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“Any unexploded bomb and unexploded cluster munitions for example is a very very great danger. What we know right now in Lebanon is that there were thousands of strikes either from artillery or from bombs that were sent from planes. In normal warfare, about 10 percent don't explode when they hit the ground. What we don't know today is '10 percent of how many?' We know that there are a tremendous number, we now have confirmation that there are cluster munitions on the ground in a couple of sites. That means there are unexploded ordinances on the ground, in possibly schools, health centres, in homes in cities where people are returning. That's a tremendous danger. We've started a campaign of information with the UN Mine Action, and we're doing that inside Lebanon, with radio, with television, with leaflets, we're doing it inside Syria, also with thousands of leaflets and radio messages on Al-Jazeera and others to make sure that everyone knows the danger of unexploded weapons, of unexploded cluster munitions. Everyone starts to understand what they look like, and so that they don't touch them, so that they don't go into areas that are dangerous.

Children are more exposed to unexploded weapons, be they grenades of bombs or cluster munitions. One, because many children don't yet read and so they can't read the flyers. They may have seen television but they don't fully understand that distinction yet. Secondly, they like to pick up things. Children pick up pieces of paper, pieces of metal on the ground. Many of the smallest armaments, cluster munitions for examples look very small. They may look like a grenade, they may look like a toy and children may indeed pick those up. So children are vulnerable in that they are attracted to those things, they know less, they are more compact and closer to the ground and so any explosion often impacts on them more greatly.”