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DDAS Accident Report

Accident details

Report date: 04/03/2011
Accident number: 605
Accident time: Not recorded
Accident Date: 02/11/2008
Country: Afghanistan

Where it occurred: AF/0101/00000/BF
671-40, Qargha
Village, Ward No 05
District, Kabul
Province

Primary cause: Field control inadequacy (?)
Secondary cause: Inadequate training (?)

Class: Excavation accident
ID original source: DA43
Organisation: [Name removed]
Mine/device: Fuze

Date of main report:
Name of source: UNMACCA
Ground condition: not recorded

Date record created: 04/03/2011
Date last modified: 04/03/2011

No of victims: 1
No of documents: 1

Map details

Longitude: not recorded
Latitude: coordinates fixed by:
Alt. coord. system: not recorded

Map east: Map north:
Map scale: Map series:
Map edition: Map sheet:
Map name: 

Accident Notes

inadequate investigation (?)
squatting/kneeling to excavate (?)
visor not worn or worn raised (?)
Inadequate detector pinpointing
protective equipment not worn (?)
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 if more information is made available.

The EXCEL summary is reproduced below, edited for anonymity.

S. # 43, No.# Accident: DA43
Demining group: [Name removed]
Date of Accident: 2nd November 2008
IMMSA ID: CA-182
Accident/Incident: Demining accident
Name: [the Victim]
Type of Casualty: Injured
Type of injury: Forehead, right hand and different parts of his body have got injuries
Title: Deminer
Team No: DT-01
Task No: AF/0101/00000/BF 671-40
Activity of Victim during accident: Excavating
Type Device: Fuse
Equipment Damaged: [None]
Village, District, Province: Qargha Village, Ward No 05 District, Kabul Province
Investigation Completed Y/N: Y
Action Taken by NGOs (Y/N): Y
BOI Conclusions:
The investigation team concluded that the contributing factors to this accident were Carelessness of de-miner in terms of started excavation on top of the signal without deliberation of safety precautionary and poor command and control.

Victim Report

Victim number: 788  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 recorded
Summary of injuries:
INJURIES: severe Body, severe Face, severe Hand

COMMENT: No Medical report was made available.

Analysis

The primary cause of this accident is listed as a Field Control Inadequacy because the investigators concluded that there was poor command and control. The injury spread, including forehead and body, implies that PPE was not being worn at the time. The secondary cause is listed as Inadequate training because it seems that the deminer either did not know how to pinpoint a detector reading adequately or did not understand the risks of digging directly on top of the place where the detector signalled.

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. The failure of the UN to share the Afghan investigators’ work with others is regrettable.