

## Trust Fund For Support to the Full Implementation of the Convention on Cluster Munitions in the Lao PDR within the Framework of the Vientiane Declaration on Aid Effectiveness



Lao PDR

### The Lao PDR Cluster Munitions Trust Fund

The Trust Fund for Support to the Full Implementation of the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM) in the Lao PDR was established by the Government of the Lao PDR and UNDP. It supports contributions to the UXO sector in Laos so that the Government of the Lao PDR can effectively implement the CCM based on the framework of the Vientiane Declaration on Aid Effectiveness.

The Trust Fund can support the operations of the National Regulatory Authority for UXO/Mine Action sector in the Lao PDR (NRA) and UXO Lao, victim assistance, clearance, risk education, and any other specific projects.

The strengths of the Trust Fund are support to the enhanced UXO sector-wide approach, and increased Government ownership, leadership and discretion over resource allocation within the UXO Sector. The Steering Committee is established to provide advice and recommendations on the operations of the Trust Fund. It supports coordination and effective prioritisation, and long-term planning in the UXO sector in 2010-2020 accordance with MDGs, the UXO Sector Strategy ("The Safe Path Forward II") and the 7<sup>th</sup> National Socio-Economic Development Plan. The Steering Committee is chaired by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and co-chaired by UNDP. The representatives of the Ministries of Planning and Investment, Finance, Labour and Social Welfare, and donors who make a minimum contribution of USD 500,000 annually are its members.

### Matters of Fact

- The Lao PDR Cluster Munitions Trust Fund was established on 5 March 2010 by the Government of the Lao PDR and UNDP.
- Six countries are at the various stages of providing financing to the Trust Fund.
- The Trust Fund provides main resources in convening the 1st States Parties to the CCM and implementing its provisions in Laos.

### Contributing Donors

Donor	Amount (USD)
Australia (AusAID)	\$2,235,652.32
Canada (DFAIT)	\$98,382.42
France	\$ 63,720
Ireland	\$1,774,400
Switzerland	\$ 3,000,000
New Zealand	\$ 860,215.05
Luxembourg	\$1,020,899 (pending)

### Terms of Reference Signed with the Government

The Terms of Reference signed with the Government can be accessible at <http://www.undplao.org>.

### Guiding Policies, Strategies and Plans

- **MDGs:** UXO action is a precondition of achieving Millennium Development Goals (MDG), in particular MDG 1, Poverty Reduction. Localized MDGs in the Lao PDR include MDG9, UXO clearance and victim assistance.
- **UXO Sector Strategy:** A revised Sector Strategy, "The Safe Path Forward II" (2010-2020) aims at reducing the humanitarian and socio-economic impact of UXO within the 10 years timeframe. It identified six objectives. [http://www.nra.gov.la/resources/UXO%20Sector%20Strategy/SPFII%20%20Eng\\_4%20May%202010%20Draft.pdf](http://www.nra.gov.la/resources/UXO%20Sector%20Strategy/SPFII%20%20Eng_4%20May%202010%20Draft.pdf)
- **Mid-Term Implementation Plan:** It is under development of a 5-Year Mid-Term Implementation Plan to operationalize the UXO Sector Strategy. It will include a results framework with costing to achieve objectives of the UXO Sector Strategy within five years framework.

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