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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
Where it occurred: AF/0101/00000/BF 671-40, Qargha Village, Ward No 05 District, Kabul Province	Country: Afghanistan
Primary cause: Field control inadequacy (?)	Secondary cause: Inadequate training (?)
Class: Excavation accident	Date of main report:
ID original source: DA43	Name of source: UNMACCA
Organisation: [Name removed]	
Mine/device: Fuze	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 (?)
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

IMSMA 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.