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DDAS Accident Report

Accident details

Report date: 05/03/2011	Accident number: 639
Accident time: 07:10	Accident Date: 10/07/2008
Where it occurred: Charyan Village, Jaji District, Paktya Province	Country: Afghanistan
Primary cause: Field control inadequacy (?)	Secondary cause: Management/control inadequacy (?)
Class: Excavation accident	Date of main report: Not recorded
ID original source: DA20	Name of source: UNMACCA
Organisation: [Name removed]	
Mine/device: PMN 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 (?)
use of pick (?)
squatting/kneeling to excavate (?)
visor not worn or worn raised (?)
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.

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No.# Accident: DA20

Demining group: [Demining group]

Date of Accident: 10th July 2008 07:10

IMSMA ID: [None]

Accident/Incident: Demining accident

Name: [The Victim]

Type of Casualty: Injured

Type of injury: Injuries in his hand, face and also two fingers may have cut

Title: Deminer

Team No: DT23

Task No: [None]

Activity of Victim during accident: Prodding

Type Device: PMN

Equipment Damaged: [None]

Village, District, Province: Charyan Village, Jaji District, Paktya Province

Investigation Completed Y/N: Y

Action Taken by NGOs (Y/N): Y

BOI Conclusions:

1. Poor supervision by command group is the main contributing factor for this accident as the deminer was working with pick and kept his visor up, but nobody has controlled him.
2. Carelessness of the deminer can also be counted as a contributing factor to this accident, as in such a heavily contaminated minefield he was working with pick without using his visor in a proper way.

Victim Report

Victim number: 822

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: severe Face, severe Hand

AMPUTATION/LOSS: Fingers

COMMENT: No Medical report was made available.

Analysis

The primary cause of this accident is listed as a *Field Control Inadequacy* because the Victim was working with his visor raised and using a pick and his error was not corrected. The secondary cause is listed as a *Management Control Inadequacy* because the demining group's management is responsible for ensuring that field supervisors prevent deminers from breaching approved SOPs.

It is possible that the Victim failed to pinpoint the metal-detector reading adequately (as has been reported in other accidents around this time) and so started to excavate on top of the mine.

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.