

Cluster munitions and children in central Vietnam 2000-2005

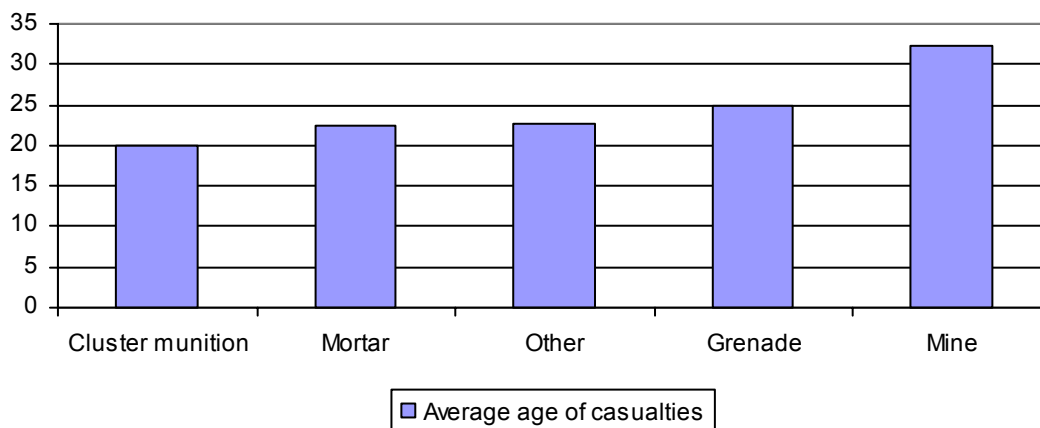
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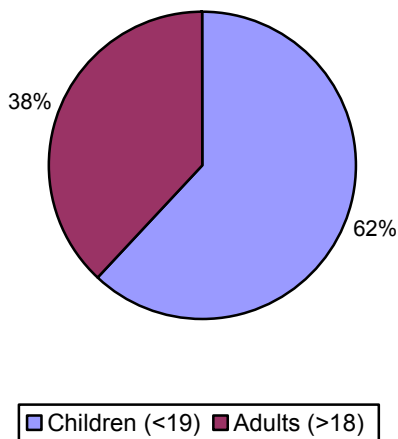
Background: Clear Path International (CPI) have collected data on mine and ordnance casualties across central provinces of Vietnam from 2000 onwards. The dataset analysed here contains records of 488 casualties. Of these 137 are attributed to cluster munitions. For a significant number (266) the type of ordnance is not recorded – these are recorded in the “other” categories in the charts below.

The data supports the following assertion: Cluster munitions, by comparison with other types of post conflict contamination, present a particularly high risk to children.

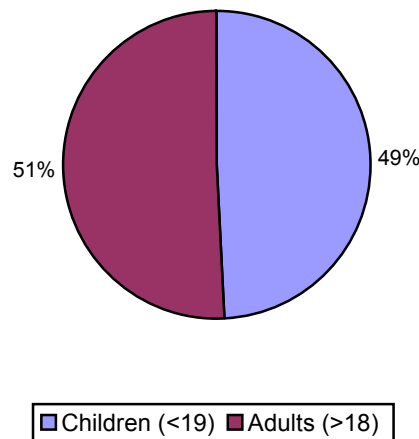
Average age of casualties by type of ordnance



Proportion of children and adults amongst cluster munition casualties



Proportion of children and adults amongst other munition casualties (including unknowns)



Please note: that these graphs represent very conservative comparisons because the non-cluster munition casualties also include blanks and unknowns (which may in fact have been cluster munitions). The proportion for definitely not cluster munitions (i.e. not including unknowns) is adults 65%, children 35%.