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DDAS Accident Report

Accident details

Report date: 05/03/2011  Accident number: 632
Accident time: 07:40  Accident Date: 09/07/2007
Where it occurred: Qalai Golay village  Country: Afghanistan
Bagram district of Parwan
Primary cause: Inadequate training (?)  Secondary cause: Unavoidable (?)
Class: Excavation accident  Date of main report: Not recorded
ID original source: None  Name of source: UNMACCA
Organisation: [Name removed]  Ground condition: not recorded
Mine/device: AP blast (unrecorded)  Date last modified: 05/03/2011
Date record created:  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 (?)
visor not worn or worn raised (?)
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 document entitled “Summary of Demining Accidents in Afghanistan in 2007”. The conversion into a DDAS file has led to some of the original formatting being lost. Text in square brackets [ ] is editorial. This record will be revised as more information becomes available.

The summary is reproduced below, edited for anonymity.
Demining Accident involving [Demining group] Deminer:
Date: 09 July 07
Location: Qalai Golay village Bagram district of Parwan
Task Number: 132
Name of victim: [Name removed], Position: Deminer
Team Number: MCT-03
Time of Accident: 07:40 hour
Device Type: AP mine
Injuries Sustained: Face injuries (minor fragments)
Current Condition: Satisfactory at Eye Hospital in Kabul

Description of the accident:
The accident occurred whilst the deminer was excavating on a detector reading; the deminer
failed to identify the center of reading, therefore he hit top of the mine.

Victim Report

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<th>Victim number: 814</th>
<th>Name: [Name removed]</th>
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<tr>
<td>Age:</td>
<td>Gender: Male</td>
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<td>Status: deminer</td>
<td>Fit for work: not known</td>
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<td>Compensation: Not made available</td>
<td>Time to hospital: Not made available</td>
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<td>Protection issued: Not recorded</td>
<td>Protection used: Not made available</td>
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Summary of injuries:
INJURIES: minor Face, severe Eye
COMMENT: Injuries Sustained: Face injuries (minor fragments). Current Condition: Satisfactory at Eye Hospital in Kabul. No Medical report was made available. Severe eye injury is inferred from his presence at the eye hospital.

Analysis
The primary cause of this accident is listed as Inadequate training because the summary says that the Victim did not pinpoint a detector reading properly and this caused the accident. The secondary cause is listed as Unavoidable because it is possible that the Victim was working to his SOPs at the time of the accident (excavation accidents do occur even when working correctly).

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.