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DDAS Accident Report

Accident details

Report date: 05/03/2011  Accident number: 616
Accident time: 08:20  Accident Date: 05/08/2008

Where it occurred: Dashti chanar village,
Rustaq District, Takhar Province  
Country: Afghanistan

Primary cause: Field control inadequacy (?)
Secondary cause: Other (?)

Class: Excavation accident  Date of main report: Not recorded
ID original source: DA26  Name of source: UNMACCA
Organisation: [Name removed]  Ground condition: Not recorded
Mine/device: PMN-2 AP blast

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

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. # 26, No.# Accident: DA26
Demining group: [Demining group]
Date of Accident: 5th August 2008 08:20
IMSMA ID: [None]
Accident/Incident: Demining Accident
Name: [The Victim]
Type of Casualty: Injured
Type of injury: Small injuries in his both hand
Title: Deminer
Team No: MDG 16
Task No: [None]
Activity of Victim during accident: Prodding
Type Device: PMN2
Equipment Damaged: [None]
Village, District, Province: Dashti chanar village, Rustaq District, Takhar Province
Investigation Completed Y/N: Y
Action Taken by NGOs (Y/N): Y
BOI Conclusions:
It is the conclusion of the investigation team that the carelessness of involved deminer, use of wrong tool for excavation and poor supervision caused the accident happened.

**Victim Report**

Victim number: 799  
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 made available

**Summary of injuries:**
INJURIES: minor Hands

COMMENT: No Medical report was made available.
Analysis

The primary cause of this accident is listed as a Field Control inadequacy because the investigators found that there was poor supervision at the time of the accident. The secondary cause is listed as Other because there is not enough detail in the summary to determine what the deminer was doing, and what tool he was using.

To initiate the mine, the Victim was digging on top of the metal detector reading. This has occurred because of inadequate detector pinpointing in other accidents with this group at this time.

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.