

# Cover page<sup>1</sup> of the annual article 7 report

Name of State [Party]: **Lao People's Democratic Republic**

Reporting period: **1 December 2010 to 31 December 2011**

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Form A: National implementation measures: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: yyyy)	Form F: Contaminated areas and clearance: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: yyyy) <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
Form B: Stockpiles and destruction: <input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2010) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> non applicable	Form G: Warning to the population and risk education: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: yyyy) <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
Form C: Technical characteristics of each type produced/owned or possessed: <input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2010) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> non applicable	Form H: Victim assistance: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: yyyy) <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
Form D: Cluster munitions retained and transferred: <input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2010) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> non applicable	Form I: National resources and international cooperation and Assistance: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: yyyy) <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
Form E: Status of conversion programmes: <input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2010) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> non applicable	Form J: Other relevant matters: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2010) <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable

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## Convention on Cluster Munitions

### Reporting formats for article 7 of the Convention on Cluster Munitions

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Date of submission: **22 March 2012**

Reporting time period from **1 December 2010 to 31 December 2011**

NOTE : all data shaded in gray is provided on a VOLONTARY basis but pertains to compliance and implementation not covered by the formal reporting requirements contained in article 7.

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\* In accordance with art. 7, para. 1, subpara. (l).

## Form A National implementation measures

### Article 7, paragraph 1

“Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

(a) The national implementation measures referred to in article 9;”

**Remark:** In accordance with article 9 “Each State Party shall take all appropriate legal, administrative and other measures to implement this Convention, including the imposition of penal sanctions, to prevent and suppress any activity prohibited to a State Party under this Convention undertaken by persons or on territory under its jurisdiction or control.”

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<p><i>Legal, administrative and other measures taken to implement the CCM (including imposition of penal sanctions)</i></p>	<p><i>Supplementary information (e.g., text and effective date of implementation measures, including legislation, administrative measures, policies and directives, training of military forces)</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Prime Minister’s Decree No. 406/PM dated 08 November 2011 on the establishment of National Regulatory Authority (NRA) for UXO/Mine Action in the Lao PDR</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Since most of UXO presence and its impacts are in rural areas and the UXO problem is a cross cutting issue that involved poverty, development and social problem and drawing from experiences and lessons learned in the past decades of addressing the UXO issue, the Lao Government decides to improve and adjust the UXO Sector Management, with a view to better planning and coordinating, as follows:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Appoints Mr. Asang Laoly, Deputy-Prime Minister, in charge of Cultural and Social issue, as Principal Supervisor of National Regulatory Authority for UXO/Mine Action in the Lao PDR. Previously NRA was chaired by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence,</li> <li>○ Appoints Chairman of the National Committee for Rural Development and Poverty Eradication as Chair of the NRA,</li> <li>○ Appoints Vice-Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Vice-Minister of Labour and Social Welfare as Vice Chairmen</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>of NRA,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Expand the member of NRA to include representatives from Mass Organizations, namely Lao People's Revolutionary Youth Union and Lao Women's Union.</li></ul>
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## Form F Contaminated areas and clearance

### Article 7, paragraph 1

“Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

- (h) To the extent possible, the size and location of all cluster munition contaminated areas under its jurisdiction or control, to include as much detail as possible regarding the type and quantity of each type of cluster munition remnant in each such area and when they were used;
- (i) The status and progress of programmes for the clearance and destruction of all types and quantities of cluster munition remnants cleared and destroyed in accordance with article 4 of this Convention, to include the size and location of the cluster munition contaminated area cleared and a breakdown to the quantity of each type of cluster munition remnant cleared and destroyed;”

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#### 1. Size and location of cluster munition contaminated area\*

Location**	Size of contaminated area (m <sup>2</sup> )	Cluster munition remnants		Estimated or known date of contamination	Method used to estimate suspected area	Supplementary information
		Type	Estimated quantity			
• The same as previous report 2010	The same as previous report 2010	The same as previous report 2010				
<b>Total:</b>		<b>Total:</b>				

\* If necessary, a separate table for each area may be provided.

\*\* Location can be defined by listing the province/district/village where contaminated areas are located as well as (where possible) map references and grid coordinates sufficient to define the contaminated area.

## 2. Land release

Provide information on the release of land previously suspected to contain cluster munition remnants by methods other than clearance.

Location #	Size of area (m <sup>2</sup> )	Date of release	Method of release (technical or non-technical survey)
Land release pilot project is being implemented in Attapeu Province.	Non available	Non available	Technical survey

## 3. Status and progress of programmes for the clearance of cluster munitions remnants

Location**	Size of cleared area (m <sup>2</sup> )	Status of clearing programme (if possible, including plans, time table and completion date)	Cluster munition remnant cleared		Clearance method	Standards applied	
			Type	Quantity		Safety standards	Environmental standards
Luangprabang province	2,552,676	30/11/2010-30/11/2011			<b>Technical survey and clearance</b>	Lao PDR UXO/Mine Action Standard based on International Mine Action Standard (IMAS)	Lao PDR UXO/Mine Action Standard based on International Mine Action Standard (IMAS)
Houphanh province	3,012,981						
Xiengkhuang province	8,684,867						
Vientiane province	30,000						
Vientiane Capital	426,114						
Bolikhamxay province	1,653,465						
Khammouane province	9,796,957						

Location**	Size of cleared area (m <sup>2</sup> )	Status of clearing programme (if possible, including plans, time table and completion date)	Cluster munition remnant cleared		Clearance method	Standards applied	
			Type	Quantity		Safety standards	Environmental standards
Savannaket province	6,063,505						
Saravan province	8,359,461						
Sekong province	3,162,997						
Champasack province	3,373,706						
Attapeu province	3,692,817						
<b>Total: 12 provinces</b>	<b>Total: 50,809,546 m<sup>2</sup> (Including agriculture area: 41,669,481 m<sup>2</sup> and development area 9,140,065 m<sup>2</sup>)</b>						

\* If necessary, a separate table for each area may be provided.

\*\* Location can be defined by listing the province/district/village where contaminated areas are located as well as (where possible) map references and grid coordinates sufficient to define the contaminated area. Where possible, refer to the corresponding contaminated area described in [Form F, table 1].

### Supplementary information

Since Lao PDR started its clearance activities in 1996, long before the entering into force of CCM, therefore the information provided may not meet the standard required by the reporting format, for example, contaminated areas in each province, the land cleared in each province and quantity of each type of cluster munitions destroyed. Lao Government can provide only the figure in the total. This problem will be solved in our next report, since the agencies concerned are now collecting data in accordance with the requirement of the reporting format.

#### 4. Status and progress of programme(s) for the destruction of cluster munition remnants\*\*\*

<i>Location</i>	<i>Status of destruction programme (if possible, including plans, time table and completion date)</i>	<i>Cluster munition remnants</i>		<i>Destruction method</i>	<i>Standards applied</i>	
		<i>Type</i>	<i>Quantity</i>		<i>Safety standards</i>	<i>Environmental standards</i>
See supplementary information below. Non applicable	Non applicable	Non applicable	Non applicable			
		<b>Total</b>				

\* If necessary, a separate table for each area may be provided.

\*\* This table is only for use for those cluster munitions remnants that were not destroyed during a clearance programme (for example cluster munition remnants cleared and subsequently destroyed elsewhere or abandoned cluster munitions).

#### Supplementary information

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#### 5. Challenges and international assistance and cooperation needed for the implementation of article 4

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Time period</i>	<i>Need</i>
- Area clearance	- Contaminated areas are too wide so it is very difficult to make a comprehensive survey that can identify the exact size of the contaminated areas in each province. - Lao Government has budget constraint and mostly relied on international assistance, it therefore sometimes faces fluctuation of funding availability. - The equipment that we currently	2010-2020	- Long term funding and new equipment for clearance



<i>Activity</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Time period</i>	<i>Need</i>
	use is not efficient enough to identify between the scrap and cluster munitions		

10 **Form G Measures to provide warning to the population and risk education**

**Article 7, paragraph 1**

“Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

- (j) **The measures taken to provide risk reduction education and, in particular, an immediate and effective warning to civilians living in cluster munition contaminated areas under its jurisdiction or control;”**

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**1. Measures taken to provide risk reduction education**

- Community Awareness (village presentation, education film and school visits)
- Village Volunteer (house to house visit for UXO safety precautions)
- Parenting Module (Risk reduction education via parents to children by using guide book)
- Supplementary UXO curriculum in primary schools in 9 provinces 42 districts (in total of 1,925 schools, 188,810 students, 6300 teachers in contaminated areas),
- Peer educators among scrap metal dealers
- Production and distribution of specific materials for specific at risk groups (posters, flip charts, Story books, T-shirts, bags, caps, brochures, CD spot about impact of UXO)
- Production and broadcasting of radio spots on UXO risk reduction education for specific groups in 5 different dialects (Lao, Hmong, Khmu, Mongkong, Arak and Talieng)
- Total 735 visits in various villages, with total 155,010 beneficiaries (adults 80,209 and children 74,801 )

**2. Measures taken for effective warning of the population**

- Due to the contaminated areas are so wide (87.000 km<sup>2</sup>) UXO marking signs were set up only at the project areas

## Form H **Victim assistance: status and progress of implementation of the obligations under article 5**

### Article 7, paragraph 1

“Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

- (k) **The status and progress of implementation of its obligations under article 5 of this Convention to adequately provide age- and gender-sensitive assistance, including medical care, rehabilitation and psychological support, as well as provide for social and economic inclusion of cluster munition victims and to collect reliable relevant data with respect to cluster munition victims;”**

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#### **1. National focal point/coordination mechanism for the implementation of article 5 (specify name and contact information of government body responsible)**

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#### **2. Data collection and assessment of the needs of cluster munitions victims (please indicate gender and age of survivors as well as information on affected families and communities)**

There were 58 accidents with 92 UXO Victims ( 9 women, 32 men, 48 boys and 3 girls.), of those 72 injured and 20 killed.

#### **3. Development and implementation of national laws and policies for implementation of article 5**

Nothing changed from the previous report 2010.

#### 4. National plan and budget, including timeframes to carry out these activities

The Safe Path Forward II was submitted at the end of 2011 to the Government Office for approval.

Note: If necessary, plans/budgets may be provided separately.

#### 5. Efforts to closely consult with and actively involve cluster munition victims and their representative organisations in victim assistance planning and implementation

Representatives of Lao Disabled People Association, Lao Ban Advocate, Lao Disabled Women and Quality of Life Association were invited to participate and they were actively participated in the consultations, especially with regard to victim assistance during the UXO annual review meeting, UXO sector working groups meeting and Mine-UXO awareness day.

#### 6. Assistance services (including medical care, physical rehabilitation, psychological support, and social and economic inclusion)

<i>Type of service (medical care, physical rehabilitation, psychological support, social and economic inclusion)</i>	<i>Implementing agency</i>	<i>Description of service (progress, types of services, number of persons assisted, time period)</i>
Medical care	Ministry of Health and World Education/Consortium	Fund support to UXO victims for medical care, daily allowance and transportation in total of 72 cases at total cost of 178, 637,117 LAK.
Physical rehabilitation		
Social and economic inclusion	Lao Disabled People's Association, Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare and some other NGOs	Training and workshop on variety of disability-related issues such as employment, statistic, education, advocacy and leadership
	Catholic Relife Services (NGO)	Training on First Aids for village volunteers and also UXO contaminated community in Xaybuathong district (Khammouan province).
	World Education/Consortium	Survivors also received fund support for their family economic by World Education/Consortium which is approximately 104,800,000 LAK.
	Disable people of Belgium	Fund support for 30 villages (Nong,Sepon and Vilabouly districts, Savanhnaket province)
	Clear Path International	Micro finance for UXO victims in Phoukout, Pek and Phaxay districts (Xiengkhuang province); funding in total of 20,000 USD for this project.

**7. Steps taken to mobilize national and international resources**

- National Survey of UXO Victims and Accidents has been completed with the aim to find out the requirement for policy and resources.  
 - Safe Path Forward II has increased the level of attention to victim assistance than the previous one.  
 - Trust Fund for UXO sector has been established.

**8. Needs for international assistance and cooperation**

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Time period</i>	<i>Need</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical care</li> <li>• Physical rehabilitation</li> <li>• Socio-economic reintegration</li> <li>• Clearance and MRE</li> </ul>		2010- 2020 2010-2020 2010-2020	There is a need about \$30 millions annually for the UXO sector

**9. Efforts undertaken to raise awareness of the rights of cluster munition victims and persons with other disabilities**

Nothing change from previous report 2010

14 **Form I National resources and international cooperation and assistance****Article 7, paragraph 1**

“Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

- (m) The amount of national resources, including financial, material or in kind, allocated to the implementation of articles 3, 4 and 5 of this Convention; and
- (n) The amounts, types and destinations of international cooperation and assistance provided under article 6 of this Convention.

State [Party]: Lao People’s Democratic Republic

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[Narrative:] Not applicable

**1. National resources allocated**

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Sector (stockpile destruction, clearance, risk education, victim assistance, advocacy)</i>	<i>Amount of national resources (list currency)</i>	<i>Type of resources (e.g. financial, material, in kind)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lao Government in kind contribution to the sector</li> </ul>	Clearance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 250.000.000 kip</li> </ul>	Financial (to pay rental fee for UXO Lao Office)

**2. International cooperation and assistance provided**

<i>Destination</i>	<i>Sector (stockpile destruction, clearance, risk education, victim assistance, advocacy)</i>	<i>Amount (list currency)</i>	<i>Type of cooperation or assistance (financial, material or in kind)</i>	<i>Details (including date allocated, intermediary destinations such as trust funds, project details, timeframes)</i>
Donor contribution to UXO sector	Clearance, MRE and victim assistance	25,137,138 USD	Financial	

**3. International cooperation and assistance needed**

(a) *For the implementation of article 3: Stockpile destruction*

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Time period</i>	<i>Need</i>
Non applicable			

(b) *For the implementation of article 4: Clearance and risk education*

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Time period</i>	<i>Need</i>
- Clearance and MRE	- Funding and Equipment	2010-2020	- 30 mill USD per year

(c) *For the implementation of article 5: Victim assistance*

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Time period</i>	<i>Need</i>
Not yet finalized			

**4. Assistance provided by State Parties to another State for cluster munitions used/abandoned prior to entry into force, as outlined in article 4 paragraph 4**

State Parties that have used our abandoned cluster munitions which have become cluster munition remnants located in areas under jurisdiction or under control of another State Party are **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** to provide assistance to the latter State Party to facilitate the marking, clearance and destruction of such cluster munition remnants.

[such assistance shall include, there were available, information on types and quantities of cluster munitions used, precise locations of cluster munitions strikes and areas in which cluster mention remnants are known to be located)

**Form J Other relevant matters: Universalization**

**State [Party]:** Lao People's Democratic Republic

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Internationally, we have taken every possible opportunity to promote the Convention and urged states not parties to consider acceding to it as soon as possible. This has been carried out in many fora, such as in ASEAN context, in Non-Aligned Movement forums, at the United Nations General Assembly and at a number of bilateral meetings in which Lao delegation has made its call for the promotion of the Convention. We made a universalization visit to Vietnam on 11 and 12 October 2011. The visit was led by Director General of the Department of International Organizations and comprised of delegates from National Regulatory Authority and Ministry of Defence. We met our counterparts from Vietnam and encouraged them to join CCM. We learned from the visit that the leadership of Vietnam is now very supportive of the Convention and they are working on the roadmap for joining the CCM. We also tried to organize visit to Cambodia and Thailand during the same period but due to the big flood occurred in the two countries, the trips were postponed.

Domestically, we have also strongly and regularly promoted CCM. We organized meetings, workshops and made series of TV and radio spots on air about the impacts of UXO and the content and obligations under CCM, especially during the special occasion. We organized Mine Action Day and the <sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Entry Into Force of CCM that included exhibition and activities to educate people about the impact and danger of UXO and the Convention. We also organized a football tournament called "Adieu Bombies" as part of the activities that brought agencies concerned working on the issue of UXO in Laos to participate in this friendly and enjoyable game.

We will continue our efforts to promote the universalization of CCM.

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