

# Countries with high casualty rates

**Somalia, Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Sudan, Myanmar**


Caveat 1: the actual list is bigger w/ countries from Sahel, Syria, Yemen, Iraq, Colombia, DRC...

Caveat 2: not a comprehensive country briefing

Caveat 3: not focused on victim assistance

## Somalia

A previously unexploded mortar shell went off as children were playing around it in a city in southern Somalia.

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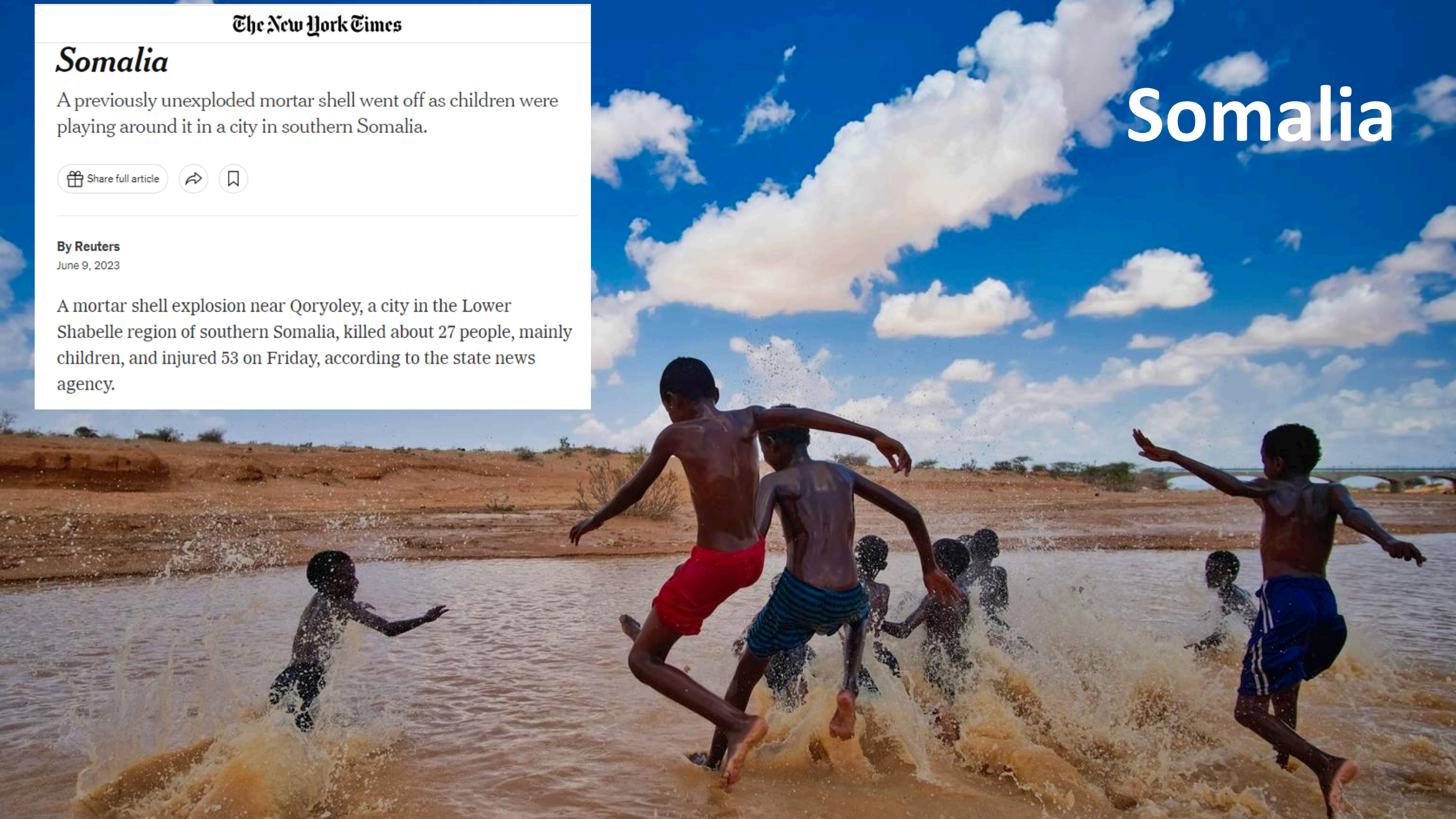


By Reuters

June 9, 2023

A mortar shell explosion near Qoryoley, a city in the Lower Shabelle region of southern Somalia, killed about 27 people, mainly children, and injured 53 on Friday, according to the state news agency.

# Somalia



# Afghanistan



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**Mine Action Cannot Wait!**

انفجار ماین فرصت نمی دهد

(Afghanistan, Western Region, Herat Province)

April 4, 2023

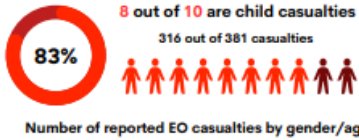
#### Featured Story

On 20 August 2024, in the Sanaw Gerd, Maghulan Kuhna area of Guzara District, Hirat Province, **two boys, aged 17 and 18, were killed** when a UXO exploded as they were collecting rocks in a former military zone.

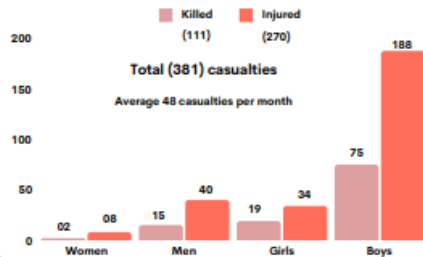
#### Key Facts

- **83% of the casualties** from explosive ordnance between **January 2024 to August 2024** were **children, equating to 8 out of 10 casualties**.
- **381** civilian casualties were recorded from January 2024 to August 2024.
- Approximately **48%** of the casualties from explosive ordnance (EO) occurred while children were playing, with an additional **14%** happening during scrap metal collection.

#### Reported EO casualties (January 2024 to August 2024)

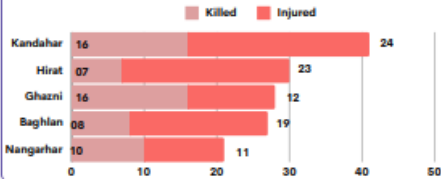


#### Reported EO casualties by gender/age (January 2024 to August 2024)

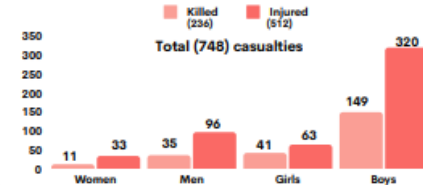


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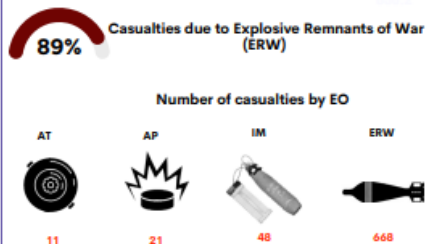
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#### Reported Explosive Ordnance (EO) casualties (January 2023 to December 2023)

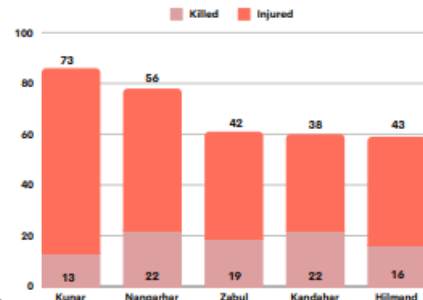


#### Number of reported EO casualties by EO Type (January 2023 to December 2023)



#### The 5 most affected provinces

Number of reported EO casualties killed/injured (January 2023 to December 2023)



# Most affected “situations” from a Children and Armed Conflict (CAAC) perspective

Most-affected situations by landmines and ERW	Verified child casualties (2019-2023)
Afghanistan	1947
Syria	1333
Yemen	1133

Most-affected situations by IED incidents	Verified child casualties (2019-2023)
Afghanistan	2441
Syria	651
Somalia	518

Analysis drawn upon publicly available data primarily sourced from the United Nations Secretary-General’s annual reports on CAAC published between 2020 and 2024 (covering the years 2019 to 2023)



**Northern  
Ethiopia**

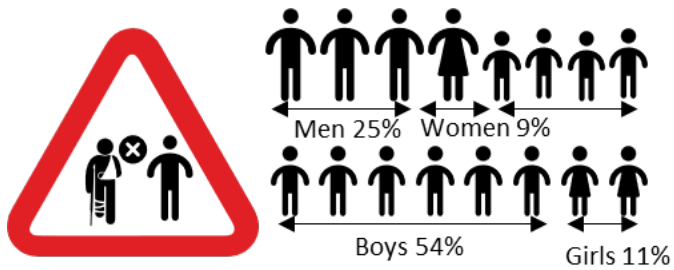
# EO accidents and victims

In 2022-2024 in the Northern Ethiopia

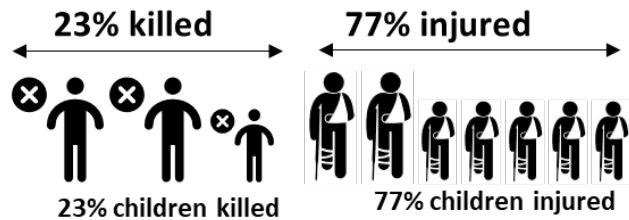
1,145 reported accidents

- 94% are reported in Tigray (no available data in Amhara due to lack of access)

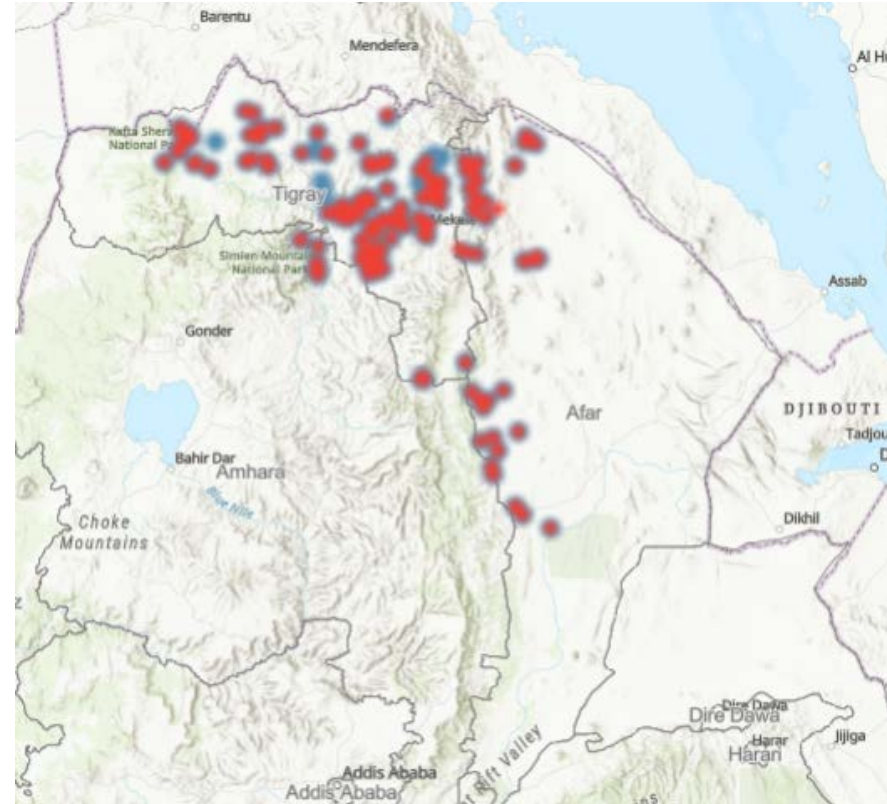
1,584 EO casualty (67% are children)



## Type of EO casualty



Accidents and victim map in Tigray and Afar (2022-2024)



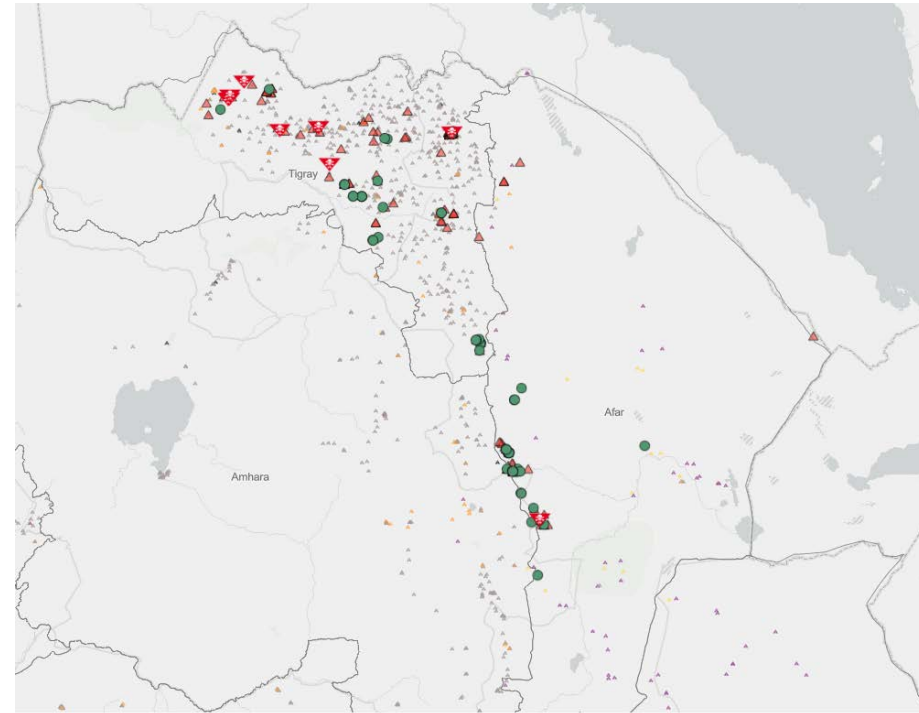
- Access restrictions and lack of capacity leads to data gaps on reporting on victims and accidents

# Post conflict EO impact in Northern Ethiopia

Since early 2023

- **6.7 million** people are in need of mine action intervention (HRP)
- **1042 schools** remaining occupied by military (UNICEF), Mine Action will be required prior recovery.
- More than **7 million children out of school**, and/or not accessing schools due to (post)-conflict and other emergencies (UNICEF)
- EO presence in conflict affected regions hinders:
  - IDPs returning,
  - development projects implementation,
  - recovery of education and health facilities,
  - humanitarian aid delivery

IDP site within the contaminated



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# Sudan



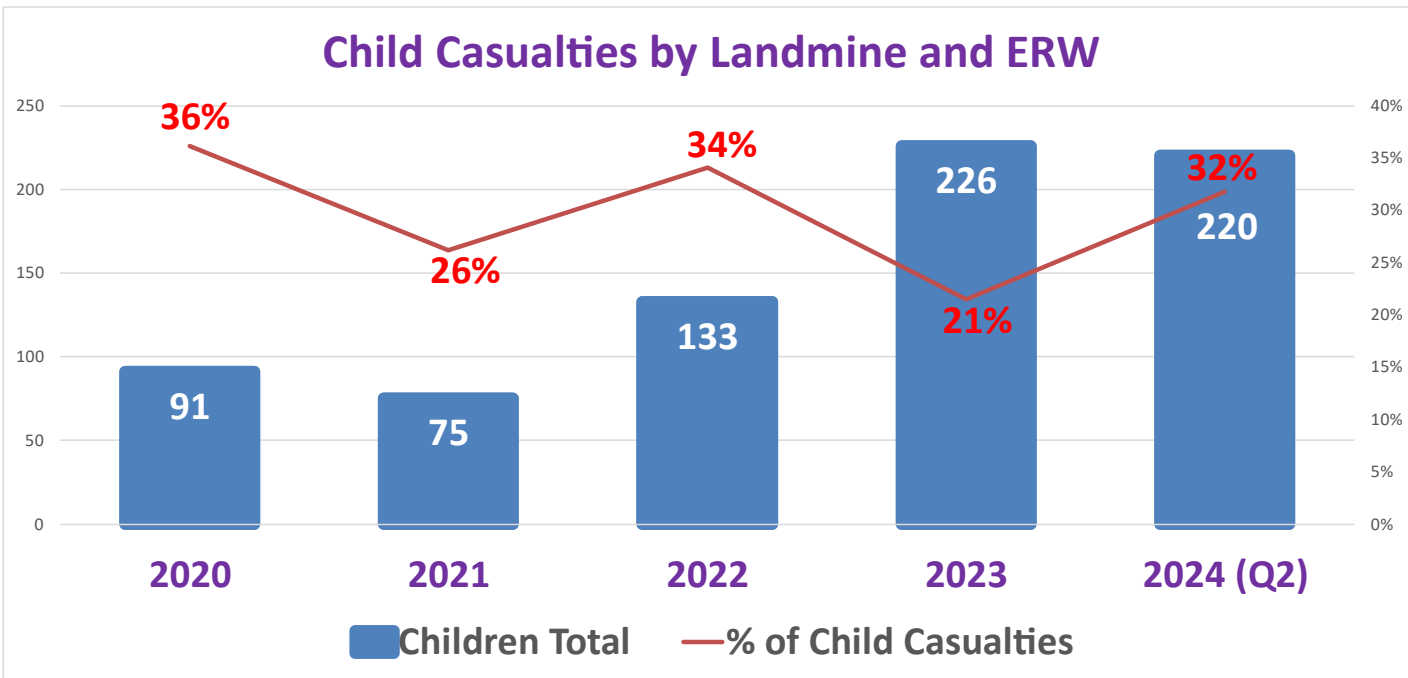


# Myanmar

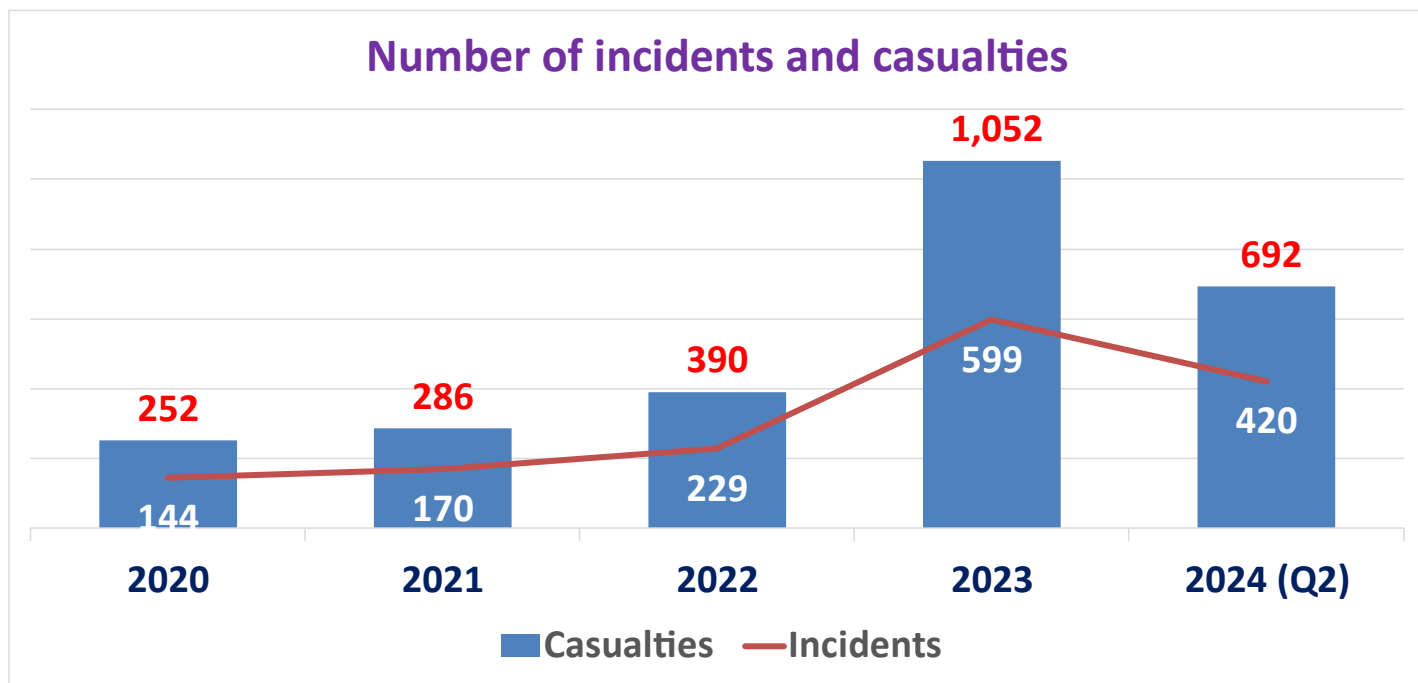


**EO is a key driver of killing & maiming of children in Myanmar**

**Child Casualties by Landmine and ERW**



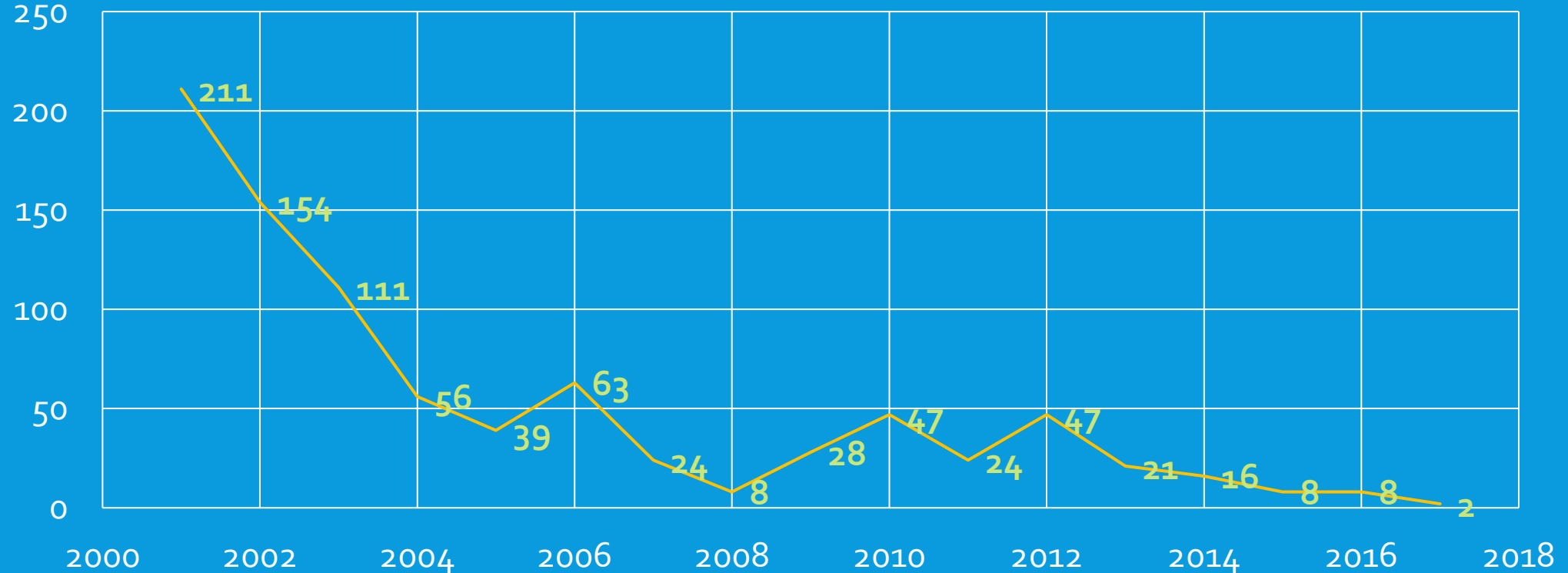
**Number of incidents and casualties**



Total incidents		420		
Total Casualties		Killed	Maimed	Total
		102	590	692
Adult	Total Adult	59	413	472
	Male	43	291	334
	Female	16	122	138
Child	Total Child	43	177	220
	Male	38	131	169
	Female	5	46	51

# HIGH CASUALTY RATES ARE NOT INEVITABLE AFFECTED AREAS/COUNTRIES CAN BECOME ACCIDENT FREE

The case of Sri Lanka: Mine/ERW casualties 2001 to 2018



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“Accident free” means that:

**Preserving human life** is a fundamental value driving mine action interventions

**A goal achievable if these 7 elements are in place:**

- Strong and transparent prioritization mechanism
- Ongoing injury surveillance system
- Integration of quick response Clearance-EORE-Victim Assistance at scale
- Integration with other risk reduction strategies (e.g. livelihood support)
- Meaningful community engagement (and empowerment)
- Strong mobilization of institutions
- Affected areas are accessible