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DDAS Accident Report

Accident details

Report date: 05/03/2011	Accident number: 638
Accident time: 09:05	Accident Date: 10/07/2007
Where it occurred: H 1896, Kohi Safi district	Country: Afghanistan
Primary cause: Unavoidable (?)	Secondary cause: Unavoidable (?)
Class: Excavation accident	Date of main report: Not recorded
ID original source: None	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

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 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: 10 July 07

Location: Kohi Safi district

Task Number: H 1896

Name of victim: [Name removed]

Position: Deminer

Team Number: MCT-18

Time of Accident: 09:05 hour

Device Type: AP mine

Injuries Sustained: minor injuries below knee

Current condition: Satisfactory, rest at [Demining group] camp in Bagram

Description of the accident:

The accident occurred while the deminer was excavating on a signal; he failed to exactly identify the centre of the signal therefore he has hit top of the mine.

Victim Report

Victim number: 821	Name: [Name removed]
Age:	Gender: Male
Status: deminer	Fit for work: presumed
Compensation: Not made available	Time to hospital: Not made available
Protection issued: Frontal apron Long visor	Protection used: Frontal apron, Long visor

Summary of injuries:

INJURIES: minor Legs

COMMENT: No Medical report was made available.

Analysis

The primary and secondary causes of this accident are 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 fact that his injuries only resulted in lower leg injury imply that he was squatting to excavate and that his visor was worn 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.