Interview contents for the interview

Priority issues

- 1. Although the National Policy and Strategies for OSH exist in Laos, how is a plan and progress on drafting a National OSH Profile?
- 2. Although the labour law covers OSH issues in Laos, is there any discussion to develop the independent OSH law?
- 3. Regarding occupational disease, most cases are underreported currently. Although the GBD2016 estimates the great number of ARDs death, what kinds of occupational disorders and health issues do you think should be prioritized problems in Laos based on your experience?
- 4. Currently, the flamework of OSH specialist in the workplace is vague. Which occupations or what background do Laos plan to assign in the flamework for the workplace OSH activities in the future?

Previous support

5. What kind of technical supports has been conducted from other countries in the last decade? (Country, details, background and status of implementation, impacts and challenges)

Strategy to provide support

- 6. Regarding University of Health Sciences, this institute has provided the Master of Public Health program. I considered that this university will be a key partner for our future academic collaboration in Laos. Do you know any researchers who are in charge of occupational health and safety module?
- 7. XXXX

Questions from the report

8. I cannot find the following information at the labour law (GoL, 2013). Would you share with me the source and more details on this topic? Especially in, the requirements for assignment of OSH specialists and their roles and activities in the workplace.

3.7.3 Minimum staffing standards for personnel engaged in the area of OSH

As well as in the Article 28, Occupational Safety and Health Specialist each labor unit with 101 to 1000 employees must have an OSH specialist, particularly occupational physician/ doctor, nurse, hygienist, engineer either as a full or part time. For labor unit,s with more than 1000 employees, the employer must hire one full time OSH specialist. However, this minimum staffing standard had not been inspected and there is no data has been collected

on how many employees responsible for labor health and safety are currently working and applying in OSH.

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