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## **Death & Damage - COP27 leaves Carbon Bombs unattended, risking millions of lives**

*COP27 Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt* - A [new dataset](#) on the potential climate impacts of the biggest fossil fuel projects in the world, so called "[Carbon Bombs](#)" was published by LINGO in the final hours of COP27. The dataset draws attention to the harm which fossil fuels, particularly Carbon Bombs, could bring onto the global community if allowed to go ahead. The dataset quantifies the lives at risk from the climate impacts of the biggest fossil fuel projects worldwide and assigns a potential "Death & Damage" toll to each of them.

Two weeks of negotiations at the UN Climate Summit in Egypt once again saw little progress towards bringing the key driver of the climate emergency, fossil fuels, under control. In spite of 425 Carbon Bombs being present in 50 countries, the extraction of fossil fuels is not part of the UNFCCC agenda.

According to the dataset

- 266 million people could die globally if the 425 Carbon Bombs are not defused.
- China, the US, Russia, Saudi-Arabia and Australia could each be killing over ten million people, via climate impacts over the course of the century if all of their Carbon Bombs are proceeding to full extraction.
- Each Carbon Bomb project would kill more than 200,000 people over the course of the century, if its coal, oil or gas were extracted and burnt.
- Damages would be in the hundreds of billions of USD for each project allowed to go forward.

"We release this data today, to make sure the story these numbers tell will never happen. These are frightening figures, and they should shake governments and companies out of their complacency towards coal, oil and fossil gas" Kjell Kühne, LINGO director, said. "The climate emergency is unfolding before our eyes. We want to stress with data: every fossil fuel project kills and destroys" he said. "Just how much is the question that the dataset aims to answer."

The name of the dataset, "Death & Damage" reframes a topic of the UNFCCC negotiations which has, unsuccessfully, aimed to address the responsibilities of polluters for the damages caused by climate impacts. "It has taken over a decade to unsuccessfully raise 100 billion USD for all climate finance, including loss & damage.

Our dataset shows that just *one* carbon bomb project, out of over 400, has the capacity to cause four times the financial damages the global climate finance effort has raised. We need to rethink this” said Fatima Eisam Eldeen, the researcher responsible for the dataset.

The dataset is available [on the LINGO website](#).

LINGO calls on the global climate movement to [defuse these Carbon Bombs](#) and build [Fossil Free Zones](#) instead. Both can be done by citizens. In the face of a UNFCCC process, and governments unable, or unwilling, to halt fossil fuels, such bottom-up action is needed.

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**More information:**

- [Death & Damage dataset](#) (including figures per country and per project)
- [List of Carbon Bombs](#)
- [Fossil Free Zones](#)

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