Picture 1: Vrubivka, Luhansk Oblast, Government Controlled Areas (GCA), 2021: Danish Refugee Council (DRC) EORE Assistant in front of a destroyed building

Explosive Ordnance Contamination in Ukraine and Mine Action Response

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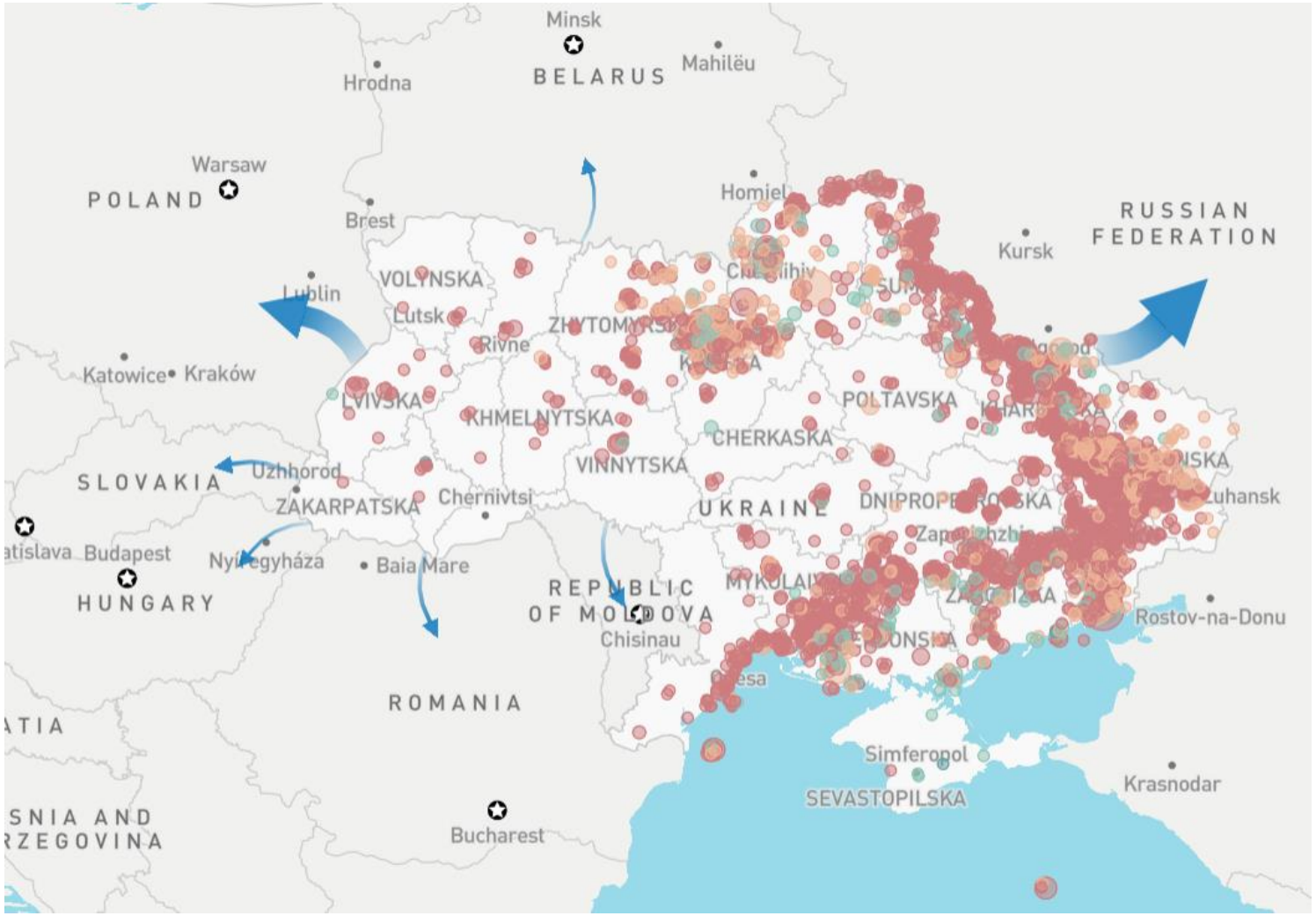
Brief on Explosive Ordnance (EO) Contamination in Ukraine

Mapping of Conflict Events / [GICHD Dashboard]



EO in Ukraine / [GICHD Guide]

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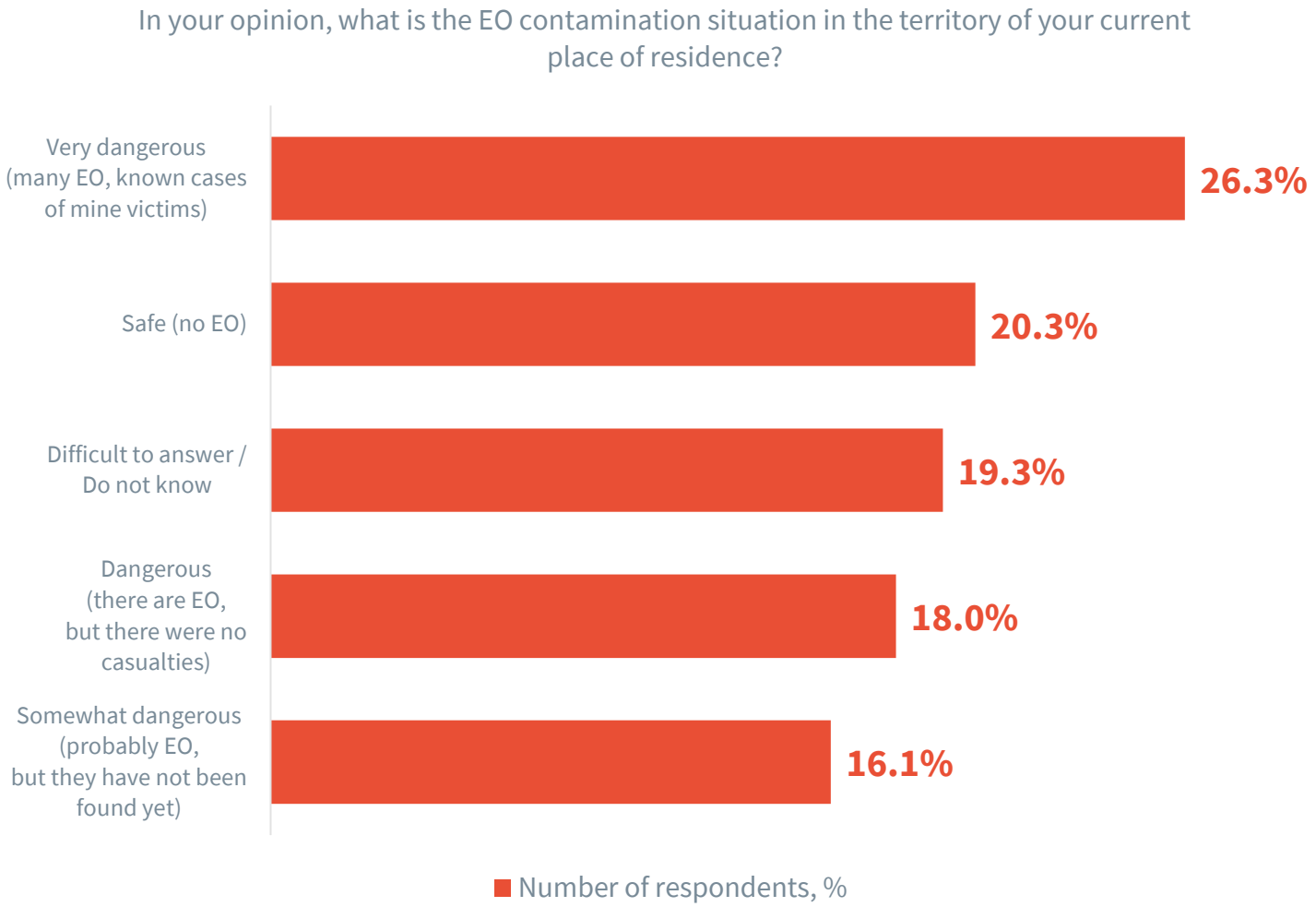

Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE) Rapid Needs Assessment / DRC Report

Most respondents believe that the situation with EO contamination in their current residences is dangerous:

- Very dangerous (many EO, known cases of mine victims) — 26.30%
- Safe (no EO) — 20.27%
- Difficult to answer / Do not know — 19.33%
- Dangerous (there are EO, but there were no casualties) — 17.98%
- Somewhat dangerous (probably EO, but they have not been found yet) — 16.11%

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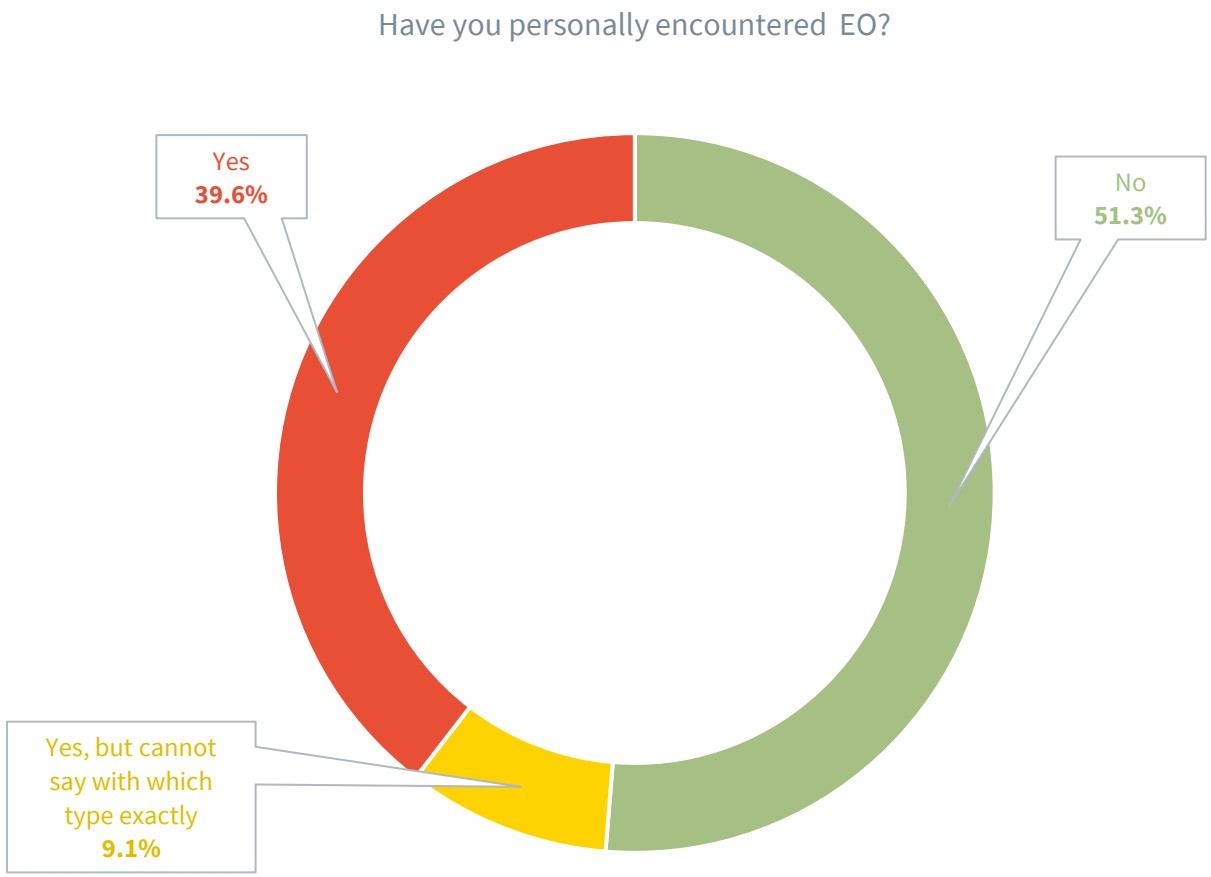

EORE Rapid Needs Assessment / *DRC Report*

48.7% of the rapid needs assessment respondents have encounter some type of EO.

Of these, 9.15% could not say exactly which type of EO.

On the other hand, 51.3% of respondents did not encounter any EO.

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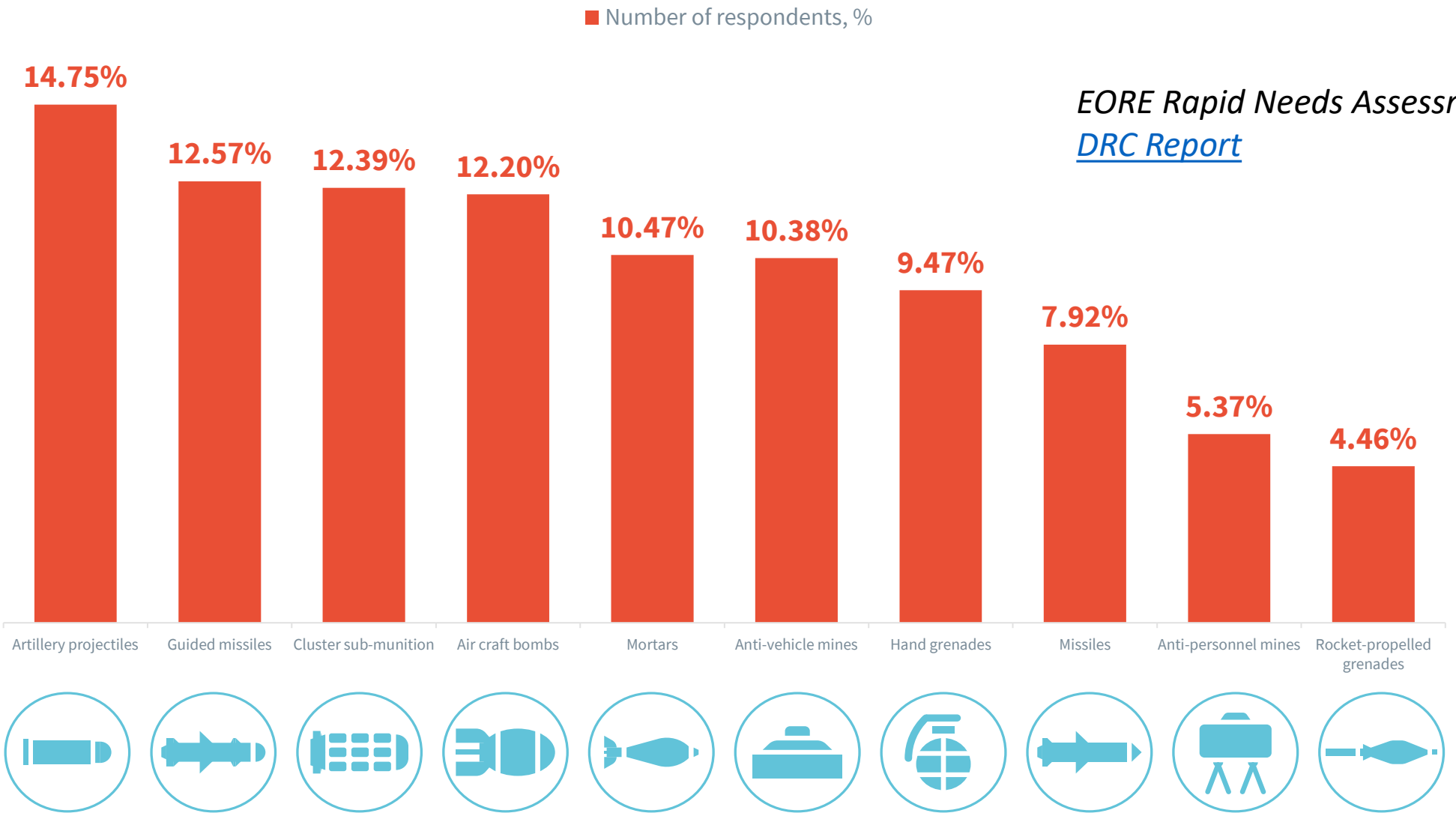

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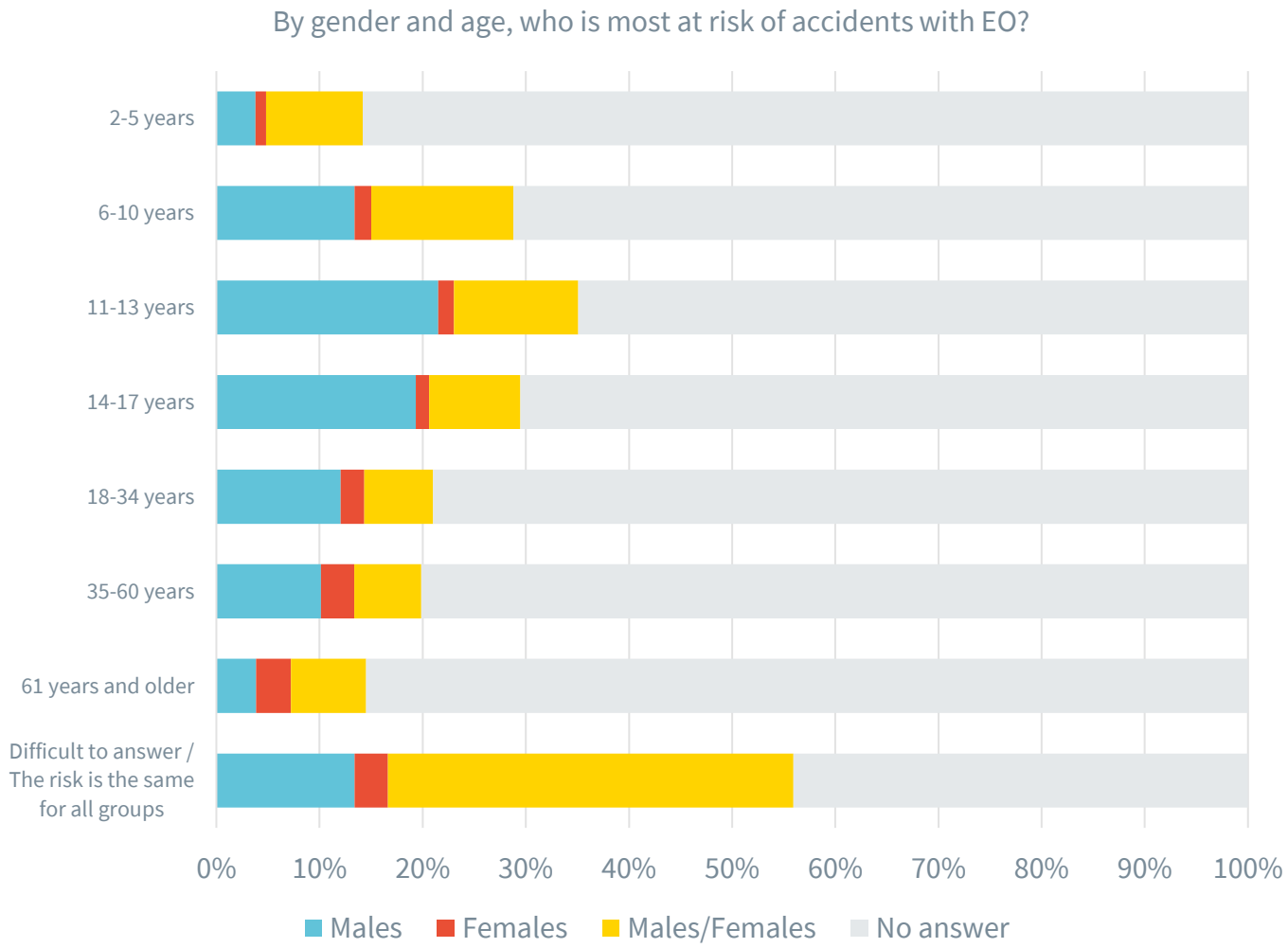

EORE Rapid Needs Assessment /
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On average, most respondents (72.65%) believed that the risk of an EO accident is similar for all age groups and gender.

12.97% of respondents are convinced that the risk of EO accidents is the same for both women and men.

12.19% of respondents believe that men are more at risk and 2.2% think that women are more in peril.

However, the general perception is that male underaged categories do experience a heightened risk associated with EO contamination.

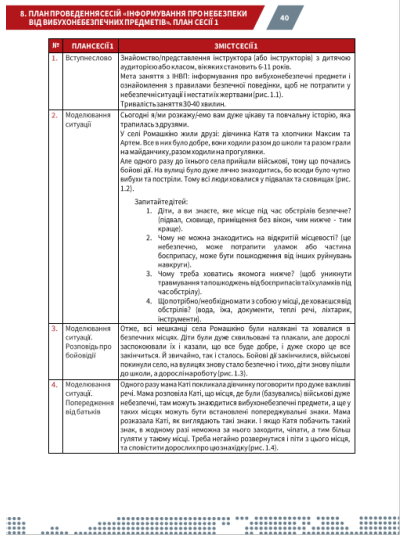
DRC Humanitarian Disarmament and Peacebuilding (HDP) Portfolio in Ukraine

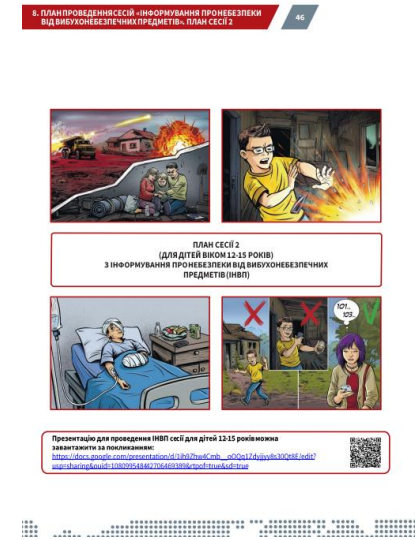
- DRC has been operating in Ukraine since 1998, implementing Protection, Legal Assistance, Institutional Development, and Economic Recovery programmes
- In 2014, DRC was the first international organisation to respond to the acute challenges posed by EO – since, DRC is also engaged in Humanitarian Demining, Victim Assistance, Advocacy, and EORE
- In 2022, DRC is the only organisation accredited for EORE and all processes of Humanitarian Demining – with over 100 staff dedicated just to Humanitarian Mine Action. DRC was also the first organisation to begin with Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) work through a partnership with the State Emergency Services (SES) in April 2022

Picture 2: Zolote, Luhansk Oblast (GCA), 2021. DRC Team Leader briefing demining teams, using a Free-From-Explosive Anti-Vehicle mine © Gaelle Girbes, Der Spiegel

DRC Emergency EORE Initiatives in Ukraine

- EORE self-paced online courses (www.stopmina.dk)
  - Children (6-11 years old)
  - Adolescent (12-17 years olds)
  - Adults (18+ years olds)
- Online EORE Sessions by DRC EORE Trainers
- EORE Informational Materials (leaflets, posters, etc.)
- DRC EORE Teacher's Manual and (online) EORE Training of Trainers (TOT) for Teachers





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Picture 3: Muratove, Luhansk Oblast, GCA, 2021: A child participating in a school-based EORE direct session playing with DRC EORE Augmented Reality application on a tablet computer.

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