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DDAS Accident Report

Accident details

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| Report date: 05/03/2011 | Accident number: 635 |
| Accident time: 11:15 | Accident Date: 09/11/2008 |
| Where it occurred: AF/0308/01635/HT 5314, Barikab Village, Bagram District, Pawran Province | Country: Afghanistan |
| Primary cause: Field control inadequacy (?) | Secondary cause: Management/control inadequacy (?) |
| Class: Other | Date of main report: Not recorded |
| ID original source: DA47 | Name of source: UNMACCA |
| Organisation: [Name removed] | |
| Mine/device: AP blast (unrecorded) | Ground condition: not recorded |
| Date record created: | Date last modified: 05/03/2011 |
| No of victims: 1 | No of documents: 1 |

Map details

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| 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 (?)

Accident report

The only report of this accident that has been made available to date was in a UNMACCA 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.

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No.# Accident: DA47

Demining group: [Name removed]

Date of Accident: Nov/09/2008 11:15 AM

IMSMA ID: CA-185

Accident/Incident: Demining Accident

Name: [The Victim]

Type of Casualty: Injured

Type of injury: Injuries on his face and right hand and the victim has not sustained any other injuries to his body

Title: deminer [Team Leader]

Team No: DT-25

Task No: AF/0308/01635/HT 5314

Activity of Victim during accident: Operations

Type Device: PMN

Equipment Damaged: [None]

Village, District, Province: Barikab Village, Bagram District, Pawran Province

Investigation Completed Y/N: Y

Action Taken by NGOs (Y/N): Y

BOI Conclusions:

The team leader touched an AP mine by stick and caused it to explode, which shows his carelessness in term of ignore the safety standard and joked with hazard items.

Victim Report

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| Victim number: 818 | Name: [Name removed] |
| Age: | Gender: Male |
| Status: supervisory | Fit for work: not known |
| Compensation: Not made available | Time to hospital: Not made available |
| Protection issued: Not recorded | Protection used: Not recorded |

Summary of injuries:

INJURIES: severe Face, severe Hand

COMMENT: No Medical report was made available.

Analysis

The activity at the time of this accident is called as *Other* because it involved a deliberate interaction with an AP blast mine by a Team Leader.

The primary cause of this accident is listed as a *Field Control Inadequacy* because the Victim was a field supervisor who acted in breach of basic safety requirements by poking a mine with a stick, apparently as a joke. The secondary cause is listed as a *Management Control Inadequacy* because the demining group's managers are responsible for the selection and training of appropriately responsible field supervisors.

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.