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DDAS Accident Report

Accident details

Report date: 05/03/2011	Accident number: 612
Accident time: 11:45	Accident Date: 04/11/2008
Where it occurred: AF/1102/12219/MF314 5, Pasta khor Village, Kashim District, Badakhshan Province	Country: Afghanistan
Primary cause: Inadequate training (?)	Secondary cause: Management/control inadequacy (?)
Class: Excavation accident	Date of main report:
ID original source: DA44	Name of source: UNMACCA
Organisation: [Name removed]	
Mine/device: PMN AP blast	Ground condition: not recorded
Date record created:	Date last modified: 05/03/2011
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
visor not worn or worn raised (?)

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. # 44, No.# Accident: DA44

Demining group: [Name removed]

Date of Accident: 4th November 2008 11:45 AM

IMSMA ID: [None]

Accident/Incident: Demining accident

Name: [The Victim]

Type of Casualty: Injured

Type of injury: Minor injuries on his left hand and superficial injury on his upper part of nose

Title: Deminer

Team No: MDG-07

Task No: AF/1102/12219/MF3145

Activity of Victim during accident: Excavating

Type Device: PMN

Equipment Damaged: [None]

Village, District, Province: Pasta khor Village, Kashim District, Badakhshan Province

Investigation Completed Y/N: Y

Action Taken by NGOs (Y/N): Y

BOI Conclusions:

1. The investigation report concluded that the main contributing factor was ignorance of SOPs by deminer in terms of conducting wrong drill during excavation. And also the poor supervision by command group is another contributing factor as the deminer was not stopped from conducting wrong drill.

Victim Report

Victim number: 795

Name: [Name removed]

Age:

Gender: Male

Status: deminer

Fit for work: presumed

Compensation: Not made available

Time to hospital: Not made available

Protection issued: Not recorded

Protection used: Not recorded

Summary of injuries:

INJURIES: minor Face, minor Hand

COMMENT: No Medical report was made available.

Analysis

The primary cause of this accident is listed as Inadequate training because the investigators found that the Victim did not know how to excavate safely. The secondary cause is listed as a Management Control Inadequacy because it is a management responsibility to ensure that all deminers are appropriately trained.

The facial injury implies that the visor was not worn correctly. The summary of the accident is inadequate and reports simply that a “wrong drill” was conducted. It may be that the deminer failed to pinpoint the detector reading adequately or that he began to dig on top of the site of the detector signal without realising the dangers involved.

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.