

PUBLIC HEALTH APPROACH

MINE ACTION

Demining



Risk Education



Victim Assistance



Advocacy



Stockpile Destruction



Evidence Base

DEFINITION OF HEALTH

- “A state of complete physical, mental and social **well-being** and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity”

(WHO, 1948)

PUBLIC HEALTH

- "The science and art of preventing disease [and injury], prolonging life and promoting health through organized efforts and informed choices of society, organizations, public and private, communities and individuals"

(1920, C.E.A. Winslow).

PUBLIC HEALTH APPROACH

**Public Health
Model**



Versus

**Medical
Model**



PUBLIC HEALTH INTERVENTIONS (EXAMPLES)

Hand
Washing

Armed
Violence
Reduction

**Tobacco
control**

Road

MINE

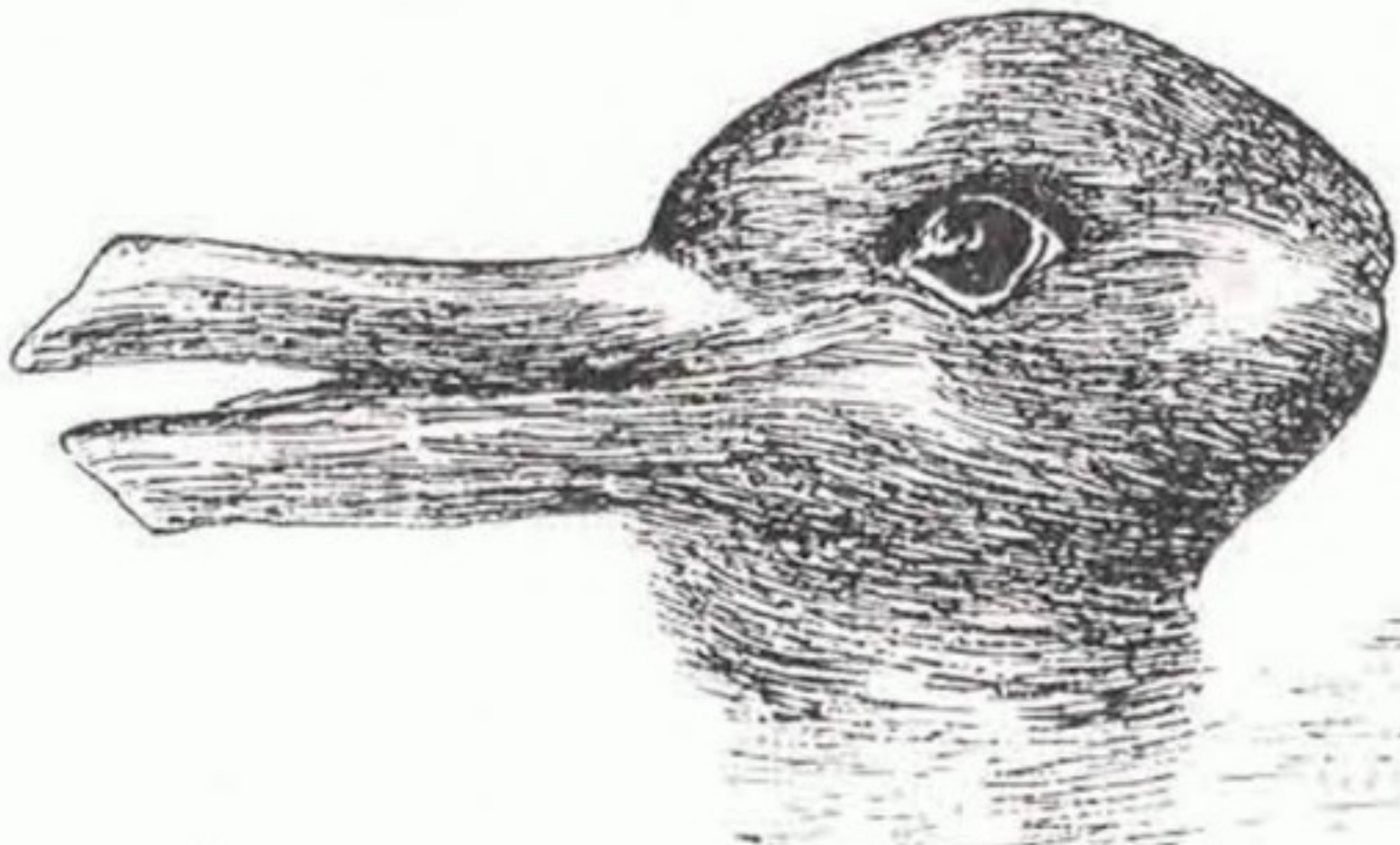
HIV Prevention

Safety

ACTION!

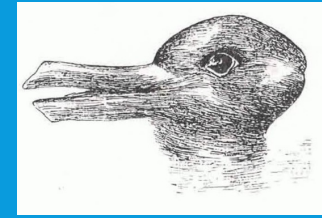
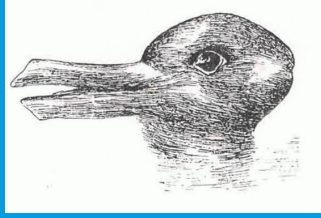
MENTAL HEALTH

**Disaster
Response**





**NEW
PARADIGM
AHEAD**



Land Release



Public Health

Value #1

IHL Treaty obligations



Evidence

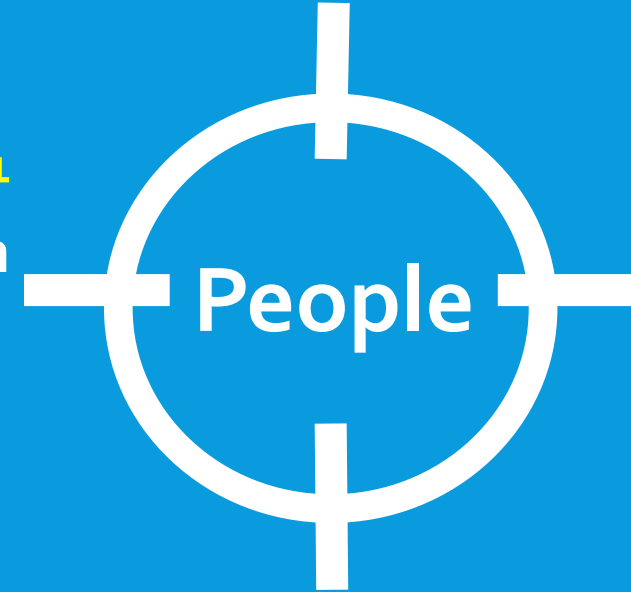
Contamination surveys

Vision

EO Free World

Value #1

Human life



Evidence

Impact surveys
Injury Surveillance!

Vision

EO impact Free World

PUBLIC HEALTH APPROACH IN APMBC

Preamble of the APMBC:

“The State Parties, determined to put an end to the suffering and casualties caused by anti-personnel mines, that kill or maim hundreds of people every week (...)”

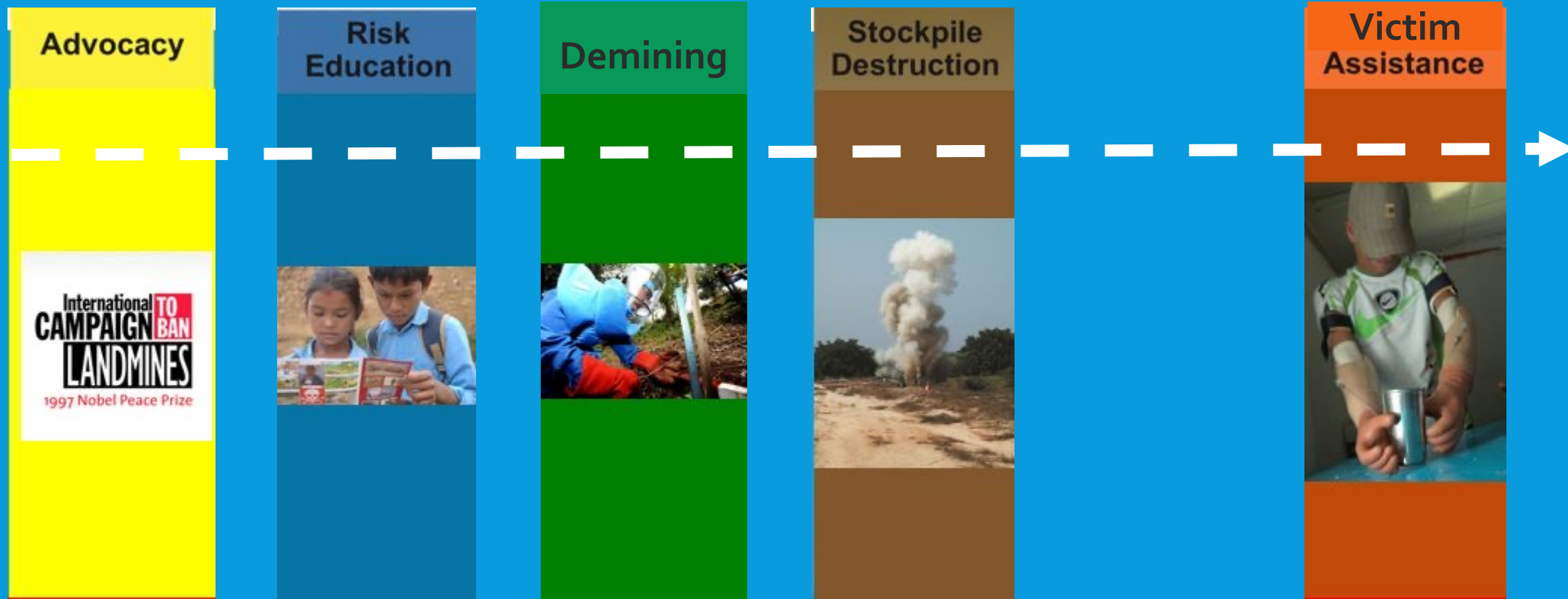
CASE STUDY

A study in Cambodia on the alignment of demining assets with casualties revealed that

“only 27 per cent of assets were allocated to provinces that accounted for 75 per cent of the casualties”

(GICHD, 2011).

PREVENTION CONTINUUM

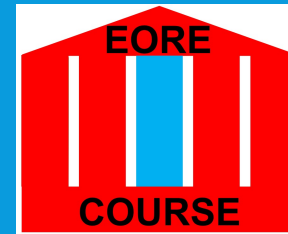


Primary Prevention (before incident)

2nd/tertiary Prevention (after incident)

PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE (SPIEZ COURSES)

Two UNICEF certified courses promote the use of public health approaches and frameworks that are compatible with the land release approach:



Since 2016, **145 participants** (76 female, 69 male) from **40 countries** and **21 organizations*** learnt how to develop robust results ToC and frameworks, quality EORE, and break down silos between organizations and pillars.

* UN, NGOs, NMAA, ICRC, KOICA, OSCE, GICHD, DDPS, Balamand University

RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Consider** public health approaches when:
 - Developing Strategies, ToC, Theories of Action, results frameworks
 - Prioritizing, implementing, monitoring and evaluating mine action
- **Invest** in stronger national injury surveillance systems
- **Promote** the use of explicit priority-setting mechanisms (with explicit values, criteria, indicators)