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# DDASaccident070

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# DDAS Accident Report

## Accident details

<b>Report date:</b> 19/04/2006	<b>Accident number:</b> 70
<b>Accident time:</b> not recorded	<b>Accident Date:</b> 27/07/1995
<b>Where it occurred:</b> Bairro Horto, Kuito	<b>Country:</b> Angola
<b>Primary cause:</b> Field control inadequacy (?)	<b>Secondary cause:</b> Field control inadequacy (?)
<b>Class:</b> Excavation accident	<b>Date of main report:</b> [No date recorded]
<b>ID original source:</b> none	<b>Name of source:</b> Other
<b>Organisation:</b> [Name removed]	
<b>Mine/device:</b> not recorded	<b>Ground condition:</b> not recorded
<b>Date record created:</b> 23/01/2004	<b>Date last modified:</b> 23/01/2004
<b>No of victims:</b> 1	<b>No of documents:</b> 1

## Map details

<b>Longitude:</b>	<b>Latitude:</b>
<b>Alt. coord. system:</b>	<b>Coordinates fixed by:</b>
<b>Map east:</b>	<b>Map north:</b>
<b>Map scale:</b> not recorded	<b>Map series:</b>
<b>Map edition:</b>	<b>Map sheet:</b>
<b>Map name:</b>	

## Accident Notes

squatting/kneeling to excavate (?)

no independent investigation available (?)

inadequate investigation (?)

## Accident report

No detailed report of this accident was found at the Angola MAC, or by the country office of the demining NGO involved. It was recorded on a summarised spreadsheet.

Because the demining group's SOPs do not permit them to "handle" devices, it is inferred from the injuries that the accident occurred while prodding or excavating. The demining group approved squatting to prod and/or excavate at a later date and are assumed to have done so at this time.

The demining NGO involved may not have been issuing visors and vests at the time of this accident.

## Victim Report

<b>Victim number:</b> 100	<b>Name:</b> [Name removed]
<b>Age:</b>	<b>Gender:</b> Male
<b>Status:</b> deminer	<b>Fit for work:</b> not known
<b>Compensation:</b> not made available	<b>Time to hospital:</b> not recorded
<b>Protection issued:</b> Not recorded	<b>Protection used:</b> not recorded

### Summary of injuries:

AMPUTATION/LOSS

Arm

COMMENT

No medical report was made available.

### Analysis

The primary cause of this accident is listed as a "*Field control inadequacy*" because the injuries imply that the victim was prodding at the wrong angle and that his error went uncorrected. If he was not prodding he must have been handling the device, which would have been a breach of the demining group's operating procedures.

It is possible that the victim's arm was damaged by his handtool, as in other accidents among these records.

In 1999, the demining group's UK head office claimed not to keep copies of field accidents. This is now known to be untrue. The UK management's unwillingness to share data openly could be taken to imply that they sought to conceal things. Its field staff have usually shared the information that is available to them.

An agreement to share data made in June 2000 had not been honoured by the time of the release of this database.