the existence of letters with vocational training service providers. During 27-30 September 2015, NRA Director Mr. Phoukheo Chanthasomboune visited Savannaket provincial and district authorities to monitoring the progress on the data collected for UXO survivors for training in those 4 districts (Phin, Phalan, Sepone and Vilabouly). In addition, provincial committee has been nominated and put in place to regulating the project.</p>	
				<p>Activity 2.3 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. See section 2.2 above.</p>	

			<p>Activity 2.4 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>Q3: VA TWG meeting was held as planned on 29th September 2015 at the NRA conference room. The meeting was chaired by Deputy Director of the NRA.</p>	
			<p>Activity 2.5 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: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____</p>	<p>During Q3 of 2015, the number of accidents reached 4 accidents with total of 6 victims, of whom 4 people were injured (1 boy and 3 men) and 2 people were killed (1 man and 1 woman).</p>	

			<p>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.</p> <p>Activity 3.1 Approval of UXO survey procedure by NRA Chairman and utilize it in one standard.</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>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 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 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</p>	
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						of work.	
						Progressed in Q3:	
				<p>Activity 3.2 Integrate outcomes of 2014 data collection on government development priorities, and identify linkages with other ministries to support improved integration with the 8th 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: 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 8th 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>Activity 3.3 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: 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>Activity 3.4 Convene quarterly meetings of the Clearance Technical Working Group.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed (yes) <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: New Schedule:	<p>Q3: CL TWG meeting was held as planned on 28th September 2015 at the NRA conference room. The meeting was chaired by Deputy Director of the NRA.</p>	

				<p>Activity 3-5 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>Q3, NRA with the supporting from KOICA, NRA incorporated with UNDP completed the procurement some of equipment for Lao humanitarian army teams (List details of inventory are kept with Logistic unit of the NRA). With regards to the training for two Lao humanitarian army teams as planned in Q3 was postponed to Q4 due to the selected process of the trainee from Ministry of National Defense is not finalized yet.</p>	
				<p>Response Strategy: <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes</p>			

			<p>Activity 3.6 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>This activity is cover by KOICA funding. Q3: With regards to the training for two Lao humanitarian army teams as planned in Q3 was postponed due to the selected process of the trainee from Ministry of National Defense is not finalized yet. This work will continue to Q4.</p>	
			<p>Activity 3.7 Attend the fifth Mine Action Technology Workshop in (venue to be confirmed), and share the relevant information to the Technical Working Group members. Remark: If sponsorship is available, the expenses will be covered by the sponsorship.</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>Time: The date of this mission is not yet known, either Q3 or Q4. Q3: the fifth Mine Action Technology Workshop took place in September in Geneva, Switzerland. There is no staff from NRA attended.</p>	
			<p>Activity 3.7 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</p>	

						<p>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>Q3: On September 2015, the NRA received the request letter from Vientiane and Bolikhamxay provinces to survey the UXO found in Kasi district where used to be a ground battle area during Indochina war. NRA sent the clearance, 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.</p> <p>After that, NRA continued to Bolikhamxay where UXO found in Thaphabat district. The mission found that it was the bombie BLU 3/B.</p>	
				<p>Activity Result 4: Effective coordination and regulation of the UXO Sector.</p> <p>Activity 4.1 Provide policy guidance and direction as required to ensure the effective</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress (yes) <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: </p>	<p>Please see 4.2 section.</p>	

				<p>coordination and regulation of the UXO sector and compliance with national strategies.</p> <p>Activity 4.2 Providing the SEOD level 4 training for UXO humanitarian operators and commercial companies.</p>	<p><i>New Schedule:</i> <i>Response Strategy:</i> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Other changes</i> _____</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Completed</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>In progress (yes)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Delayed</i> <i>Reason:</i> _____</p> <p><i>New Schedule:</i> _____ <i>Response Strategy:</i> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Other changes</i> _____</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 Seponet district, 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 5th 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</p>	
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									safety.
									During Q3, accreditations for Lao BSL, Milsearch and Great (new Lao commercial company) have been issued.
				<p>Activity 4.3 Process accreditation of all operators (including NGOs, commercial operators and the Lao Army), to ensure compliance with the National Standards</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>Activity 4.4 Conduct QA/QC of operators and investigate incidents, as defined by national standards.</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>Q3: The NRA checked the work of 2 clearance operators in Savannaket province during the third quarter 2015: UXO Lao and Halo Trust. The purpose of the monitoring visit is to focus on the UXO clearance by the deminers, and clearance sites administration. At the same time to observe the technical applied during clearance, and UXO demolition to make sure that they are efficiency and safety operation and also to support in term of improving the operation works. This also to follow up the progress of work-plan implementation in-order to control as the same standard and system are applied.</p> <p>The mission found that UXO Lao operation is good for example: the explanation of the historic of the clearance site, situation of the area, establishing the control point and other points. The above mentions are in-line with SOPs, but still have some points that the team leader need to improve such as: Reporting the historic of the</p>

						<p>site, tools applied, marking tools or other sighs and the recording of the medic document especially the personal of field and office staff identification of taking drugs.</p> <p>With regards to the technical survey observation, the QA and QC team of NRA was not able to visit the team due to it was raining (only briefed by Mr. Souvanh, SEOD and Mr. Sinnakhone, chief of the Survey Unit. Currently only one TS team are working in Savannakhet due to no budget and human resource.</p> <p>The NRA recommended that UXO Lao have to improve some key points as following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the reporting the historic of the site, tools applied, marking tools or other sighs and the recording of the medic document especially the personal of field and office staff identification of taking drugs. - UXO Lao have to coordinate with Halo Trust and HI on monthly basis to avoid the overlapping on the operation. <p>For Halo Trust so far conducted their operation in 54 villages in Sepone and Vilabouly districts of Savannakhet province. It is operational under the District Social-Economic Development plan. The NRA QM team found that HALO Trust has good document filing system itself, and also good information management such as: Level 2 Survey Report, Level 3 Completion Report, Internal QM Form, Daily Record Book, Un-Recognized UXO Report Form, Accident Respond Plan, Staff Blood Group and other documents are present as in line with SOPs. In addition, the QA and QC of NRA also visited the TS site in Mon Chi</p>
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				<p>Activity 4.5 Manage, maintain and publicize information from databases, including IMSMA, as required. (IM Unit).</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>village, Sepon district where there were two teams working there (6 people per team) working in boxes of 50mx50m. The methodology of searching is starting from the corner to the center of the box as 70% of the box of 50mx50m, but they don't set the time for how long to do for one box and document of blood recording of some office and field staff are not available (not yet check of blood group). The identification of office and field staff for drug taking.</p> <p>The NRA recommended that Halo Trust have to improve some key points as following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The temporary toilets must be established in every clearance sites. - Recording of accident respond plan training document must living with medic for one set of each clearance site. - Propose HALO Trust to coordinate with the nearest hospitals in order to get the contact details for responding when accidents occur. - Propose HALO Trust reduce using the PPE when they are excavating they should use the glasses instead. 	
					<p>This is a regular activity of the Information Management Unit, this unit is also responding to requests for information from various stakeholders.</p>		

				<p>Activity 4.6 Record the information on Government Focus Area (in the context of improving survey methodologies), to allow better informed work planning by the clearance operators in 2015. (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>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 is available at NRA. NRA was provided with relevant maps and GPS information for some development focus areas.</p>	
			<p>Activity 4.7 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 Nauc�ler 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 Nauc�ler 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</p>		

				<p>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 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><input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress (yes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: _____ New Schedule: _____ Response Strategy: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____</p>	<p>During Q3, at NRA office, IM unit organized the training on IMSMA version 6 for UXO Lao, HI and DCA. 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>Activity 4.8 Train UXO Sector clearance operators on IMSMA Version 6. (IM Unit).</p>	

				<p>Activity 4.9 Ensure the monthly reports from the NRA to Lao Government, the quarterly reports to UNDP and other donors reports.</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>Monthly reports are prepared by national staff (Programme unit) and submitted to the NRA Chairman and NRA Board members.</p>	
			<p>Activity 4.10 Convene meetings of the UXO Sector Working Group, the NRA Board, the Project Board and any other meeting required for UXO Sector needs.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: _____ New Schedule: _____ Response Strategy: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____</p>	<p>This year UXO Sector Working Group is planned to organize in Q4 (16 November 2015 at Lao Plaza).</p>		
			<p>Activity 4.11 Consolidate the information on the UXO sector and in collaboration with UNDP, to strengthen the Sector Working Group contribution to Round Table.</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>This work will start in Q4.</p>		
			<p>Activity 4.12 Convene the policy forum (in addition to 3 TWGs) on Policy, Coordination and Planning (target audience will be the programme managers).</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress (yes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: _____ New Schedule: _____ Response Strategy: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____</p>	<p>For this year UXO Policy Forum is planned to organize in Q4 (on 5th November 2015, venue is TBC).</p>		

				<p>Activity 4.13 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 Public Relations technician worked with NRA IT technician to update and to improve the website contents, and especially the newsfeed.</p>	
				<p>Activity 4.14 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>Q3: 500 copies of UXO Sector Annual Report 2014 (Lao version) has printed and planned to distribute to line ministries, donors, international organizations and operators.</p>	
				<p>Activity 4.15 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 27th 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 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 18th March 2015, the NRA together with UNDP held the UXO Project Board Meeting to support for the Institutional Strengthening of the National Regulatory</p>	

						<p>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>
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			<p>Activity 4.16 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: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____ </p>	<p> Q3: This year, the celebration for the 5th year anniversary of the entry into force of the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM) on 1 August, NRA organized an official meeting speeches by H.E. Mr. Saleumxay Khommaisith Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, Vice Chairman of the National Regulatory Authority for UXO/Mine Action Sector in Lao PDR (NRA) and Mrs Kaarina Immonen UNDP Resident Representative in Lao PDR, followed by sporting activities in line with the worldwide theme to promote universal ratification and accession to the CCM as part of the anniversary of the Entry into Force. The meeting was held at Lao Plaza Hotel, on Friday, 31st of July 2015. There were people from UXO operators, both humanitarian and commercial companies and other involved in victim assistance who participated the meeting with UXO exhibition on showcase the organization achievements. On the 1st August, there was a full day sport activities call Football and Petanque Friendship Tournament. It was held at Saphavisa Stadium, Polytechnic College. Teams representing a range of different organization and government departments joined this meeting. There were more than 250 people involved in this event. </p>
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				<p>Activity 4.18 Initiate dialogue with all unit concerned to develop and consolidate each unit work plan.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: _____ New Schedule: _____ Response Strategy: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____</p>	<p>Plan in Q4.</p>	
				<p>Activity 4.19 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 stakeholders.</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>Q3: The UXO sector in Lao PDR have come together on 17-18 August 2015, at ICTC to review the national strategic plan "Safe Path Forward II". At this mid-term review meeting, the achievements challenges of the entire UXO sector with specific emphasis on survey and clearance, risk education, victim assistance and efficiency readership, coordination and implementation of the program are being discussed to revise and further strengthen this strategic plan.</p>	
				<p>Activity Result 5: Improved institutional development of the</p>			

			<p>NRA and its integration into the regular set-up of the Government.</p> <p>Activity 5.1 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></p> <p>New Schedule: Response Strategy: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____</p>	<p>In Q3 following with the outputs of the mid-term review of National Strategic Plan (SPF II) organized on 17-18 August 2015, Mr. Allan Postan, new CTA of NRA focused on drafting of the multi-year plan for UXO sector (2016-2020). He has taken the work of Earl turcotte, former CTA of NRA, the outcomes of the MTR of SPF II, input for the 8th NSEDP, and a bit of his own experiences for this draft. It is a bit lengthy but the action and indicators provide the bulk of this strategic plan. In Q4, NRA would like to send this plan out to the NGOs and/or some of the UXO Programmes other partners so that they can have a review and add comments.</p>	
		<p>Activity 5.2 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</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</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</p>	

				<p>recommendations forward.</p>		<p>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 those which require further support.</p> <p>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). Currently, text is ready, only two forewords are missing.</p> <p>As a part of the capacity building for the national staff. During 20 September to 9 October 2015, NRA sent two NRA staff to attend the Senior Managers' Course for ERW and Mine Action in Vietnam hosted by the Center of International Stabilization and Recovery Department of the James Madison University, United States of America. This course organized using a modular approach and drawing on the expertise of a number of university professors and subject-matter experts from the national ERW and mine action authorities and regional implementing partners. This workshop aimed to hone the skills of senior managers of national ERW and mine action programs so that countries like Lao PDR can</p>
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					more effectively and efficiently clear their lands of landmines and other explosive remnants of war.	
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			<p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In progress (yes)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Delayed</p> <p>Reason: _____</p> <p>New Schedule: _____</p> <p>Response Strategy: _____</p> <p>Other changes: _____</p>	<p>Activity 5.5</p> <p>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>Q3: No progress updated</p>	

			<p>Activity 5.6 Manage financial, logistical & 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 Mi</p> <p>Q3: UNDP annually Spot Check of NRA's activities implemented in 2015 was conducted in 7 September 2015 at the NRA Office, which done by UNDP and DIC-MPI. See more in the Section of the report.</p>	
			<p>Activity 5.7 Prepare annual and quarterly work plans and reports, in coordination with all NRA units.</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>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><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>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 –</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In progress (yes) <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: _____ New Schedule: _____</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</p>	

				<p>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 & clearance, Victim assistance and risk education.</p>	
			<p>Response Strategy: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other changes: _____</p>	<p>The Portfolio Manager was recruited (Niils 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>	
2020 including a transition strategy.			<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> In progress (yes)</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>Activity 5.10 Deployment of UXO Portfolio Manager, based in UNDP Country Office.</p>	
			<p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> In progress (yes)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Delayed</p> <p>Reason: _____</p> <p>New Schedule: _____</p>	<p>Activity 5.11 Deployment of Finance and Programme Technical Advisor.</p>	<p>In Q3 the recruitment process concluded successfully, Mr. Harry Gibb was selected. He will take up his assignment on the first week of October 2015.</p>

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				<p>Activity 5.13 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>Q3: the NRA and MoFA Lao recalled the issue of revised TOR Trust Fund that Chairs of Trust Fund had asked the experts from Lao side, UNDP and development partners to work together for improving the TOR of Trust Fund during its meeting on 27 February. The document was discussed with among MoFA Lao, NRA, UXO Lao and UNDP and changes were made to the document. The proposal have taken into account and based on the views of the members of steering committee expressed in the meeting (please see the revised draft TOR of Trust Fund from UNDP or NRA).</p>
				<p>Activity 5.14 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 18th 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 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>Activity 5.15 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>No changed in Q3.</p>	
					<p>Activity 5.16 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>No changed in Q3.</p>	
					<p>Activity 5.17 Ensure logistical and administrative support for NRA activities, as well as follow-up of operators.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input 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>Activity 5.18 Develop the new project document between the NRA and UNDP to support for</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress ✓ Delayed (yes)</p> <p>Reason: Lack of funding</p>	<p>In Q3, the UNDP resident Representative in Lao PDR and NRA chairman signed the letter for a time extension for the project for twelve (12) months from January 2016 to 31 December 2016. The</p>	

				the institutional strengthening of the National Regulatory Authority for the UXO/Mine Action Sector (NRA).	<p>New Schedule: Response Strategy: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____</p>	official signed is kept with NRA office.	
			<p>Activity Result 6: International treaty obligations met.</p> <p>Activity 6.1 Provide annual updates on CCM i.e. Article 7 and 11 of the CCM Report.</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 _____	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>Activity 6.2 Help prepare domestic legislation to be compliant with CCM i.e. Article 9, including the recruitment of a local legal consultant.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Delayed (yes) Reason: New Schedule: Response Strategy: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____	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. No progressed in Q3.		
			<p>Activity 6.3 Monitoring of humanitarian operators to ensure compliance with signed MOUs and CCM.</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 _____	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 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. Between 7 th to 11 th June 2015, the		

				<p>Activity 6.4 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"/> Completed (yes) <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: _____ New Schedule: _____ Response Strategy: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____</p>	<p>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>No mission conducted in Q3.</p>	
				<p>Activity 6.5 Participate the intersessional meeting and the 2nd preparation of the first review of the CCM Conference in Geneva, Switzerland (3 people from the Gov).</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: _____ New Schedule: _____ Response Strategy: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____</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>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 of the CCM Conference in Geneva, Switzerland. The Lao delegation made substantive statements in all key sessions.</p>	

				<p>Activity 6.6 Participate in the 6th CCM Conference from 7-11 September 2015 in Dubrovnik, Croatia (First Review Meeting of CCM). (6 people from the Gov).</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed Reason: _____ New Schedule: _____ Response Strategy: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other changes _____</p>	<p>Q3 progress: The Lao PDR delegation participated in the event.</p> <p>Laos has given great importance to the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM) through the approval of several related regulations, policies, strategies and practices. Led by deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Saleumxay Kommasith made the government's reaffirmation when delivering his speech at the First Review Conference of the CCM which is taking place from September 7 to 11 in Dubrovnik, Croatia. The Lao delegation made substantive statements in all key sessions. The Review Conference also marks five years since the First Meeting of State Parties to the convention took place in Vientiane in 2010.</p> <p>The deputy minister, who is also the Vice Chairman of the National Regulatory Authority (NRA), reminded the participants about the country's implementation of the convention over the past five years with satisfactory results having been achieved.</p> <p>Around 500 delegates have participated in the review conference under the</p>	
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				<p>Activity 6.7 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.</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>chairmanship of Croatian Prime Minister Zoran Milanovic.</p> <p>A number of activities and projects have been implemented by the international community since the CCM entered into being. Many have completed the destruction of cluster munitions from their arsenals, inspections have been carried out and legal measures have been established in many countries for protecting civilians from the cluster bomb threat.</p>	
					<p>During Q3, MOUs were discussed with MAG and Halo Trust.</p>		

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 July 2015 – 30 September 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 (%)
Output 1: 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.	Switzerland / Ireland	170,314,941	163,943,480			
			95,026,104	77,417,155			

<p>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.</p>	<p>86,022,569</p>	<p>86,454,054</p>
<p>Activity Result 4: Effective coordination and regulation of the UXO Sector.</p>	<p>835,775,467</p>	<p>495,112,289</p>
<p>Activity Result 5: Improved institutional development of the NRA and its integration into the regular set-up of the Government.</p>	<p>888,907,923</p>	<p>743,326,268</p>

Activity Result 6: International treaty obligations met.	Switzerland / Ireland	69,451,650	64,339,053
Activity Result 7: Support UXO Humanitarian teams of Lao Army	KOICA	610,524,678	339,803,600
Total		2,756,023,332	1,970,395,899

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)

- **Communication and advocacy**

we can highlight two elements during the third quarter 2015:

- This year, the celebration for the 5th year anniversary of the entry into force of the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM) on 1 August, NRA organized an official meeting followed by sporting activities in line with the worldwide theme to promote universal ratification and accession to the CCM as part of the anniversary of the Entry into Force, (see the details in the table – Activity 4.16).
- The NRA was represented at the First Review Conference on the CCM held in Dubrovnik, Croatia, (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.*

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).

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