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**United Nations Development Programme
Country: Lao PDR
Project Document**

Project Title: Support for the institutional Strengthening of the National Regulatory Authority for the UXO/Mine Action Sector in Lao PDR (NRA) and of the Lao National UXO Programme (UXO Lao) 2013-2016.

UNDAF Outcome(s): By 2016, national and local government and communities have significantly reduced the impact of UXO on people in the Lao PDR.

Expected CP Outcome(s): To contribute to attaining the goals of the 7th National Socio-Economic Development Plan (NSEDV VII) – ensuring inclusive and sustainable growth and to achievement of the MDGs as the basis for exiting from Least Developed Country (LDC) status by 2020.

Expected Output(s):

Output 1: The National Regulatory Authority is able to effectively provide policy guidance coordinated, and regulate the UXO sector in support of national development goals, implementing the national UXO sector strategy "Safe Path Forward II" and fulfilling international treaty obligations.

The National Regulatory Authority for the UXO/Mine Action Sector in Lao PDR (NRA) has an improved capacity to:

(i) provide policy guidance, coordinate and regulate all activities in the UXO sector (ii) plan and establish appropriate priorities for clearance and other activities that are consistent with Government directives, humanitarian and development considerations (iii) assess and accredit operators (iv) monitor and evaluate activities and ensure that activities undertaken by operators meet national standards (v) provide timely and substantive reports to Government and donors (vi) maintain open and transparent financial and other records and to remain fully accountable for all funds received (vii) to engage and cooperate with other relevant actors in other sectors, and (viii) to maintain open and effective communication with all stakeholders.

OUTPUT 2: UXO Lao is better able to manage clearance and risk education programmes for the needs of communities at risk.

The Lao National Unexploded Ordnance Programme (UXO Lao) has an improved capacity to:

(i) effectively and efficiently deliver clearance and risk education programmes wherever it is active in the country (ii) carry out activities that are consistent with national priorities established for the sector (iii) ensure all programme activities meet national standards (iv) coordinate with other operators active in Lao PDR (v) report on progress and remain transparent and fully accountable for financial and technical resources, and (vi) maintain open and effective communication with all stakeholders.

Implementing Partner:

- National Regulatory Authority for the UXO/Mine Action Sector in Lao PDR (NRA)
- Lao National Unexploded Ordnance Programme (UXO Lao)

Substantive Revision Justification

According to the signed project document, the project will be ending 31 December 2015. During project Board on 18th of March 2015 board members found that it would be advisable to extend the current project for another year, not least due to the years 2015-2016 being critical for the UXO sector. This extension provides an opportunity to adequately take into account the findings for the two evaluations planned for mid-year 2015, namely the Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) impact evaluation dedicated to "UNDP support to countries on Mine Action", of which Lao PDR is one of the case studies, and the evaluation of the current UXO project in Lao PDR, an evaluation initiated by UNDP Lao PDR and its Development Partners. This extension also gives the UNDP and its implementing partners, NRA and UXO Lao, sufficient time to develop a new project from 2017 with clear linkages to the new 8th National Socio-Economic Development Plan (NSED). It also ensures that the new UXO project is informed by the design of a new Lao PDR-UN Partnership Framework 2017-2021, which will replace the current UN Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF), as well as by UNDP's new Country Programme Document (CPD).

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| <p>Programme Period: April 2013 – 31 December 2016</p> <p>Key Result Area (Strategic Plan) Crisis Prevention and Recovery and Poverty Reduction</p> <p>Atlas Award ID: 00062994 and 00063618</p> <p>Start date: April 2013</p> <p>End Date 31 December 2016</p> <p>PAC Meeting Date 12 February 2013 Note: Please note Project Board decision on 18th March 2015 to extend for another year</p> <p>Management Arrangements NIM</p> | <p>Total resources required</p> <p>Previous budget USD 26,686,787</p> <p>Revised budget USD 34,536,787</p> <table> <tr> <td>Total resources 2013-2015:</td> <td>USD</td> <td>25,814,684</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2016 budget (NRA & UXO Lao)</td> <td>USD</td> <td>7,850,000</td> </tr> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular Other: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Australia USD 513,800 KOICA USD 888,055 <p>Unfunded budget: USD 7,320,248</p> | Total resources 2013-2015: | USD | 25,814,684 | 2016 budget (NRA & UXO Lao) | USD | 7,850,000 |
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Date..... **12 AUG 2015**