

Safe Steps

Explosive-Free Footprints

Safe Steps is A Children's Education Initiative fostering Ukrainian kids to take proactive, cautious, and informed steps toward safety when playing outside.

Safe Steps educational program is designed to protect children in Ukraine from the threat of Landmines and Explosive Remnants of War (ERW). It aims to provide crucial knowledge and skills to ensure the safety of children when navigating areas potentially affected by landmines. The program teaches children how to identify and avoid dangerous areas, recognize warning signs, and take appropriate precautions. By empowering children with this information, *Safe Steps* aims to minimize the risk of accidents and promote a safer environment for children in Ukraine.



DRONES.

The program will encompass the use of drones to verify the existence of ERW. Purposely designed drones with a dedicated program will be initiated in areas frequented by school kids

OVERVIEW

The presence of **Explosive Remnants Of War (ERW)** in Ukraine poses a dangerous attraction for children, who may be lured by the visual appeal of these remnants. This attraction puts them at severe risk of injury or even death.

Education and Awareness programs are crucial to ensuring children understand the dangers and know how to avoid and in particular report ERWs, protecting their well-being. We are experts in this type of presentation

The latest introduction to the Ukraine war of Cluster mines (DPICM) has added another facet to the dilemma of the ERW threat to the civilian population and kids in particular,

The introduction to the Ukraine theatre of the American Cluster mines weapon system currently

Cluster Mines or (DPICM) Dual-Purpose Improved Conventional Munitions pose a significant threat to children in Ukraine due to their inherent danger and the lasting impact they can have on communities. These weapons are designed to disperse multiple submunitions over a wide area, often resembling small objects like toys or colourful items. Children, being naturally curious, may be attracted to these seemingly harmless objects, unknowingly causing them to explode and resulting in severe injuries or even fatalities. The indiscriminate nature of cluster munitions and their remnants also means that they can remain hidden in the environment, continuing to pose a threat long after conflicts have ended. It is crucial to raise awareness about these dangers and take measures to protect children from the devastating consequences of cluster munitions.

Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) Weapons that fail to detonate as intended become unexploded ordnance. These unstable explosive devices are left behind during and after conflicts and pose dangers similar to landmines.

Abandoned Explosive Ordnance (AXO) is an explosive ordnance that has not been used during armed conflict and has been left behind and is no longer under control of the party that left it behind. It may or may not have been primed, fused, armed, or otherwise.