

# Country Report

Your Excellency Mr. President NGUYEN VAN DUOC, President of  
Veterans Association of Vietnam,  
Heads of Delegations,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Lao Veterans Federation (LVF), it's my pleasure and honor to participate in this 20th GA via virtual Conference which is hosted by Veterans Association of Vietnam, at Hanoi, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. On this occasion, we are proud to have the opportunity to meet and greetings to all friends.

First of all, I would like to Congratulate to Mr. President of Veterans Association of Vietnam and Delegations of VECONAC member Countries for striving to held the VECONAC 20<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (GA) as planned, even though the regional and global situation will continue complicated development and undesired event of human that outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic. Hopefully, with the strength of Unity and Cooperation to help each other, We will be able to overcome this difficult obstacle together for sure.

Excellencies,

Over the year 2020-2021, the Lao Veterans Federation has concentrated on implementing its role and duty that are in line with the government's policy by focusing on improvement of the organizational structure of Lao Veterans Federation from central to local levels as well as the livelihood of our vulnerable members as exemplified as follows

## 1. Organizational Structure Improvement:

The LVF has been continuously improving the organizational structure from central to local levels. We have also tried to update collecting the statistics of our members and up to now we have 67,370 members with 7,062 females at the end of December 2021.

## 2. Public Awareness:

The LVF recognizes the importance of the public awareness to help our veteran members to understand the government's current policy, Lao Veterans Federation in each level, the knowledge of the constitution and laws have been applied to the implement of its Economic Development plan in line with the Government's plan, which is issued in a period that is accurate, deep and widely. For the public awareness in order for our members to fully understand the goals and objectives of

the government's policy through various means, for example seminars, workshops, television, radio, magazines, newspaper of their activities and etc. In addition to the above, we also instructed Lao Veterans at all levels in each locality to cooperate closely with their local Authorities in dealing with the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic.

### **3. Welfare Policy:**

On the rights and interests of LVF members protection, LVF has developed and implemented the Lao Prime Minister's order issued and has been committed to the implementation of our Five-Year Veterans Development Plan (2016-2020) as in line with 4 work plans and 17 programs which were adopted by the 3rd National Veterans' Congress. This development plan motivates our veteran members who have got potentials to pursue entrepreneurship as self-reliance and self-sufficiency, for instance crop and livestock production, services among others in order to generate more income and model family also for reducing in year by year.

We have also encouraged our veterans' organizations at each level to set up their own funds in order to help their members in case of emergency consume in family and up to now all districts have their own funds, last year it funded the construction of 34 local level Veterans' office and 17 houses for poor Veterans. Veterans who have been awarded the title of National hero and now our veteran members also receive free medical treatment policy.

### **4. International Cooperation Relations:**

The LVF has consistently followed the government's foreign policy of peace, independence, friendship and cooperation. LVF has tried to enhance relations, friendship and cooperation with veterans organizations within the region as well as to enhance relations, friendship and cooperation with the Veterans Association of Vietnam, Veterans Association of China, Kingdom of Cambodia and another neighbor countries on the basis of mutual understanding and mutual benefits.

We welcomed the delegation of Vietnam Veterans to works on official mission and travel in Lao PDR for 2 times, participate at working Committee Meeting which was held virtually on 21 October 2020, hosted by Veterans Association of Vietnam has been actively making preparations for the VECONAC 33<sup>rd</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> GA 2021.

Last but not least, the best wish Mr. President, all HODs and all delegates good health, happiness and success in your noble missions, and wish the meeting great success.

“VECONAC FOREVER, FOREVER VECONAC”

Thank you!