

Progress on the implementation of the UXO/Mine Action Programme under MoFA supervision

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3. Lao PDR CCM 2nd Extension Request
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1. Progress on the NRA Institutional Review

- The Revision of Decree 210 on UXO/Mine Action in the Lao PDR > to be approved at the Government meeting by the end of 2024 > to issue Guideline for Decree implementation.
- Completed the recruitment of the Director General of the NRA Office (August - 21 October 2024) .
- Deputy Director General of the NRA Office is under the recruiting process.
- Completed the first Report on the Organizational review of the National Regulatory Authority for UXO/Mine Action In Lao PDR (August 2024).
- Institutional review of the NRA Office:To conduct self-assessment of all NRA office staffs by external consultants under supervision of MoFa and UNDP on 7th Nov and Interview on 21 Nov 2024.
- To completed the draft new NRA Office Structure and staffs composition by the end of 2024 and the new recruitment will begin early 2025.

2. Revised UXO Sector Working Group (Launching the 5th TWG)

- Revised UXO Sector Working Group (SWG) and Technical Working Group (TWG) to be a more effective, inclusive, pragmatic and action-oriented dialogue for all stakeholders.
- The current co-chairs will discuss the possibility of rotating co-chair of the SWG beginning as early as 2025.
- TWGs are tasked by UXO Sector Working Group on specific issues and to report back to the SWG regularly.
- The initiative of the 5th TWG on Management and Coordination: National, Country Director and supporting organizations to meet 2 times/year.
- 5th TWG: to discuss current and emerging challenges, finding ways to improve efficiency and effectiveness on addressing UXO issue including operational management, innovation, integration and harmonization of UXO/Mine Action programme, enhance smooth coordinating, exchanging information and facilitating MoU process and other relevant strategic matters.
- TWG Co-chair: DG of NRA Office and Rotating amongst operators Director and

3. Lao PDR CCM 2nd Extension Request

- The CCM Meeting of State Parties assessed the submitted by the Lao PDR and granted the 2nd Extension Request in September 2024 for the period of 2025-2030
- Workplan: target rate of clearance 6,500 Ha. per annum, clearing 100,000 ordnance per year (75% anticipated to be cluster munitions) and strive to maintain current funding of 45 million USD/year
- To report progress annually:
 - Progress made on the implementation of Lao PDR's work plan during extension period,
 - Update information on remaining CHA and areas to be surveyed,
 - Resource mobilization efforts and Lao Government contribution.
 - Update information on the effort undertaken by the UXO SWG mechanism.

4. CCM Country Coordinator and the 3rd Review Conference Presidency

- CCM Country Coordinator to lead the thematic area: Lao PDR - Risk Education (2025)
- Lao PDR to presided the Third Review Conference of States Parties (September 2025- 2026)
- The 3rd Review Conference of States Parties will take place in late 2026.
- Venue: TBC

Thank you

Q&A

