IED Risk Education
Risk Education: A Key and Immediate Protection measure

- Embedded in IHL, UN Resolutions
- Increasingly an ‘entry point’ for mine action and for opening the humanitarian space
- First priority: Minimum knowledge for a maximum # of people
- Second priority: Effective Risk Education should lead to mine/ERW/IED reporting
THE UNITED NATIONS
MINE ACTION STRATEGY
2019-2023
IEDs may have a high failure rate
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- The diversity of IEDs has no limit
- Their appearance may change quickly, day after day, from one place to another
**IEDs: Some Specificities**

IEDs are increasingly ‘effective’ and have an unprecedented humanitarian impact

- **Afghanistan:** Pressure-plate IEDs may lead to more amputations than traditional APM (BMJ 2017).


- **Nigeria:** 1,737 people killed or injured by landmines and IED. 62% (615 out of 986) of those killed were children. Person Borne IEDs were the main cause of death with at least 288 girls and 208 boys killed (MRM 2017).
Methods to educate civilians
1st step: Evidence building

Document the threat, identify patterns

- Injury Surveillance → Ongoing
- Surveys (including Non-Technical Surveys) and assessments → For a specific point of time
Injury Surveillance

Reminder!
Surveillance is crucial not only for MRE but also for Clearance, Advocacy and Victim Assistance

Prioritization!
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‘Do no harm’: assess risk of retaliation by IED user/owner against i) community & ii) Risk Education programme
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Risk Education for Improvised Explosive Devices (IED)
Conflict situation for over seven year
8.2 million people an increase from 6.3 million in 2016
living in areas affected by hostilities and explosive devices

43% in 2017 from 33% in 2016 of communities reported the presence of explosive hazards

Host communities, IDPs and Returnees are threatened by the presence of explosives remnants and IEDs
Risk Education in Health.

Stop… Beware…
Do Not Approach…
Do Not Touch…
Warn Others…

Child Protection Program of the
Remnants of Crisis

Explosive Remnants of
Crisis Risk Awareness
Call 130 or 108 whenever
you are

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Local Warning Signs: be aware because there are many forms of local warning signs according to the customs of populations, for example:

Tree branches or thorns blocking a path, or a pile of rocks

A cloth placed on a stick

Two X-shaped sticks of wood

International Warning Signs

Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs)

Barbed wires

Danger sign consisting of skull and crossbones
Upside-down red triangle reading «Danger of Mines»
Risk Education in Schools.
Risk Education in IDP camps
(child friendly spaces)
Risk Education in newly accessible areas for returnees
Risk Education in health centers
Risk Education by religious leaders
Risk Education on water trucks
Risk Education: Reach in 2018

- UNICEF and Partners through WoS directly reached 1,702,309 People with RE including IED RE.

- Syria Country Office: reached 1,314,359 people.

- 60% of population reached were children.
Thanks for your attention.