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DDAS Accident Report

Accident details

Report date: 05/03/2011
Accident time: Not recorded
Accident number: 621
Accident Date: 06/04/2008
Country: Afghanistan

Where it occurred:
Kace shir khan village,
Sorobi District, Kabul Province

Primary cause: Inadequate training (?)
Secondary cause: Management/control inadequacy (?)

Class: Handling accident
Date of main report: Not recorded
ID original source: DA07, CA 169
Name of source: UNMACCA
Organisation: [Name removed]
Ground condition: not recorded
Mine/device: Fuze

Date record created: 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 (?)
inadequate training (?)
visor not worn or worn raised (?)
protective equipment not worn (?)

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 as more information becomes available.

The EXCEL summary is reproduced below, edited for anonymity.
Demining Accident involving [Demining group]

Date: 6th April 2008

Time: not recorded

Location: Kace shir khan village, Sorobi District, Kabul Province.

Task Number: MF232

Team: DT 01

Internal ID: DA 07, CA 169

Name of victim: [Name removed], Deminer

Injury type: Minor

Activity: Handling: Touching the UXO

Mine: Fuze

Accident investigation completed. Action taken.

1. It is the BOI and AMAC investigation team conclusion that the victim section leader, had found an unknown object during rest time and was tampering with it that suddenly the unknown object which probably was a UXO fuse exploded and caused left hand amputation, cut of right hand some fingers, left eye injury and left leg injuries to him.

2. The main cause of the accident is deemed to be the careless and irresponsible behaviour of the victim section leader, who touched the unknown object.

3. The victim did not have the PPE and visor; he had taken off them as it was the rest time of the team.

Victim Report

Victim number: 804

Name: [Name removed]

Age: 

Gender: Male

Status: supervisory

Fit for work: no

Compensation: Not made available

Time to hospital: Not made available

Protection issued: Frontal apron, Long visor

Protection used: None

Summary of injuries:

INJURIES: severe Eye, severe Hand, severe Leg

AMPUTATION/LOSS: Fingers Right hand, Hand Left

COMMENT: No Medical report was made available.
Analysis

The primary cause of this accident is listed as “Inadequate training” because the Victim appeared to be unaware of the risks he was taking with the unidentified fuze. The secondary cause is listed as a Management Control Inadequacy because the senior managers should have ensured that their field supervisors were appropriately trained.

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.