**Lao RC Youth Empowerment Programme**

1. **Background**

Lao RC Youth works under the Communication & Fundraising department as a sub unit. It has one youth officer, SEAYN member and one new assistant (recently recruited in 2016) and it is under the planning and budget of LRC. Main activities of LRC youths are follows; RC movement orientation, blood donation and First Aid training at schools

In Vientiane city, 40 schools and 21 faculties of national Lao university mainly join the blood donation and FA training supported by German RC and in Luangprabang province 7 schools and 3 universities carry the same programme under the support of Danish RC. The major activities at HQ is the youth exchange programme with Korean RCY, and Japanese RCY.

Recently a peer to peer Knowledge sharing event between LRC and TRC on the subject of the FA skills such as CPR &Choking was conducted in Vientiane capital under the ICRC Funding support. And in a relay, Fact for life Training was carried in 2 provinces by Thai RC under the Swiss RC funding support.

By recognising the importance of youth role in LRC, LRC and IFRC CCST has initiated the **Youth empowerment programme(YEP)** in 2015 in an aim to contribute to Community Safety and Resilience with the increased capacity of youth as agents of change. In March 2016, a planning discussion was held in LRC with a guidance of YV officer IFRC and concluded to include the YABC Peer Educators(PE) training to be held in November to change mindset, attitude and behaviour of LRC youths to be ethical leaders of society.

It will render an opportunity for LRC Youth to establish youth network in high schools and universities and to develop a sustainable youth programme at schools and communities. LRC government is growing their attention to the youths and approved its budget to organise the Lao youth camp in 2017.

Main challenge is that lack of resources in Human and funds; No youth policy strategy guideline and curriculum for youth development.

**2. Objective**

To mainstream LRC youths into Red Cross programme in a meaningful way by defining their roles as agents of change and properly mobilising them.

**“meaningful way”** means that youths can define their roles by themselves in society and RC programmes and carry out activities designed by themselves and integrate into community actions and School Safety.

**3. Expected Outcomes**

1. Youth become agents of change after the training and design their activities by themselves
2. Youth mainstream into RC programme by finding their roles, and by organizing Youth led actions
3. YABC Peer educators from the LRC can be potential young facilitators for the school safety module developed by IFRC

**4. Target Group and Tentative Date**

1. Tentative Date: December 12-16 (5-day training)
2. Target group: 20 Youths from the disaster prone areas, Youth ministry, Youth Union, 1TRC staff

**5. Methodology**

1. The training will be designed with a **YABC toolkit** and develop an action plan by the YABC PEs in a close connection of youth development and School Safety in LRC.
2. Training Toolkit will be translated into Lao Language before the training
3. And it will be a peer to peer support between Thai RC and LRC by mobilising **TRC Youth facilitators as co trainers** to avoid a language barrier and for TRC youth empowerment under the coach of IFRC YV officer. Those TRC youth facilitators’ travel cost will be **under the CSRU budget (agreed with CSRU in 2016 planning)**
4. In a continuity, **youth-led actions** will be carried out in December (international volunteering day) which will build the confidence of youths for a sustainability of youth programme.

**6. Potential Youth Actions after the training**

1. On the final day of training, LRC Youth officer will update about their NS Youth planning by sharing challenges and issues of LRC youth

*(youth network establishment, drafting youth policy and strategy or Guide and data collection, information sharing system, sustainable youth activities)*

1. He will present YSS tool and propose a School Safety Initiative for their action planning.
2. After presentation, these YABC Youths will develop their action plans by addressing the above issues starting with their primary and secondary schools. (What, where, when)
3. After the training, they will **organize a Youth led action** at the specific schools or universities on the occasion of “international volunteering Day”
   * Design Event activities by trained youths on the analysis of their context and needs.
   * Rehearsals and practices by addressing specific issues in the targeted area
   * Organize the event on the occasion of “International Volunteering DAY”
   * Feedback and signup by the audience Monitoring and evaluation
   * Refresher events/expansion in other Schools if possible

**7. Impact and conclusion**

IFRC Bangkok CCST in close cooperation with the LRC Youth section will support these activities with all possible means including funding and technical experts for YABC training and integrated approach with School Safety.

Finally this plan will encourage youth beneficiaries to be supported as well as to provide support in return and participate as responsible members of schools and communities in the RC programmes including Disaster Risk Reduction/resilience building. In addition, those trained youth peer educators(volunteers) will be also seen as role models within their schools, communities and this model will be advocated into other NSs for replication and regional youth network up to global level as one of best examples for youth development and capacity building.

**8. Budget**

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| **Lao RC YABC Peer Educators' Training (Dec 12-16, 2016)** | | | | | |  |
| No | Items | Unit | Days | Unit Price(CHF) | Sub total (CHF) | Remarks |
| 1 | Travels of Facilitators (Perdiem, Taxi, Airfare) | 3 | 1 | 600 | 1800 | CSR Budget (2700CHF) |
| 2 | Hotel Accommodation (3 facilitators) | 3 | 6 | 50 | 900 |
| 3 | Translation cost from English to Lao | 1 | 1 | 2900 | 2,900 | NSDU Budget (11,785CHF) |
| 4 | Venue (Break and Lunch) | 27 | 5 | 35 | 4,725 |
| 5 | Dinner (27pp) | 27 | 4 | 20 | 2,160 |
| 6 | Welcome dinner | 30 | 1 | 20 | 600 |
| 7 | Stationaries | 1 | 1 | 200 | 200 |
| 8 | Youth led action event after training | 1 |  | 1200 | 1,200 |
|  | | | | **CHF** | **14,485** |  |