



Cluster Munition Remnants Survey Workshop

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Topics

1. Background

2. Current Situation/results and challenges

3. Way Forward



Background

- **The UXO contamination Survey Procedures:**
 - **Developed in 2014 and approved in January 2015;**
 - **Received inputs from all operators;**
 - **Many reviews conducted for improvement (TWG meetings and monitorings).**



Current Situation/Results and Challenges

- **Move away from a request based approach to an evident based one;**
- **More than 30,000 ha of CHA's are on IMSMA;**
- **More UXO found during a clearance stage;**
- **Still too early to have the best practices on UXO contaminated survey in Laos;**
- **Need more time to come up with the best solution for UXO survey in Laos;**



Current Situation/Results and Challenges

- **Some challenges on:**
 - **Desk assessment before NTS;**
 - **The use of historical data (roving, clearance and accident);**
 - **Historical data correction;**
 - **Separation of NTS from TS functions;**
 - **Composition of NTS and TS team size;**
 - **Time spent in the village during NTS;**
 - **Means and approaches taken during NTS;**
 - **Communications with local community and community about survey; and**
 - **Standard format of survey data recording and reporting to NRA.**



Way Forward

- Finalization of an agreed standards and SPO's for UXO contamination survey in Lao PDR;
- Use of the final approved standards and SOP's for UXO contamination survey in Lao PDR (by all operators in partnership manner) in order to jointly develop the UXO survey and clearance proposals in Lao PDR; and
- Use of the approved standards and SOP's for national survey by all operators according to the Lao five year plan of Lao UXO sector (2017-2021)



Thank you