



Humanitarian consequences of the use of explosive weapons in populated areas

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Explosive weapons with wide area effects



ROCKET LAUNCHERS



TANK GUNS



FIELD ARTILLERY

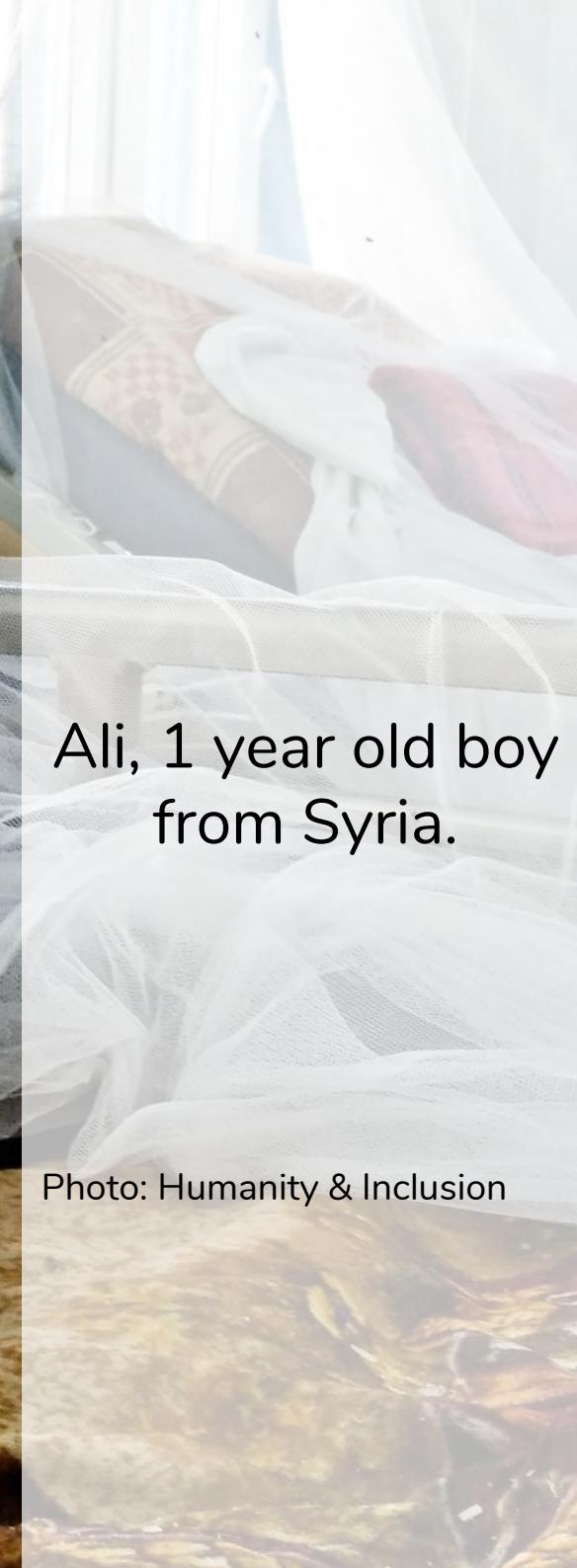


MORTARS



AIR BOMBS & MISSILES

Source: GICHD, www.characterisationexplosiveweapons.org



Ali, 1 year old boy
from Syria.

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The first catalyst of forced displacements for Syrian refugees in Lebanon, for men and women alike, is **bombing and shelling**.

Data from HI report:
“Everywhere the bombing followed us”

Perspectives of Syrian women refugees in Lebanon

Photo: B. Almeras



There is no distinct treatment of explosive weapons in international humanitarian law, human rights law or weapon specific law



Photo: M. Garlasco

When explosive weapons were used in populated areas 91% of the casualties were civilian.



Source AOAV

Urbanization
of conflict,
civilians are
too often at
the center of
hostilities

Photo: HH HRF



States should review their national policies and practices

International community should **strongly condemn the use of explosive weapons in populated areas and endorse the UN Secretary-General's recommendation**

States should support the development of an **international political instrument**



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