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DDAS Accident Report

Accident details

Report date: 04/03/2011	Accident number: 600
Accident time: 11:08	Accident Date: 01/05/2008
Where it occurred: Qala-i-Zafar Village, Fayzabad District, Badakhshan Province	Country: Afghanistan
Primary cause: Field control inadequacy (?)	Secondary cause: Unavoidable (?)
Class: Excavation accident	Date of main report:
ID original source:	Name of source: UNMACCA
Organisation: [Name removed]	
Mine/device: PMN AP blast	Ground condition: Not recorded
Date record created:	Date last modified: 04/03/2011
No of victims: 1	No of documents: 1

Map details

Longitude:	Latitude:
Alt. coord. system: Not recorded	Coordinates fixed by:
Map east:	Map north:
Map scale:	Map series:
Map edition:	Map sheet:
Map name:	

Accident Notes

inadequate investigation (?)

handtool may have increased injury (?)

inadequate training (?)

Accident report

The only report of this accident that has been made available to date was in a UNMACA EXCEL spreadsheet. Text in square brackets [] is editorial. This record will be revised as more information becomes available.

The EXCEL summary is reproduced below, edited for anonymity.

Demining Accident involving [Demining group]

Date: 1st May 2008

Time: 11:08

Location: Qala-i-Zafar Village, Fayzabad District, Badakhshan Province.

Task Number: [None]

Team: MCT-41

Name of victim: [Name removed], Deminer

Injury type: Injuries in his left leg and right hand

Activity: Excavating

Mine: PMN

Internal ID: DA 10

Accident investigation completed. Action taken.

It is the conclusion of the investigation team that the involved deminer was carelessly excavating a signal which was 25cm out of his clearance lane in a steep area, and as he could not properly control his activity, the accident happened.

Victim Report

Victim number: 783	Name: [Name removed]
Age:	Gender: Male
Status: deminer	Fit for work: not known
Compensation: Not made available	Time to hospital: Not made available
Protection issued: Not recorded	Protection used: Not made available

Summary of injuries:

INJURIES: severe Hand, severe Leg

COMMENT: No Medical report was made available.

Analysis

The primary cause of this accident is listed as a *Field Control Inadequacy* because the Victim was working in a way that was unsafe and his error was not corrected. The secondary cause is listed as *“Unavoidable”* because there is not enough detail available to determine what really happened and it may be that the deminer was working as instructed when the accident occurred. If this is the case, the Field Managers bear considerable responsibility for not having learned from a similar accident involving this demining group only a few weeks previously. The repetition of the deminer working well outside his lane implies that lessons were not learned from the previous accident, which is the *Inappropriate training* listed under Notes.

The short excavation tool used by this demining group is not blast resistant and may have contributed to the Victim’s hand injury.

The "*Inadequate investigation*" listed under Notes refers to the absence of a full accident report. The UN supported MACCA has failed to make these widely available for some years in contravention of the requirements of the IMAS.