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DDAS Accident Report

Accident details

Report date: 04/03/2011	Accident number: 607
Accident time: 09:00	Accident Date: 03/12/2008
Where it occurred: AF/0809/00954/MF005 2, Kohna Deh Village, Kuz Kunar, District, Nangarhar Province	Country: Afghanistan
Primary cause: Inadequate training (?)	Secondary cause: Field control inadequacy (?)
Class: Excavation accident	Date of main report:
ID original source: DA50	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 (?)
squatting/kneeling to excavate (?)
Inadequate detector pinpointing
inadequate training (?)
non injurious accident (?)

Accident report

The only report of this accident that has been made available to date was in a UNMACCA 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. # 50, No.# Accident: DA50

Demining group: [Name removed]

Date of Accident: 3rd December 2008 09:00 AM

IMSMA ID: 378

Accident/Incident: Demining accident

Name: [The Victim]

Type of Casualty: Injured

Type of injury: He remained safe, without any injuries to his body. He only got some dust in his eyes.

Title: Deminer

Team No: DT-18

Task No: AF/0809/00954/MF0052

Activity of Victim during accident: Excavating

Type Device: PMN

Equipment Damaged: [None]

Village District Province: Kohna Deh Village, Kuz Kunar, District, Nangarhar 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 deminer in terms of started excavation direct from the top of detected signal and poor command and control. As the command group failed to stop him from wrong drills and also he was not provided with proper information regarding the task.

Victim Report

Victim number: 790	Name: [Name removed]
Age:	Gender: Male
Status: deminer	Fit for work: yes
Compensation: Not made available	Time to hospital: Not made available
Protection issued: Not recorded	Protection used: Not recorded

Summary of injuries:

INJURIES: minor Eyes

COMMENT: No Medical report was made available.

Analysis

The primary cause of this accident is listed as *Inadequate training* because it seems that the Victim started excavating on top of the mine. He may not have known how to pinpoint the detector reading appropriately, or may not have been instructed in safe excavation techniques. The secondary cause is listed as a *Field Control Inadequacy* because the investigators found that the field supervisors did not give appropriate information about the task site and did not correct his errors.

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.