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## Quarterly Project Progress Report

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

Date of report: 5 October 2016

### Basic Project Information

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

#### Project Title:

UNDP Award ID	00062994
UNDP Project ID	00080296
Project Duration	1 April 2013 to 31 December 2016
Reporting Period	1 July 2016 to 30 September 2016
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 2016, 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)*

#### 1.1 Outcome Level Progress

This project aims at increasing the capacity of the UXO sector in Lao PDR to deal with the problem of remaining unexploded ordnance in order to reduce the humanitarian threat and to remove barriers to productive and sustainable use of land. At the outcome level, it can be reported that the following changes have occurred between the reporting period 1 July to 30 September.

- In September, long term planning of the sector was accomplished along with the launch of SDG18.
- At the same time of the launch of SDG18, approximately USD 100 million was pledged to the sector for the next 3-4 years.
- The number of reported casualties during Q3 was 14, of which 11 were injuries (3 women and 8 men); and 3 death (3men) resulting from a total of 7 accidents. At the same quarter in 2015, the total number of accidents was 4. The number of casualties during that period was 6, of which 4 were injuries (1 boy and 3 men) and 2 deaths (1 woman and 1 man).
- In accordance with the approval of new survey procedures for UXO by the Government of Lao PDR, all humanitarian operators in the Lao PDR now employ the evidence-based approach to land clearance. Applying this approach has increased the number of Cluster Munitions (CM) found per hectare. In Q3 2016, an average of CM found per hectare was 23, while the number of CM found per hectare was 5 and 22 items in 2014 and 2015 respectively.

#### 1.2 UNDP's Contribution

During the reporting period, UNDP has supported the management and technical capacity-building of the NRA. In doing so, UNDP finance has contributed to all output and outcome-level achievements attributed to the sector. In terms of the specific support provided, some of the key elements can be summarized as follows:

- a. Technical Advice – UNDP provides Technical Advisory Support to UXO Lao through the deployment of a Chief Technical Advisor, Finance Advisor and Programme Management and Partnership. Support was also provided to the preparation of media field visit in Khammouane province and the substantial support to prepare documentation of the NRA at the Sixth Meeting of States Parties (6MSP) to the Convention on Cluster Munitions in Geneva.
- b. Management and Procurement – UNDP has also supported the NRA in their procurement of equipment necessary for the NRA national office, the provincial offices, and the Lao Army Humanitarian Teams.
- c. Sector Leadership – UNDP provided substantial support to prepare for the representation of the NRA at the Sixth Meeting of States Parties (6MSP) to the Convention on Cluster Munitions in Geneva, Switzerland in September 2016. UNDP also provided substantial support in the preparation of the ASEAN summit and related meetings for the field visit of the UN Secretary General and the Prime Minister of New Zealand with the presence of the Minister of Labour and Social Welfare.
- d. Capacity Building – UNDP has continuously supported the NRA to work on new format of the Annual Work Plan and other reporting. UNDP's financial specialist has been supporting the financial management of the NRA.
- e. Resource Mobilization – UNDP has been instrumental in engaging new and previous donors in financing the UXO sector. This has led to the negotiation with current donors in providing additional

funds. UNDP was able to negotiate with the New Zealand government to support the UXO sector for 4 year (2017-2020) amounting to USD 7.2 million which was announced by the Prime Minister of New Zealand in September during the ASEAN Summit. Negotiations with EU for funding is currently still ongoing.

### 1.3 Output Level Achievements

The out-put level achievements of the project during the reporting period are summarized in the table below. The most notable achievements by the NRA during this reporting period include events around the ASEAN Summit and related Meetings in September where the UXO sector received a lot of attention, among other activities:

- Visit of the Thailand Mine Action Centre to NRA on 19 July. The aim of this visit was to exchange views especially and leaned about UXO victim assistance in Lao PDR.
- Ceremony for Completion of Training for Humanitarian Clearance Teams of Lao People's Army at UXO Lao Training Centre on 5 August, funded by KOICA through UNDP.
- Ceremony to Mark 20 Years of Mine Risk Education collaboration between Ministry of Education and World Education was held on 24-25 August.
- Visit of the US President Barack Obama to Laos during the ASEAN Summits where he announced \$90 million for the next three years to help clean up more than 80 million unexploded cluster bombs spread throughout the country on 6 September.
- On 7 September, the Prime Minister of Lao PDR and the UN Secretary General launched the first national Sustainable Development Goal 18 *to remove the UXO obstacle to development* on the sidelines of the ASEAN Summit. This SDG18 establishes the government's targets for 2030 with regards to UXO clearance, victim assistance, and mine risk education.



- Visit of the United Nations Secretary-General Mr. Ban Ki-moon to UXO Lao Training Centre on 7 September. The visit offered the United Nations Secretary-General a brief insight of UXO challenges and the collaboration between the Lao Government and UNDP. At that time, UXO Lao used an opportunity to demonstrate UXO clearance.
- Visit of the Prime Minister of New Zealand to UXO Lao Training Centre on 8 September. During that visit, the Prime Minister of New Zealand Mr. John Key announced NZD10 million (US\$7.2 million), one of the biggest single contributions made through UNDP Trust Fund to UXO Lao in Xiengkhouang province to allow for long term planning with financial certainty for the next four years.
- Lao PDR was strongly represented at the Sixth Meeting of States Parties (6MSP) to the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM) in Geneva, Switzerland from 5-7 September 2016. At the meeting, the representatives gave statements during all sessions which are available on the website of the CCM. The statements highlighted the financial needs for implementation of the new Government of Lao PDR-UNDP project supporting the UXO sector from 2017-2021.

## Implementation Progress Summary at Output level

No.	Description	Targets	Unit	Remarks	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
	<b>MRE unit</b> <b>ACTIVITY RESULT 1: Risk Education methodologies improved, reinforced and better disseminated.</b>					
	<b>ANNUAL RESULT 1.1: Risk Education is better integrated and adopted in primary schools' curriculum.</b>					
	<b>1.1.1 MRE Personnel cost</b>		MRE unit	Two old staff (1 MRE officer and 1 technician)	Completed	
	<b>1.1.2 Conduct MRE TWG meeting</b>	Improved coordination among MRE operators by holding the TWG.	MRE unit	The meeting will be organized at NRA office, Vientiane Capital for half day with all operators.	Completed	<p>The MRE TWG meeting was held on 23 September 2016 at the NRA conference room. The meeting was chaired by Deputy Director of the NRA, Mr. Bounphamith Somvichith.</p> <p>A key achievement is the printing of the curriculum books (completed in Q2) with 515 sets (6,181 books) for the primary school year 1-5 and an additional 500 sets are planned to be printed in Q4. These 500 sets will replace the curriculum books printed in 2012 with the support by UNICEF expressed by the Ministry of Education and Sport. This is due to all of them being used for 4 years and some were worn out. The Ministry of Education and Sport will have to report on the actual distribution of these books (to which schools / districts), but also to identify further needs for these books in the future to distribute in provinces where there is no operator working, especially the three UXO contaminated districts in Phonsaly Province: Kua, Mai and Saphanh Districts. Once the needs are clearly identified, the sector could look for additional funding to provide this UXO education curriculum to more schools.</p> <p>Another achievement is the completion of the Village volunteers training in four target provinces.</p>



							8. Group working on how to improve the skill for MIRE activity.
VA unit	<p><b>ACTIVITY RESULT 2: Practices of information management and surveillance of UXO survivors improved; a strategy for victim assistance formulated.</b></p>						
	<p><b>ANNUAL RESULT 2.1: UXO stakeholders and concerned line ministries are better coordinated in providing UXO Victim Assistance.</b></p>						
	VA Personnel cost		VA unit	Two old staff (1 VA officer and 1 technician)	Completed		
	2.1.1 Conduct VA TWG meeting	Improved coordination among VA operators by holding the TWG.	VA unit	The meeting will be organized at NRA office, Vientiane Capital for half day with all operators.	Delayed		<p>The VA TWG meeting did not take place as planned in Q3. This is due to the difficulty scheduling expressed by several of our valued colleagues. NRA has decided to conduct the VA TWG in Q4 and many of the topics had been planned for discussion during Q2 and Q3 VA TWG will be included.</p> <p>Remark: in Q3, there are 7 UXO accidents with 14 casualties, of that 11 were injured (men 8, women 3) and 3 were killed (men 3).</p>
	<p><b>ANNUAL RESULT 2.2: UXO Survivor Tracking System is used by UXO stakeholders to provide better rehabilitation, vocational training and economic support.</b></p>						
	2.2.2 Provide Vocational training and Livelihood supports for 60 UXO survivors in HP, XK and SVK provinces.		VA unit		Progressed		<p>After field visit in Xiengkhouang Province in May, some points on the Concept Note were revised. In mid-August, NRA sent the revised concept note on Victim Assistance activities to UNDP and KOICA. NRA is also waiting to get approval from district and provincial governors on the committees being created. The concept note will be discussed again between UNDP and NRA after the ASEAN summit. KOICA is very keen on seeing that the activity starts before the end of the year.</p>


<p><b>CL Unit</b>  <b>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.</b></p>				
<p>Annual Result 3.1: UXO clearance operators are working in compliance with the government's survey methodologies and all National Standards.</p>				
<p>CL Personnel cost</p>	<p>Completed</p>	<p>Three old staff (1 CL officer and 2 technicians)</p>	<p>CL unit</p>	
<p>3.1.1 Conduct CL TWG meeting</p>	<p>Delayed</p>	<p>The meeting will be organized at NRA office, Vientiane Capital for half day with all operators.</p>	<p>Improved coordination among CL operators by holding the TWG.</p>	
<p>The CL TWG meeting was commented at 8:30am and closed at 15:30 pm on 28th July 2016 at the NRA conference room. The meeting was chaired by Deputy Director of the NRA, Mr. Bounphamith Somvichith, in charge of Operations. Totally participants 25 people from humanitarian UXO clearance organizations, the army humanitarian UXO clearance team, private UXO clearance companies, representative from donors, and NRA staff.</p> <p>The meeting aimed to discuss about the technical issues, standard, procedures and the implementation of UXO surveys and clearance in Q2/2016 of the UXO operators including the humanitarian UXO clearance organizations and UXO clearance companies.</p> <p>The highlight include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The destruction of UXO found during NTS and insufficient supplies of Explosives.</li> <li>- The permanent marking on the cleared site and on the TS site.</li> <li>- The movement of the cluster munitions.</li> <li>- Results of conducting QC on NTS and TS work NRA's QM team to some UXO operators.</li> <li>- The requirement of DCA for UXO destruction in Phongsaly Province.</li> <li>- Conclusion, the first half of 2016 and work plan for the second half of 2016 of UXO operators.</li> </ul>				
<p>Annual Result 3.2: More clearance operations are based on evidence from survey and in the targeted areas as set out by the government's development plans.</p>				

	<p>3-2.1.1 Conduct provincial coordination, field monitoring and support clearance operators, including through the using of the new methodologies approved.</p>	<p>Monitoring on UXO Survey activities in development focal areas in XK province. At the same time, The NRA Clearance Unit will also conduct monitoring missions of UXO operators operation in provinces. (UXO Lao And MAG)</p>	<p>Progressed</p>	<p>In Q3, the CL unit conducted monitoring missions of UXO Lao and MAG in Khammouane Province.</p> <p>In July 2016, the NRA received a request letter from Hinbert and Phonhong district authorities, Vientiane province to destroy the UXO found in Sounmon and Phonhong-Nue villages where there was a need to build the district sport stadium, market and high school. On 2-5 August 2016, NRA sent the CL unit, in collaboration with the Lao Army Humanitarian UXO Clearance Force to destroy those UXO found which included bombie BLU 26 : 4 items, bombie BLU 24 : 2 items, mortar: 2 items, grenade: 3 items, missile: 2 items and bullet: 32 items used during the Indochina war.</p> <p>During the third quarter of 2016, a total of 538 Ha of land was cleared (interim figures as of 30 September 2016); including 414 Ha of agricultural land and 124 Ha of development land. During Q3 of 2016, operators in Lao PDR destroyed more than 16,975 items of UXO, of which 8 were bombs, 14,160 were bombies, 25 were mines, and 2,782 were other UXO items.</p>
<p><u>Quality Management Unit (QM)</u></p>	<p><u>Activity Result 4: Effective coordination and regulation of the UXO Sector.</u></p>			
<p>Annual Result 4.1: UXO clearance operators continue to be in compliance with national standards.</p>	<p>QM unit</p>	<p>Existing 10 staff</p>	<p>Completed</p>	
<p>Annual Result 4.2 NRA's team has an improved capacity to conduct Quality Assurance / Quality Control.</p>	<p>QM unit</p>	<p>UXO Lao (CPS, LPB, XK), MAG&amp;NPA (KM), MAG (XK)</p>	<p>Progressed</p>	<p>The NRA checked the work of 2 clearance operators: UXO Lao and Halo Trust in Savannakhet Province; UXO Lao in Sekong Province and UXO Lao in Attapeu Province;</p> <p>The purpose of the monitoring was to focus on the UXO clearance by the deminers, and</p>




						clearance sites administration. At the same time to observe the techniques applied during clearance, and UXO demolition to make sure that they are efficient and of safe operation and also to provide support in terms of improving the operation work. This was also to follow up on the progress of the work-plan implementation in order to make sure that the same standard and system are applied.  Additional: in Q3, accreditation for LSB, ASA, SBH, PSD, OUMMA, AUSLAO, SP and Milsearch UXO Clearance Companies have been issued.
	Procure unit equipment: Laptop, desktop, Camera (Canon EOS 600D), Reserve battery for radio (Motorola), Hats, Raincoats, QM Uniforms, Leather Boots				Delayed	In Q3, the unit received the raincoat only and the other items are still pending.
	Procure medical supply				Delayed	The procurement process for this has not started yet. NRA will submit the request to UNDP in Q4.
	Annual Result 4.3: UXO clearance operators, especially technical working group members, benefit from lessons learned as shared by the NRA QA/QC Unit in a timely manner.					
	4.3.1 Translate QA/QC Unit Reports with findings / recommendations for continuous improvement after the mission and submit to concerned operators.		QM unit		Progressed	QA/QC Lao languages reports are approved, translations is ongoing, and subsequent distribution to clearance operator is planned.
	Information Management Unit (IM)					
	Annual Result 4.4: IMSMA (Information Management System for Mine Action) database is effectively maintained.					
	Personnel cost		IM unit		Completed	
	4.4.1 IM Technical working group meeting	Improved coordination among UXO operators who are using IMSMA by holding the TWG.	IM unit	IM TWG meeting	Completed	The IM TWG meeting was held on 28 September 2016 at the NRA conference room. The meeting was chaired by Deputy Director of the NRA. Mr. Bounphamith Somvichith. Minute meeting Lao languages is approved and the distribution to clearance operator are done.
	4.4.2 Conduct Provincial IMSMA and Information Management Workshop for NRA coordination office in 11 provinces (funded by Sterling).		IM unit		Delayed	The Workshop was postponed due to the change of the Minister in charge (Move from Rural Development Eradication to Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare). This

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							move will be conducted in early 2017 as indicated on the draft of NRA 2017 AWP.
	4.4.3 Maintain a national database of all information relevant to the UXO sector.		IM unit			Progressed	This is a regular activity of the IM unit, this unit is also responding to requests for information from various stakeholders.
	4.4.4 Conduct the BEST IM Workshop. This activities was not include in 2016 NRA AWP. The workshop was funded by DFID through NPA.		IM unit			Completed	The workshop was held on 23-25 August 2016 at the Donchanh Palace. The meeting was chaired by Deputy Director of the NRA, Mr. Bounphamith Somvichith. The workshop was aimed to update the UXO survey procedure; reporting requirement especially, the reports of the differences generally related to NTS and TS tools that some operators use and the problem that the data was not included in the body of the report; process mapping; IM SOPs and IM quality management.
							
	Annual Result 4.5: UXO Sector stakeholders receive requested reports from national database in a timely manner.						
	4.5.1 Manage, maintain and publicize information from databases and make relevant information available to all stakeholders, as required.		IM unit			Progressed	Concerning information management, the unit continued entering and validating historic and current data that UXO Sector operators provided with electronic reporting. The IM unit also responded to requests for information from various stakeholders.
	Procure 72505 Toner HP Colour Laserjet 5500 DN (Black, Red, Yellow, Blue)		IM unit			Completed	
	Programme and Public Relations Unit (PO/PR)						
	Annual Result 4.6: NRA's Annual Work Plans are formulated with key annual results clearly defined and measurable.						

Personnel cost		PO/PR unit	Existing 3 staff	Completed	
Annual Result 4.7: Information on UXO Sector achievements is available to all stakeholders, including development partners.		PO/PR unit		Completed	
4.7.1 Convene meetings of UXO Policy Forum and UXO Sector Working Group (SWG)		PO/PR unit		Delayed	<p>In Q3, the Policy Forum and UXO SWG Meeting were not conducted as planned. This is due to the conflicting priority with the ASEAN Submitt and Related Meetings and also where several participants from line ministries concerned and INGOs expressed their difficulty in participating.</p> <p>NRA, UNDP and US Embassy planned to organise the UXO Policy Forum on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016 for full day meeting and it intends to complement the Sector Working Group Meetings and Technical Working Group Meetings to further advance communication and discussion among key actors in the UXO Sector. The NRA hopes that such Policy Forums will address broad issues of common interest in the Sector, in an environment conducive to substantive discussion and debate. This meeting will include representatives from concerned line ministries, <u>technical staff from donor countries, humanitarian and non-commercial operators</u> in the Sector.</p> <p>On 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016, the UXO SWG Meeting is planned for a half day. This meeting will include representatives from concerned line ministries, <u>senior staff from donor countries, humanitarian and non-commercial operators</u> in the Sector.</p>
Annual Result 4.9: Data on victims and MRE beneficiaries is collected and presented in a sex and age disaggregated way (SADD).		PO/PR unit		Completed	
4.9.1 Data on victims and MRE beneficiaries is collected and presented in the UXO Sector Annual Report 2015 in a sex and age disaggregated way (SADD).		PO/PR unit		Completed	



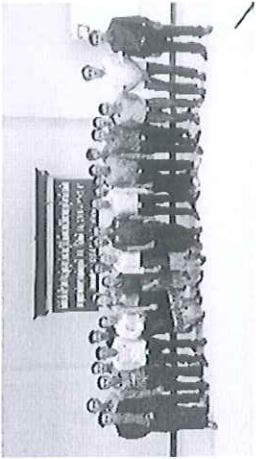
								Clearance Plans in the provinces-especially in provincial development focus areas.
	Procure new mobile telephone			NRA managers				Completed
	<b>Finance Unit</b>							
	Personnel cost			Finance unit	Existing 3 staff			Completed
	<u>Various services:</u>			Finance unit				Completed
	- Pay Land telephone charge			Finance unit				Completed
	- Pay Mobile telephone charge			Finance unit				Completed
	- Pay Postage & Pouch			Finance unit				Completed
	- Pay newspapers			Finance unit				Completed
	- Pay business card for director, deputy directors and officers			Finance unit				Completed
	- Pay security guard			Finance unit				Completed
	- Pay electricity & Water			Finance unit				Completed
	- Pay bank charges			Finance unit				Completed
	- Pay sundry (Drinking water, cleaning, etc...)			Finance unit				Completed
	- Pay maint & Licensing of Hardware			Finance unit				Completed
	<b>Administration and Logistic Unit</b>							
	Administration and Logistic Unit Personnel cost (14 staff)			Administration and Logistic Unit	Existing 14 staff			Completed
	5.4.4 Train NRA staff			Administration and Logistic Unit				Completed
								The training for NRA staff has been conducted. 6 NRA staff attended the training Course on the subject Planning and Monitoring at Enterprise Development Center (EDC) in Vientiane Capital.  In Q4 October, NRA plans to conduct another training for staff.

5.4.6 International study tour in Cambodia		Administration and Logistic Unit		Delayed	The study tour did not take place as planned due to the conflicting priority with ASEAN Submit and related meetings.
<u>Office Decoration/renovation/ small construction:</u>		Administration and Logistic Unit			
<u>Stationery:</u>		Administration and Logistic Unit			
Procure general stationery		Administration and Logistic Unit		Completed	This is the regular payment with quarterly basic.
Printing of NRA Logo and address for three size of envelop, A4: 1000, A5: 1000, white envelop: 2000		Administration and Logistic Unit		Progressed	Procurement request has been submitted to UNDP
5.4.7 Small renovation/fixing of Office building (Painting, installation of network line, telephone line in the building, fixing of water pipe and electricity, and other, improve kitchen room for staffs, parking, electric system		Administration and Logistic Unit		Progressed	The NRA always plans to maintain of many office equipment and equipment listed below are fixed/maintained: 1. Electricity system at CL, Admin and PO units room.
Pay Sundry - Maintenance of garden		Administration and Logistic Unit		Completed	This is the regular payment with quarterly basic.
<u>Equipment/ IT maintenance:</u>		Administration and Logistic Unit			
Fix computer, photocopy, fax, telephone and maintenance of air conditioner 22 units		Administration and Logistic Unit		Progressed	The NRA always plans to maintain of many office equipment and equipment listed below are fixed/maintained: 1. Fixed air-conditioners: NRA deputy director room, CL unit room and living room. 2. Fixed Cannon ImageRunner 2525 photocopy machine.
<u>IT &amp; Software:</u>		Administration and Logistic Unit			
Procure printer B&W, Printer connector		Administration and Logistic Unit		Completed	
Procure Antivirus for servers, Antivirus for PC and Laptop, Staff Recording Programme, Inventory Programme (Software)		Administration and Logistic Unit		Completed	Procurement request has been submitted to UNDP
Pay Web hosting for NRA office (Domain charges)		Administration and Logistic Unit		Completed	The payment has been paid and now is functioning.

	<u>Vehicles maintenance/insurance/registration:</u>								
	Pay fuel, Chang engine oil, Oil filter, air filter and fuel filter, car body checking		Administration and Logistic Unit	Administration and Logistic Unit	Completed			This is the regular payment with quarterly basis, but the actual expenditure is reported in Q3 Quarterly Financial Report of the NRA.	
	Make new sun protection film for new car (new Toyota Land cruiser Prado and new hardtop of QM team)		Administration and Logistic Unit	Administration and Logistic Unit	Delayed			Procured By UNDP. Currently, the new two cars (Toyota Land cruiser Prado and Hardtop for QM team) is kept at THANALANG Car Storage. Currently, the document is stayed at Taxation Department Ministry of Finance.	
	Change tires for car 7246,7247,7248,7256,1048, 9988,5526,5168		Administration and Logistic Unit	Administration and Logistic Unit	Progressed			Q3: Tires of car 9988 have been changed.	
	Pay car technical inspection (car: 7246,7247,7248,7256,9988,5526,5168,1048		Administration and Logistic Unit	Administration and Logistic Unit	Progressed			There is no car to be paid in Q3 for Car Technical Inspection fee.	
	Fix car 7246, 7247, 7248, 7256, 1048		Administration and Logistic Unit	Administration and Logistic Unit	Progressed			Q3: Car 7256 and 1048 have been fixed.	
	Pay new vehicle registration		Administration and Logistic Unit	Administration and Logistic Unit	Progressed			There is no car to be paid in Q3 for New vehicle registration fee	
	<b>Research/International Cooperation Unit (RS/IC)</b>								
	<b>Activity Result 6: International treaty obligations met.</b>								
	Research/International Cooperation (RS/IC)				Completed	Existing 2 staff			
	Personnel cost ( 2 staff)								
	Annual Result 6.1: Lao PDR is actively represented at the annually conference of the Convention on Cluster Munitions.								
	6.1.1 Participate in the annually conference of the Convention on Cluster Munitions from 5-7 September 2016, at Geneva, Switzerland		RS/IC Unit	RS/IC Unit	Completed			The Sixth Meeting of States Parties (6MSP) to the Convention on Cluster Munitions took place in Geneva, Switzerland from 5 to 7 September 2016.  At this meeting, States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions reported on progresses made in implementing their treaty obligations and the Dubrovnik Action Plan. States that are not part of the party also provided updates on their positions and plans for ratification or accession of the Convention.	

	<p>In this important meeting, 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 Director General of International Organization Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs H.E. Kham-Inh Khitchadeth made the government's reaffirmation when delivering his speech at the meeting. The Lao delegation made substantive statements in all key sessions such as: Universalization, Clearance and Risk Reduction, Victim Assistance, International Cooperation and Assistance, National Implementation Measure.</p> <p>Around 300 delegates have participated in the conference under the chairmanship of Netherland Ambassador Henk Cor van der Kwast.</p>				<p>On 21st September 2016, NRA conducted the MoU quarterly meeting with related ministries and UXO operators. The meeting was attended by NRA staff, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and UXO humanitarian operators (UXO Lao, MAG, NPA, Halo Trust, JMAS, WE and DCA, with 20 people attending. The meeting was chaired by Deputy Director of the NRA. Mr. Bounpheng Sisawath.</p> <p>The minute meeting Lao languages is approved and the distribution to participants is planned.</p> <p>Additional: During Q3, the MOUs were discussed with MAG (supported by Terra Foundation with 80,000USD) and Spirit of Soccer (supported by Spirit of Soccer Headquarter with 40,000 USD).</p>
	<p>Annual Result 6.2: UXO operators have a better understanding of the MOU signing procedures.</p>			Completed	
	<p>6.2.1 Conduct MoU quarterly meeting with related ministries and UXO operators.</p>	RS/IC Unit			



							2 MoUs were signed in Q3 namely Halo Trust (supported by WRA with 1,7 million USD) and World Education (supported by WRA with 108,303 USD).
	6.2.3 Conduct MoU monitoring of UXO humanitarian operators.	Compliance by the operators is monitored.	RS/IC Unit	Monitoring MAG/NPA (XK)	Progressed		On 15-20 August, the NRA monitored HI in Savannakhet Province and continued to visit NPA in Sekong Province.  On 5-8 September, the NRA continued to monitor DCA in Xiengkhouang Province.  Lao language monitoring mission reports were approved and made available at NRA.
	Procure printer and Scanner		RS/IC Unit		Completed		
	Support to the UXO Humanitarian teams of Lao Army. Activity Result 7: Humanitarian teams of the Lao army are able to deal with the long-term residual UXO threat; a transition and capacity building plan is developed and implemented accordingly. The humanitarian clearance operations by the army are under the civil oversight of the NRA Office.						
	Annual Result 7.1: Five humanitarian teams of the Lao army are trained, equipped and operational.						
	7.1.2 Train 2 UXO Humanitarian teams of Lao Army in 2016.  Funded by KOICA. Funding channeled through UNDP.		NRA/UNDP/Mod		Completed	Group photos 	The National Regulatory Authority (NRA) for the UXO/Mine Action sector in Laos on Monday 4 July, launched an official training session in unexploded ordnance (UXO) clearance under the Army Humanitarian UXO-Lao Deminer initiative and training ended on the 5 August 2016 with the ceremony of completion attended by the director of NRA, UXO Lao and representative from Ministry of National Defense.  The training took place at the UXO Training Centre in Ban Elay village, Naxaithong district, Vientiane, with the participation of Mr. Phoukhieo and the Deputy Director of the Engineering Department, Lieutenant Colonel Viengkay Xaysamone.
							The objective of the five-week training was to prepare army officials to participate in

							<p>UXO clearance in rural areas. The course was led by experts in UXO clearance.</p> <p>During the session, 26 participants (4 female) from the Engineering Department of the Ministry of National Defence and Military Unit B58 learnt about the detection, removal and destruction of UXO. The project is supported by the Republic of Korea.</p> <p>After the training course, the trainees will be sent to work in areas that do not benefit from the assistance of national or international clearance projects, especially sites in Xaysomboun and Borikhamxay provinces.</p>
	7.1.3 Field Operation cost for Survey and Clearance		NRA/MoD		Delayed		<p>Plans for survey and clearance of humanitarian of Lao army team in in Xaysomboun and Borikhamxay provinces for UXO Non-Technical Survey and Technical Survey was delayed, this is due to the detailed plan is not clear yet. This work will continue in Q4.</p>

## 2. Financial Information Summary

Reporting Period: 1 July 2016 – 30 September 2016

Output	Activities	Q1 Activity Budget (KIP)	Q1 Expenditure (KIP)	Q2 Activity Budget (KIP)	Q2 Expenditure (KIP)	Q3 Activity Budget (KIP)	Q3 Expenditure (KIP)	Q4 Activity Budget (KIP)	Q4 Expenditure (KIP)	Total expenditure to date (KIP)	Total expenditure rate to date (%)
Output 1: The National Regulatory Authority for the UXO/Mine Action	Activity Result 1: Risk Education methodologies Improved, reinforced and better disseminated.	143,012,925	142,209,472	128,910,666	125,307,388	125,110,173	126,650,388				
Sector is better able to coordinate and regulate the UXO sector.	Activity Result 2: Practices of information management and surveillance of UXO survivors improved; a strategy for victim assistance formulated.	54,444,561	48,168,359	203,520,064	78,096,960	55,902,015	44,111,961				
	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.	92,194,706	91,776,854	77,283,016	77,810,779	71,479,935	70,237,854				
	Activity Result 4: Effective coordination and regulation of the UXO Sector.	530,985,405	432,839,770	527,580,508	518,087,572	545,827,575	458,387,661				
	Activity Result 5: Improved institutional development of the	679,944,370	603,485,553	881,830,893	708,695,257	639,944,218	620,791,241				

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<p>NRA and its integration into the regular set-up of the Government.</p>	<p>90,544,904</p>	<p>50,879,651</p>	<p>64,808,836</p>	<p>66,795,116</p>	<p>69,248,721</p>	<p>57,851,653</p>					
<p>Activity Result 6: International treaty obligations met.</p>											
<p>Activity Result 7: Humanitarian teams of the Lao army are able to deal with the long-term residual UXO threat; a transition and capacity building plan is developed and implemented accordingly. The humanitarian clearance operations by the army are under the civil oversight of the NRA Office.</p>	<p>20,418,750</p>				<p>103,974,504</p>	<p>0</p>					
<p>Total</p>	<p><u>1,611,545,621</u></p>	<p><u>1,369,359,658</u></p>	<p><u>1,883,933,983</u></p>	<p><u>1,574,823,072</u></p>	<p><u>1,611,487,141</u></p>	<p><u>1,377,940,758</u></p>					

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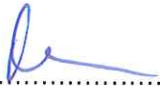
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