



Mid-term report: Progress Report

A. Brief Project Information	
1.1. Project title	Strengthening of Border Liaison Office(BLO) around the Mekong River
1.2. Country (ies) / region	Cambodia , Laos , Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam / BLOs around the Mekong River (Northern area : Kyaing Lath, Xiang Kok, Chiang Saen, Ton Phueng / Central area : Nongkhai, Vientiane / Southern area : Bavet, Moc Bai)
1.3. Project area	
<input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure <input type="checkbox"/> Information Communication Technology (ICT) <input type="checkbox"/> Green Growth <input type="checkbox"/> Water Resource Development <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture and Rural Development <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Human Resource Development <input type="checkbox"/> Others	
1.4. Implementation start/end date	
Implementation start date	<u>09/August/2016</u>
Implementation end date	<u>07/March/2017</u>
Project lifespan	<u>7 months</u>
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C. Update on progressive implementation of the project

1. Pre-Project Workshop

- The ROK-Mekong Pre-Project Workshop on Strengthening of Border Liaison Office around the Mekong River was held at Pramuk Sawatmongkhon Meeting Room of the Office of the Narcotics Control Board(ONCB) in Bangkok, Thailand on August 9th, 2016. It was co-hosted by the Supreme Prosecutors' Office(SPO) of Republic of Korea and the ONCB of Thailand and representatives from CLMTV countries and UNODC attended the workshop.

- This workshop was chaired by Mrs. Oranooch Sungkhawanna, Director of International Organization and Multilateral Cooperation Division of ONCB, and co-chaired by Mr. KIM Hyunsoo, ROK-Mekong Project Implementer.

- The Project Implementer, Mr. KIM Hyunsoo, presented an overview of the project background and description as well as expected outcomes.

- The topics discussed during this half-day meeting included matters on nominating project coordinators from each countries; consideration of target area selection; BLO's demands for law enforcement equipments; training program in ROK; local training programs between BLOs of both sides; and starting-date of the project.



2. Dispatch Project Implementer

- At the Pre-Project Workshop, all participants reached agreement that the project period would be five months and it would begin on 10th October, 2016 in Thailand.

- SPO expert on narcotics were dispatched to the BLO area for the overall management of the project. (October 10th 2016 - March 7th 2017)



3. Northern region support(PHASE 1)

- Northern areas to receive support : Tha Chilek (Myanmar), Chiang Sean (Thailand), Ton Phueng (Lao PDR)

- Two-day (29-30 November, 2016) Local training program was held in Chiang Saen, Thailand in order to build mutual cooperative atmosphere among bordering countries that will transfer advanced border control techniques. Total 30 BLO control officials (10 people each from Lao PDR, Myanmar, and Thailand) participated at the event. Experts from UNODC Regional Office for Southeast Asia and the Pacific shared his expertise and knowledge.

- Additionally, equipments were also handed over to each BLO

※ Provided Equipments(quantity) : Motor cycles(3), Telescope(9), Radios set(6), Search lights(9)

- BLO control officers as well as their supervisors was able to strengthen their capacity through job training, providing right equipment.



D. Problems Encountered

Redirection of budget earmarks for 'Invitational Training in Korea'

- This program was planned in the original approved project activities.

- BLO officials like the border guards, police officers, soldiers and customs officers each from CLMTV countries will be invited to ROK for training. Throughout the field trip to the Supreme Prosecutors' Office, Incheon airport customs office, the Korean coast guard, and etc., the officials will learn advanced methods to control drugs and share information related to this field of study.

- Each country will choose four BLO officials including at least one official who can speak English to

attend a 13-day invitational training course in ROK on 6-18 February, 2017.

1. Interpretation cost

- 13days x 250USD = 3,250USD

- For the successful implementation of the program, interpretation is essential part

2. Increment for 'Dinner cost'

- From one time to two times for the Welcome and farewell dinner(20people X 40USD X 2times)

- The 'Dinner Cost' is doubled to the added dinner session, which was originally planned to be 'one'.

※ Additionally earmarked budget will be channelled from the 'local project assisters' and 'Job Training Instructor' etc.

E. Work plan for the activities remained

Use the format in Appendix 1

Appendix 1: Work plan (for the activities remained)

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TASK	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<i>Output 1.</i> Pre-Project Work shop	- Stakeholder meeting/workshop																							
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<i>Output 2.</i> Dispatch the Implementer	- Job training for BLO, Equipment support, select trainee																							
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<i>Output 3.</i> Northern region support BLO officers	- Workshop & job training for BLO, Equipment support																							
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<i>Activity 1.1.</i> Support BLOs in Central Mekong	- Workshop & job training for BLO, Equipment support																							
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<i>Activity 1.2.</i> SUPPORT BLOS IN SOUTHERN MEKONG	- Workshop & job training for BLO, Equipment support																							
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<i>Activity 2.1.</i> INVITATIONAL TRAINING IN KOREA	- Korea's drug control system training																							
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