

PRESS FILE

Phnom Penh
15 January 1996

Dear Colleagues,

In September 1994, the Mines Advisory Group began implementing a landmine-related data gathering programme in Battambang province. The objective of this data gathering programme is to establish real figures for the number of deaths and injuries caused by landmines and UXO in Battambang province each month.

In December 1994, the first MAG Mine Accident Report for Battambang province was produced. In January 1995 MAG began a second Data Gathering Programme in Kompong Thom and a third data gathering team began work in Banteay Meanchey province at the beginning of May 1995.

Two data-gathering teams began work in Pursat and Siam Reap provinces at the beginning of January 1996.

MAG circulates Mine Accident Reports for each province to all interested agencies on a monthly basis.

Please find enclosed Mine Accident Reports and Mine Accident Reports by Activity for December 1995 for Battambang, Kompong Thom and Banteay Meanchey provinces.

Should any further information be required on any aspects of these reports please do not hesitate to contact either myself, Laurence Desvignes at the MAG Phnom Penh office or Mr. Plong Chhaya, Data Gathering Team Supervisor at the MAG Battambang office, Mr. Chhorn Lot, Data Gathering Team Leader, at the MAG Kompong Thom office or Mr. Prom Vichai, Data Gathering Team Leader at the MAG Banteay Meanchey office.

I look forward to your comments and suggestions on the attached reports.

Yours sincerely,



LAURENCE DESVIGNES
Mine Awareness Coordinator
MAG Cambodia

MONTHLY MINE & UXO ACCIDENT REPORT DECEMBER 1995 BATTAMBANG PROVINCE

In December 1995, 63 people were injured by mines and UXO. This figure includes 7 children (11 %).

A total of 10 people (15.8 %) of the 63 people injured, died as the result of their injuries.

This month 60 % (or 38 people) of the total number of casualties were soldiers, 40 % were civilians (2 % of these were adult females).

The details of the children injured are as follows:

- In Bavel district, 3 children were injured two by mines and one by a fuse. One child was injured by a fuse while burning. One boy was wounded by a mine on his way to harvest when his bicycle touched the trip wire detonating a mine which was laid in a rice field in Prey Kposh commune. Another boy was killed by a mine which was laid on a path-way (in daily use) while herding.
- In Mong Russey district, two children were injured by a landmine and an item of UXO. One girl was wounded by a mine explosion in Mong commune while she was sleeping in a hammock. One boy was injured by UXO in Russey Krang commune while playing.
- In Banan district, one young soldier was injured by a mine which was newly laid while patrolling around military base located about 700 meters from a village in Cheng Meanchey commune.
- In Rattanak Mondul district, one young soldier was injured by a mine in Sdoa commune while patrolling.

The majority of the accidents this month took place in Banan and Mong Russey districts:

In Banan district, 19 people were injured by mines and UXO.

- 14 of these were soldiers (including one young soldier):
8 of these casualties were injured by mines while patrolling around a military base located about 700 meters from a village in Cheng Meanchey commune.
One soldier was injured while removing the explosive content from an item of UXO. Two soldiers were injured by a mine while patrolling at the military base in Takriem commune.
In Kantu II commune, one soldier was injured by a mine while patrolling.. Another soldier was injured by a mine while patrolling in Kantu I commune.
- Five civilians were injured by landmines and UXO:
4 adult civilians male were injured by mines: two of these were injured while harvesting and the other two were injured while cutting wood in the forest. One was injured while harvesting, when the trip wire was pulled detonating a fuse.

In Mong Russey district, 18 people were injured by landmines and UXO.

- 13 of the total number were soldiers:

3 soldiers were injured by a mine while patrolling at Tippadey military base.

In Tippadey commune, one soldier was injured while extracting the explosive content from a mine.

In another incident three more soldiers were killed while attempting to extract the explosive content from a mine. As a result of this incident 4 bystanders were wounded. In Russey Kraing commune,

two soldiers were injured by a mine while patrolling at a military base.

- In Mong commune, 5 civilians (including 2 children) were injured: 2 adult civilian males were injured by a mine while fishing (the mine was laid on the bank of the river). One woman was injured when a mine exploded as a soldier was attempting to extract the explosive content.

In Rattanak Mondul district, 11 people were injured by mines.

- 9 of these were soldiers (including one young soldier) injured by mines in Andeuk Heb commune: two soldiers were injured while patrolling (one died as a result of his injuries); 4 soldiers were injured by mines while patrolling at a military base; 2 were injured while attempting to extract the explosive content from mines.

- Two adult civilian males were injured by mines: one was killed by a mine while cutting bamboo in the forest about three kilometers from a village in Treng commune. One was injured by a mine while cutting wood.

In Bavel district, 10 people were injured by mines and UXO.

Three of these were soldiers: in Ampil 5 Doeum commune, two soldiers were injured by mines while patrolling. One soldier was injured in the explosion.

In Prey Kposh commune, 7 civilians were injured by mines and UXO (including 2 boys and 1 girl):

one adult male was killed while attempting to extract the explosive content from an item of UXO.

One man was injured by a mine while cutting thatch. One man was killed and another injured when they detonated a mine while traveling in a newly-mined area.

In Sangke district, 3 adult civilian males were injured by a mine: in O Dambang commune, one man was killed when he attempted to move a rice sack which held a mine. A passing cyclist and another man standing nearby were also injured in the explosion.

In Battambang district, 2 people were injured one by mine and another by UXO. In Chroy Sdoa commune, one adult civilian male was injured while extracting the explosive content from an item of UXO. One soldier was injured by a mine in Boeung Pring commune while traveling in a newly-mined area.

“LONG TERM MINE VICTIMS”

This month 11 of 63 people injured are considered ‘long term mine victims’.

Of the 11 people in this category, 9 are soldiers who sustained the following injuries:

- 2 above knee amputations
- 5 below knee amputations
- 2 below elbow amputation to (L) hand

2 of the 11 were young boys who sustained the following injuries.

- 1 below knee amputation to (R) leg
- 1 below elbow amputation to (L) hand

MONTHLY MINE ACCIDENT REPORT IN BATTAMBANG PROVINCE

MONTH: DECEMBER 1995

DISTRICTS	AGE/ YRS	0-4	5-10	11-18	19-25	26-30	31-35	36-40	41-45	46-50	51-55	56-60	61-65	66-70	71+	Total
	SEX															
BANAN	M			1	10	3	2	2				1				19
	F															0
BATTAMBANG CITY	M															0
	F															0
BATTAMBANG DISTRICT	M				1	1										2
	F															0
BOVEL	M			2		1		3		1	1	1				9
	F		1													1
EK PHNOM	M															0
	F															0
MONG RUSSEY	M		1		4	4	2	3	1	1						16
	F	1			1											2
RATTANAK MONDOL	M			1		5	2	1	2							11
	F															0
SANGKAE	M				2		1									3
	F															0
GRAND TOTAL		1	2	4	18	14	7	9	3	2	1	2	0	0	0	63

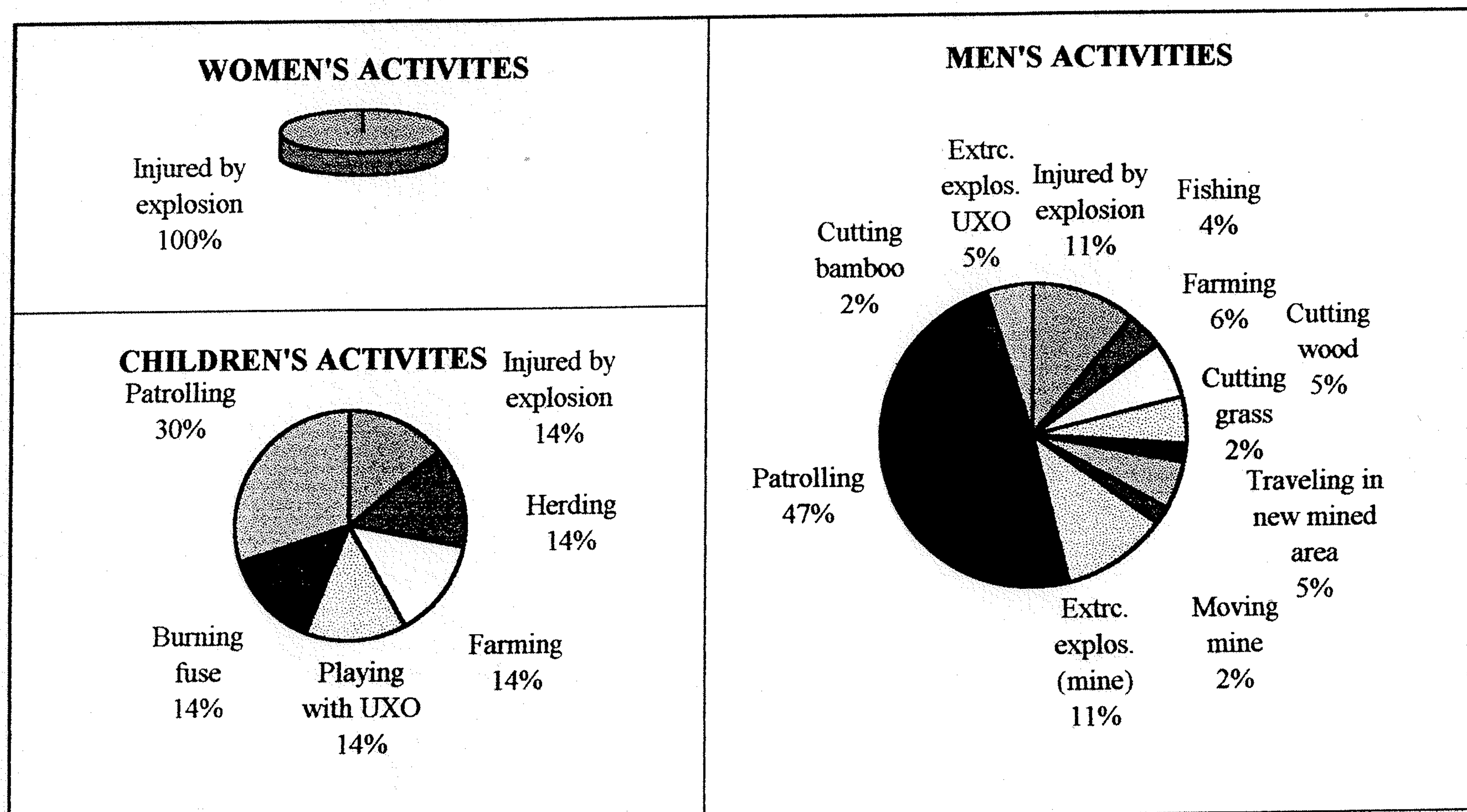
CATEGORY	Number			% of total injured	Long term mine victims *
	Total	Uxo	Mine		
Civilian Male (age 19 +) injured, including deaths	17	3	14	27	0
Civilian Female (age 19 +) injured, including deaths	1	0	1	2	0
Military (regarless of age) injured, including deaths	38	1	37	60	9
Children (ages 0-18) injured, including deaths	7	2	5	11	2
Total Injuries, including deaths	63	6	57	100	11
Adult Civilian Male deaths	4	1	3	6.3	
Adult Civilian Female deaths	0	0	0	0	
Military deaths	5	0	5	8	
Children's deaths	1	0	1	1.6	
Total deaths	10	1	9	15.9	

9 cows
Report by: DG Team BTB
Date completed: 31/12/95

* Long Term Mine Victims: victims
who lost eye(s), finger(s), hand(s),
limb(s), or who are tetraplegic, paraplegic,
hemiplegic

MINES ADVISORY GROUP

MINE ACCIDENT REPORT BY ACTIVITY BATTAMBANG PROVINCE - DECEMBER 1995



		TOTAL NUMBER OF CASUALTIES	MEN	WOMEN	CHILDREN
		63	55	1	7
CATEGORIES	SUB-CATEGORIES	% of Total Number of Male Casualties	% of Total Number of Female Casualties	% of Total Number of Children Injured	
INJURED BY EXPLOSION	(Standing nearby)	11.00%	100.00%	14.00%	
HERDING				14.00%	
CUTTING WOOD		5.00%			
FISHING	DUE TO USE OF EXPLOSIVE				
	MINES ON RIVER BANK	4.00%			
CUTTING BAMBOO		2.00%			
FARMING		6.00%		14.00%	
CUTTING GRASS		2.00%			
TRAVELING IN	UNKNOWN MINED AREAS				
	KNOWN MINED AREAS				
	NEW MINED AREAS	5.00%			
TOUCHING	MOVING MINE	2.00%			
	EXTRACTING EXPLOSIVE / METAL FROM UXO	5.00%			
	EXTRACTING EXPLOSIVE / METAL FROM MINE	11.00%			
	PLAYING WITH UXO			14.00%	
PATROLLING		47.00%		30.00%	
BURNING FUSE				14.00%	

MINES ADVISORY GROUP

MONTHLY MINE & UXO ACCIDENT REPORT DECEMBER 1995 KOMPONG THOM PROVINCE

In December 1995, 23 people were injured by mines/ UXO including 1 male child. 4 (17 %) of the 23 people injured died as the result of their injuries. 17 (74 %) of the total number of casualties were soldiers, 6 (26 %) of the 23 people injured were civilians.

This month all accidents took place in Stung and Prasath Balang districts, the most heavily-mined areas in the province.

In Stung district, 16 people were injured by mines and UXO.

- 5 civilian males (including one child) were injured:

2 civilian males were injured while harvesting rice in a paddy-field in the north-west area of the district. One man died as a result of his injuries.

2 civilian males were injured while fishing in Vierl Krum area, south of Stung district. One man died as a result of his injuries.

One boy was injured by a mine in Popiey village, Trear commune while herding buffalo. The mine detonated when the buffalo stepped on it and the boy was injured in the explosion.

- 11 soldiers were injured:

7 soldiers were injured by mines in Por Pork commune while traveling back from the front line to camp. Two soldiers were injured by a mine while patrolling.

One soldier was injured in Kaul village Pralay commune while trying to de-fuse a mine.

One soldier was injured while trying to de-fuse an 80 mm Mortar.

In Prasath Balaing district, 7 people were injured by mines:

- One of the 7 was a civilian male injured while cutting wood.

- 6 of the 7 victims were soldiers. One soldier was injured while fighting, the other 5 were injured while patrolling along Route #12 between O'Por village and Prasath Balaing district.

"LONG TERM MINE VICTIMS"

This month 3 soldiers were registered as "long-term mine victims":

- One lost all the fingers on the right hand
- One lost several fingers on one hand
- One lost right eye

MONTHLY MINE ACCIDENT REPORT IN KOMPONG THOM PROVINCE

MONTH: DECEMBER 1995

DISTRICTS	AGE/ YRS	0-4	5-10	11-18	19-25	26-30	31-35	36-40	41-45	46-50	51-55	56-60	61-65	66-70	71+	Total
	SEX															
BARAY	M															0
	F															0
KOMPONG SVAY	M															0
	F															0
PRASAT BALAIN	M				3	1	2	1								7
	F															0
PRASAT SAMBO	M															0
	F															0
SANDAN	M															0
	F															0
SANTUK	M															0
	F															0
STEUNG SEN	M															0
	F															0
STUNG	M			1	4	3	1	2	3	2						16
	F															0
GRAND TOTAL		0	0	1	7	4	3	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	23

CATEGORY	Number			% of total injured	Long term mine victims *
	Total	Uxo	Mine		
Civilian Male (age 19 +) injured, including deaths	5	0	5	22	
Civilian Female (age 19 +) injured, including deaths	0	0	0	0	
Military (regarless of age) injured, including deaths	17	1	16	74	3
Children (ages 0-18) injured, including deaths	1	0	1	4	
Total Injuries, including deaths	23	1	22	100	3
Adult Civilian Male deaths	3	0	3	13	
Adult Civilian Female deaths	0	0	0	0	
Military deaths	1	0	1	4	
Children's deaths	0	0	0	0	
Total deaths	4	0	4	17	

2 cows

Report by: DG team KT

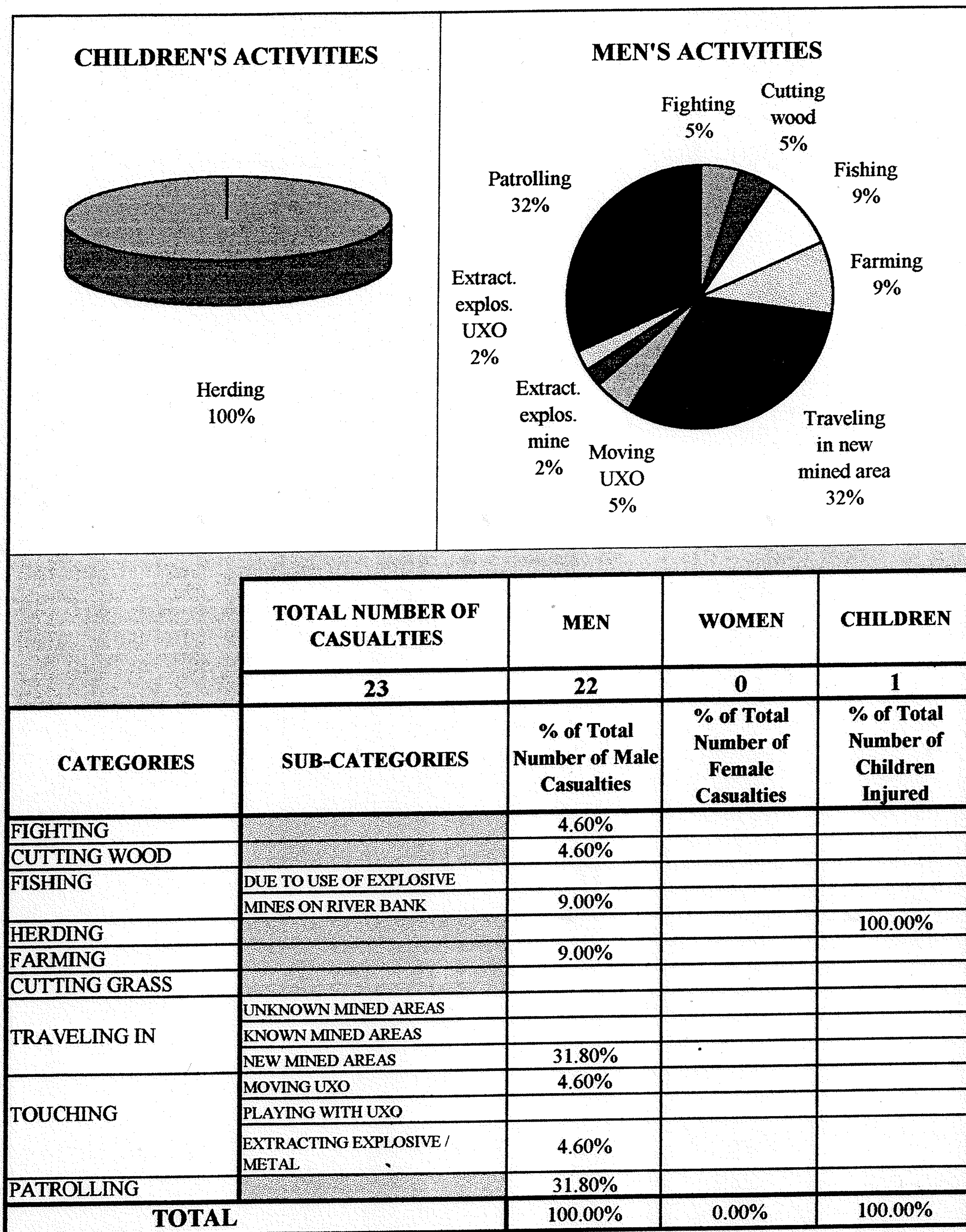
Date completed: 31/12/95

* Long Term Mine Victims: victims who lost
eye(s), finger(s), hand(s), limb(s)
or who are tetraplegic, paraplegic, hemiplegic

MINES ADVISORY GROUP

MINE ACCIDENT REPORT BY ACTIVITY

KOMPONG THOM PROVINCE - DECEMBER 1995



MINES ADVISORY GROUP

MONTHLY MINE / UXO ACCIDENT REPORT DECEMBER 1995 BANTEAY MEANCHEY PROVINCE

In December 1995, 45 people were injured by mines and UXO. This figure includes 8 children (18 %). Of the 8 children injured, 6 were injured by UXO and 2 were injured by mines.

10 (22.2 %) of the 45 people injured, died as a result of their injuries. This month 19 (42 %) of the total number of casualties were soldiers, 26 (58 %) were civilians (5 of these (11 %) were adult females).

The majority of accidents occurred in O' Choa and Preash Neth Preash districts:

In O'Choa district, 23 people were injured by mines and UXO:

- In Kuth Tasorth commune, 10 soldiers were injured by mines. Three soldiers were injured while attempting to move a mine. One soldier was injured while moving a mine and two other soldiers were injured in the explosion (including one young soldier under 18 years old). Two soldiers were injured while traveling in a newly-mined area. One soldier was injured by a mine while traveling in an unknown mined area and one soldier was injured in the explosion.
- In Poipet commune, 6 people were injured by mines and UXO. Two soldiers and one civilian male were injured while transporting UXO. One civilian female was injured while traveling in an unknown mined area. One soldier was injured while attempting to move a mine and another was injured in the explosion.
- In Nimith commune, 4 people were injured by mines. Three were civilians (2 of whom were killed outright) on their way to harvest rice in a paddy-field when the tractor they were driving ran over an anti-tank mine. One soldier was injured while traveling in a newly mined area.
- In Kop commune, one soldier was injured by a mine while digging the ground and a second soldier was injured in the explosion.
- In Chornng Ha commune, one soldier was injured while moving a mine.

In Preash Neth Preash district, 11 people were injured by UXO.

All casualties were injured in Toeuk Chou commune: one civilian male was killed while moving a UXO. As a result of this incident two female civilians were killed outright, while 2 civilian males, 2 civilian females and 4 children were injured in the explosion.

In Mongkolborey district, 4 people were injured by mines and UXO.

In Soeur commune, one girl was injured while burning a UXO and another girl was killed in the explosion.

In Cham Naum commune, one civilian male was injured by a mine while traveling in a newly-mined area and another civilian was injured by the explosion.

In Phnom Srok district, 3 people were injured by landmines.

In Ponley commune, one civilian male was injured while traveling in a newly-mined area and a young boy was injured in the explosion.

One civilian male was injured while traveling in a newly-mined area in Nam Thao commune.

In Ampil district, 2 people were injured by mines.

In Boeng commune, one civilian male was killed by a mine while traveling in a newly-mined area and one soldier was injured in the explosion.

In Thmor Pouk district, one person was killed in Kok Romeath commune while attempting to move a mine.

In Serey Sophon district, one person was injured in Kos Pongsath commune when he accidentally detonated an item of UXO while digging the ground.

“LONG TERM MINE VICTIMS”

This month 8 of 45 people injured are considered “long term mine victims”

Of the 8 people in this category two civilians and six soldiers sustained the following injuries:

- 2 civilian (1 female and 1 male) suffered below knee amputations to (R) leg
- 2 soldiers below knee amputation to (L) leg
- 1 soldier below knee amputation to (R) leg
- 1 soldier above knee amputation to (R) leg
- 2 soldiers blinded in both eyes

MONTHLY MINE ACCIDENT REPORT IN BANTEAY MEANCHEY PROVINCE

MONTH: DECEMBER 1995

DISTRICTS	AGE/ YRS	0-4	5-10	11-18	19-25	26-30	31-35	36-40	41-45	46-50	51-55	56-60	61-65	66-70	71+	Total
	SEX															
AMPIL	M															0
	F					1		1								2
MONG KUL BOREY	M						1		1							2
	F		2													2
O CHRAO	M			1	3	9	8	1								22
	F							1								1
PHNOM SROK	M	1			1		1									3
	F															0
PREASH NETPREASH	M				2					1						3
	F		3	1	1	1		1	1							8
SEREY SOPHON	M					1										1
	F															0
SVAY CHEK	M															0
	F															0
THMOR POUK	M				1											1
	F															0
GRAND TOTAL		1	5	2	8	12	10	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	45

CATEGORY	Number			% of total injured	Long term mine victims *
	Total	Uxo	Mine		
Civilian Male (age 19 +) injured, including deaths	13	5	8	29	1
Civilian Female (age 19 +) injured, including deaths	5	4	1	11	1
Military (regarless of age) injured, including deaths	19	2	17	42	6
Children (ages 0-18) injured, including deaths	8	6	2	18	0
Total Injuries, including deaths	45	17	28	100	8
Adult Civilian Male deaths	6	3	3	13.33	
Adult Civilian Female deaths	2	2	0	4.44	
Military deaths	1	0	1	2.22	
Children's deaths	1	1	0	2.22	
Total deaths	10	6	4	22.21	

2 cows

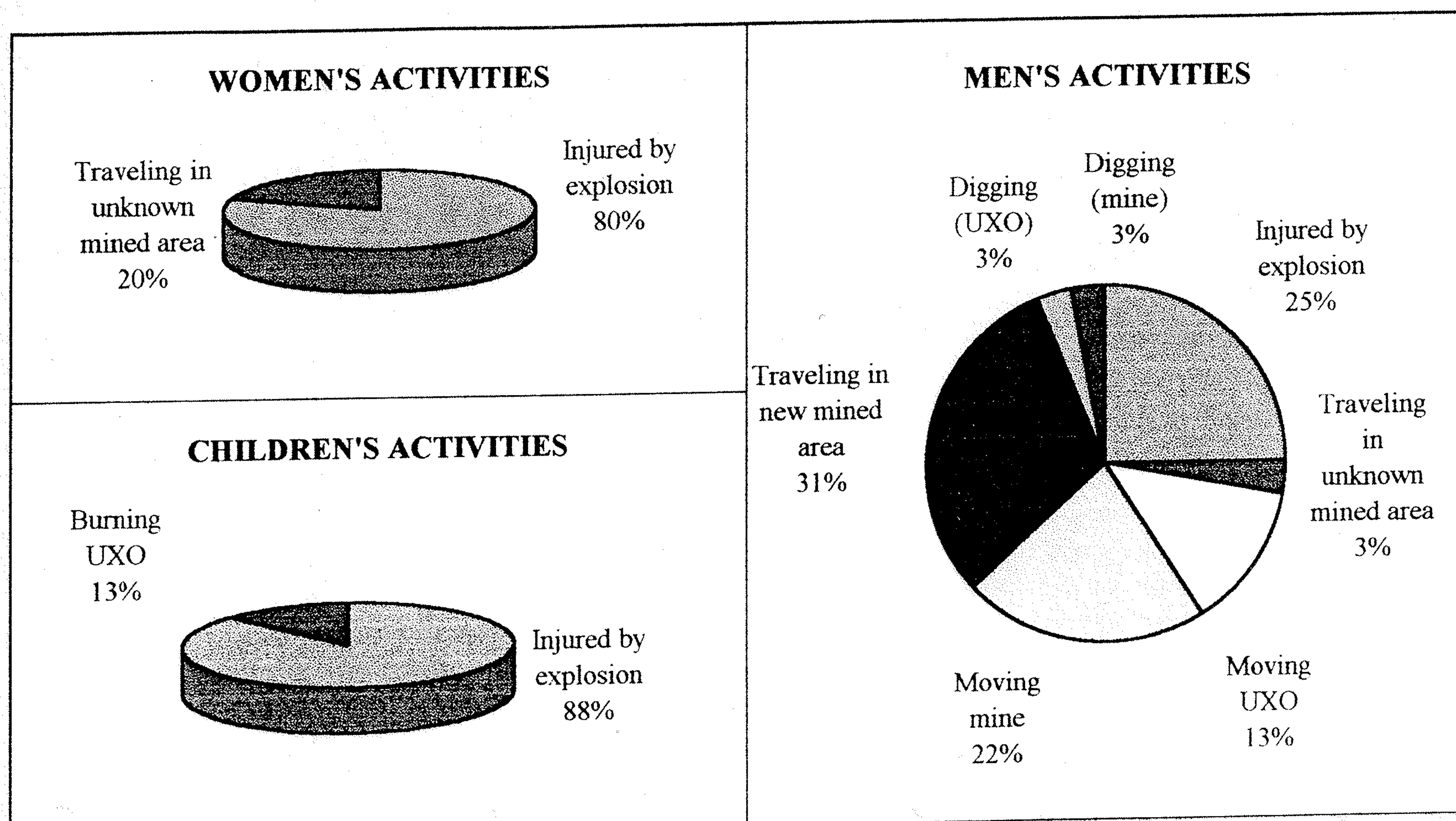
Report by: DGT BMC
Date completed: 31/12/95

* Long Term Mine Victims: victims who lost eye(s), finger(s), hand(s), limb(s), or who are tetraplegic, paraplegic, hemiplegic

MINES ADVISORY GROUP

MINE ACCIDENT REPORT BY ACTIVITY

BANTEAY MEANCHEY PROVINCE - DECEMBER 1995



		TOTAL NUMBER OF CASUALTIES	MEN	WOMEN	CHILDREN
		45	32	5	8
CATEGORIES	SUB-CATEGORIES	% of Total Number of Male Casualties	% of Total Number of Female Casualties	% of Total Number of Children Injured	
INJURED BY EXPLOSION	(Standing nearby)	25.00%	80.00%	87.50%	
CUTTING WOOD					
DIGGING	HITTING MINE	3.00%			
	HITTING UXO	3.00%			
HERDING					
FARMING					
BURNING UXO				12.50%	
TRAVELING IN	UNKNOWN MINED AREAS	3.00%	20.00%		
	KNOWN MINED AREAS				
	NEW MINED AREAS	31.00%			
TOUCHING	MOVING UXO	13.00%			
	MOVING MINE	22.00%			
	EXTRACTING EXPLOSIVE / METAL				
PATROLLING					
TOTAL		100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	

MINES ADVISORY GROUP