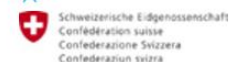




LAO PDR – Behaviour Change

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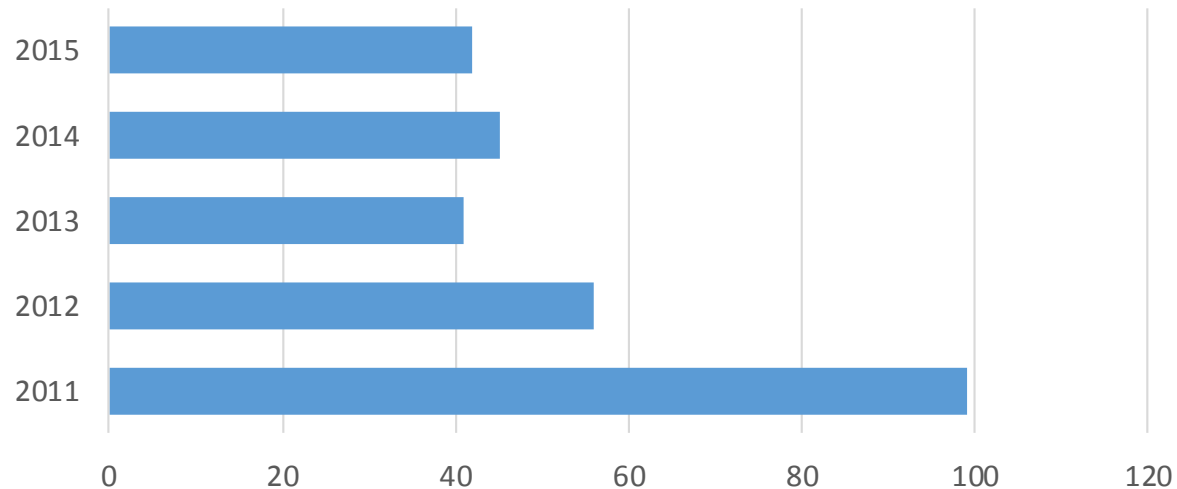
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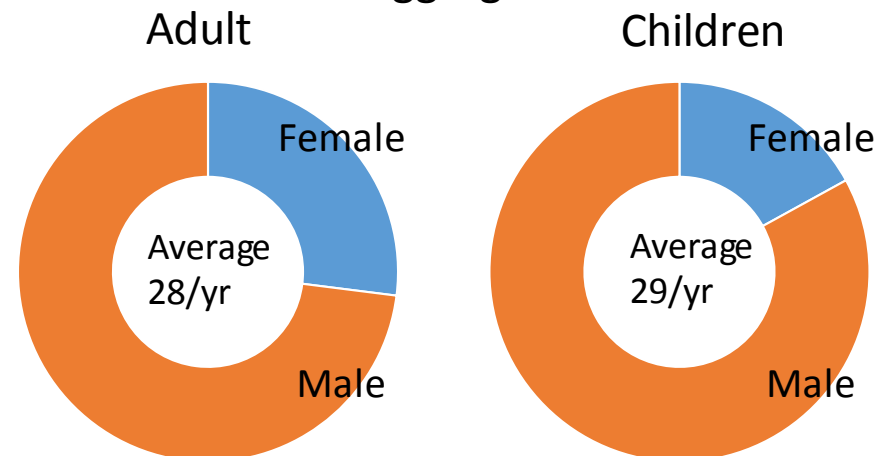


Lao PDR – Victim Data 2011-2015

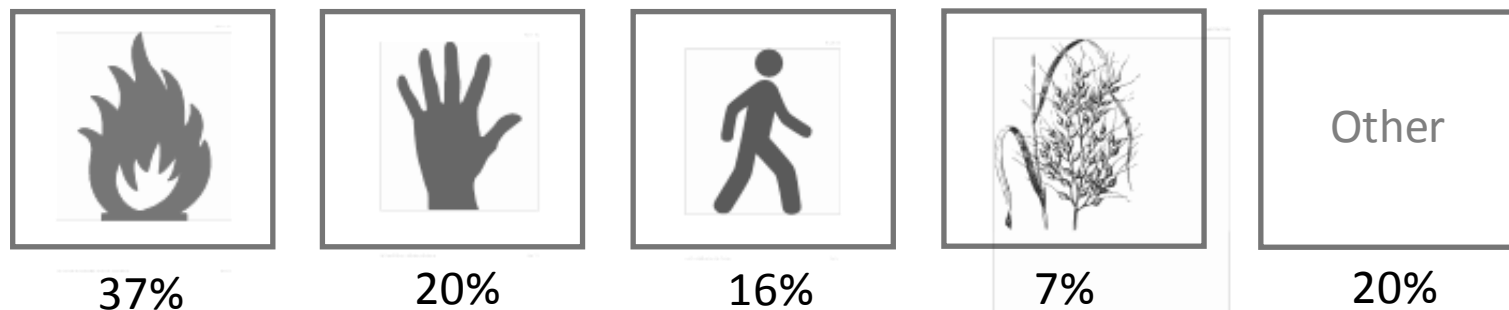
Annual Number of Victims



Disaggregated



Causes





Behaviour Change

Community Based

- Schools: Integration in primary school curriculum
- Community Awareness Teams: Visits to villages in contaminated areas. Focus on children (plays, sports, puppet shows, songs)
- Village Volunteers: Trained villagers in contaminated villages

General

- Radio Programs
- Public service announcements



Move Forward

- Village Volunteers
 - Sustainable and cost effective.
 - Greater involvement in community as volunteers are members
 - Requirements: stipend and materials
- School Integration
 - Risk Education in secondary school curriculum
 - Training of teachers in the teachers colleges
 - Requirements: curriculum books, training module for colleges



Challenges

- Resources – Donor focus is on survey and clearance
- Programming – Seasonal times to visit villages, currently CAT 3-4 years between visits
- Risk Education beyond contaminate areas – Internal migration in Lao has people moving from non-contaminated to contaminated areas
- Number of operators – Operators should focus on a more holistic approach to UXO work (more than just survey and clearance)



Questions?

