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DDAS Accident Report

Accident details

Report date: 05/03/2011	Accident number: 624
Accident time: 09:30	Accident Date: 06/09/2008
Where it occurred: AF/1207/32558/MF002 5, Shikhan Dara-i-Bala Village, Kalafgan 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: DA30	Name of source: UNMACCA
Organisation: [Name removed]	
Mine/device: YM-1 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 equipment (?)

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. # 30, No.# Accident: DA30

Demining group: [Demining group]

Date of Accident: 6th September 2008 09:30 AM

IMSMA ID: [None]

Accident/Incident: Demining Accident

Name: [The Victim]

Type of Casualty: Injured

Type of injury: some small multiple injuries in his left upper limb and fossa axilaris

Title: Deminer

Team No: MDG-08

Task No: AF/1207/32558/MF0025

Activity of Victim during accident: Prodding

Type Device: Anti Personal Mine (YM1/AP4) Iranian

Equipment Damaged: [None]

Village, District, Province: Shikhan Dara-i-Bala Village, Kalafgan District, Takhar Province

Investigation Completed Y/N: Y

Action Taken by NGOs (Y/N): Y

BOI Conclusions:

Poor supervision, carelessness of deminer and use of wrong tools caused the accident.

Victim Report

Victim number: 807

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 made available

Summary of injuries:

INJURIES:minor Arm

COMMENT: "some small multiple injuries in his left upper limb and fossa axilaris" [under arm area]. 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.

It is possible that the Victim failed to pinpoint the metal-detector indication appropriately and so excavated on top of the mine, as has been noted in other accidents around this time in this theatre.

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.