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DDAS Accident Report

Accident details

Report date: 05/03/2011	Accident number: 648
Accident time: 08:45	Accident Date: 12/06/2008
Where it occurred: MF.048, Jamchi Village, Kapisa Province	Country: Afghanistan
Primary cause: Field control inadequacy (?)	Secondary cause: Inadequate training (?)
Class: Handling accident	Date of main report: Not recorded
ID original source: DA15	Name of source: UNMACCA
Organisation: [Name removed]	Ground condition: not recorded
Mine/device: detonator (fuze)	Date last modified: 05/03/2011
Date record created:	No of documents: 1
No of victims: 1	

Map details

Longitude:	Latitude:
Alt. coord. system:	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: DA15

Demining group: [Demining group]

Date of Accident: 12th June 2008, 08:45

IMSMA ID: CA-189

Accident/Incident: Demining accident

Name: [The Victim]

Type of Casualty: Injured

Type of injury: Injuries on his fingers

Title: Deminer

Team No:DT-28

Task No: MF.048

Activity of Victim during accident: Prodding

Type Device: detonator

Equipment Damaged: [None]

Village, District, Province: Jamchi Village, Kapisa Province

Investigation Completed Y/N:

Action Taken by NGOs (Y/N):

BOI Conclusions:

1. A detonator blast caused the accident. The deminer has detected an active detonator in his clearance lane and has pressed it by his left hand fingers which subsequently the detonator exploded and the deminer fingers were seriously injured.

2. Carelessness of the deminer is to be deemed a major contributing factor to this accident, as instead of informing the section leader, he disturbed the hazard object and caused it to be exploded.

Victim Report

Victim number: 831

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 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 acting in breach of SOPs and his error was not corrected. The secondary cause is listed as *Inadequate training* because he may not have recognised that the object was dangerous.

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.