International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

ACTIVITY CONCEPT NOTE

Climate Change Mainstreaming / Lao PDR/ 14 September 2015

# National Society

Lao Red Cross

# Background

Climate Change is underlined in LRC Strategic Plan 2011-2015 as a “future trend” that LRC needs to take into consideration. The Strategic Plan notes that “*Climate change, in particular, not only endangers lives and undermines livelihoods, but also threatens to exacerbate the gaps between rich and poor, and amplifies the inequities between women and men. In the region, emerging and other epidemic-prone diseases pose serious public health and economic threats to Lao*.” Hence, a key need identified is that “Lao Red Cross requires a stronger organization to meet new challenges in the coming years, like climate change adaptation, an increasing number of road accidents in the country, and new pandemics. There is a critical need to have trained and well-equipped emergency response teams throughout the country, and to strengthen partnerships at all levels to make communities stronger and more resilient in disaster preparedness and risk reduction”.

In September 2014, two staffs from the Lao Red Cross (from DM and Health departments) participated in the IFRC Southeast Asia Climate Change Master Training in Thailand. At the end of the training, they identified the following next steps to further take into consideration climate change issues within LRC programming:

* Organize a national training on Climate Change in Lao PDR
* Develop IEC materials on climate change
* Integrate climate change issues within CBDRR/CBHD methodologies
* Organize coordination meetings with key partners (government, NGOs, PNS, etc.)

In 2015, with technical support of French Red Cross and ADPC, LRC is also reviewing its CBDRR guideline, which brings opportunity to integrate more climate change issues in the document. Additionally, this activity is also the good chance to raise up the climate change which affected to public health problems and disease and pandemic outbreaks in communities.

This is why a climate change national training/workshop is planned in November 2015.

# Activity Description

National-level capacity-building on climate-smart programming

* 3-day training
* 1-day workshop on tools development

# Objectives

1/ Training: enhance the skills of LRC staffs on climate change issues, including

* key concepts and terminology;
* impacts on weather patterns;
* impacts on health;
* ways to adapt to, and mitigate, climate change; and
* ways to educate and communicate with communities.

2/ Workshop: integrate Climate Change issues within LRC tools and methodologies (including DM/DRR and Health)

Expected result and measurements for success

* At least 80% of participants in the training have increased their skills on Climate Change (measured through pre-test and post-test)
* Availability of new tools on climate change OR inclusion of climate change in existing tools of the LRC.

# Key Dates

Workshop / training will be conducted in the second half of November 2015 in Vang Vieng District, Vientiane Province

# Expected Participants

Insert here your expected participants. Please specify:

* 2 participants from each of the 18 provinces (DM and Health) – if possible one male and one female
* DM and Health, CFD, Gender Unit
* Government: MoNDRE / DDMCC and Climate Change Department
* PNS technical staffs as relevant

# Trainers / facilitators

Specify here names / positions and add if technical support is required from IFRC.

* 2 LRC facilitators from the IFRC TOT in 2014
* MoNRE
* Climate Center
* IFRC BKK (PK - health)
* Oxfam

# Budget required

USD 16,241.63 (please see attached budget)

# Other Information

Need to see from Phuket training which document should be translated into Lao for the training.

# Contact Information

DM Department (Dr Kaviphone and Mr Bounyong)

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Reporting

To help us, please be prepared to provide the following after the activity is completed:

1. List of **participants** (with number of male / female as well as governance / staff position / volunteer)
2. Between three and five **highlights/achievements** of the activity
3. Key **recommendations** / next steps to follow-up on this activity
4. Between three and five high-resolution, quality **photographs** showing your activity
5. A short summary of any **media coverage** in your country
6. A short description of local or national **government involvement**
7. A short description of which of your **partners** were involved and in what capacity
8. A short description of whether **ASEAN** was involved in your activities and how
9. Anything else to showcase your NS’ achievements

# Contact information

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