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Humanitarian Demining Accident and Incident Database

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Accident details

Report date: 06/03/2011  Accident number: 673
Accident time: 08:10  Accident Date: 19/10/2008
Where it occurred: AF-1207/12938/MF-0027, Dasht-i-Robat village, Kalaflgan District, Takhar Province  Country: Afghanistan
Primary cause: Field control inadequacy (?)  Secondary cause: Other (?)
Class: Excavation accident  Date of main report: Not recorded
ID original source: DA37  Name of source: UNMACCA
Organisation: [Name removed]  Ground condition: not recorded
Mine/device: AP blast (unrecorded)  Date record created: 06/03/2011
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
handtool may have increased injury (?)

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.
No.# Accident: DA37
Demining group: [Name removed]
Date of Accident: 19th October 2008 08:10 AM
IMSMA ID: [None]
Accident/Incident: Demining accident
Name: [the Victim]
Type of Casualty: Injured
Type of injury: Multiple injuries in his hands
Title: Deminer
Team No: MDG-25
Task No: AF-1207/12938/MF-0027
Activity of Victim during accident: Prodding
Type Device: AP blast mines
Equipment Damaged: [None]
Village, District, Province: Dasht-i-Robat village, Kalafgan District, Takhar Province
Investigation Completed Y/N: Y
Action Taken by NGOs (Y/N): Y
BOI Conclusions:
Poor supervision, carelessness of deminer and use of wrong tools caused the accident, happened.

Victim Report

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<th>Victim number:</th>
<th>856</th>
<th>Name: [Name removed]</th>
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<tr>
<td>Age:</td>
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<td>Gender: Male</td>
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<td>Status:</td>
<td>deminer</td>
<td>Fit for work: not known</td>
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<td>Compensation:</td>
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<td>Time to hospital: Not made available</td>
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<td>Protection issued:</td>
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<td>Protection used: Not made available</td>
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Summary of injuries:
INJURIES: severe Hands
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 the wrong tools without correction and the investigators identified “poor supervision” as a cause. The secondary cause is listed as *Other* because there is too little information on the summary to determine what happened with any confidence.

Refering to other accidents with this demining group at this period, the Victim may have been using a “pick”. Whatever tool the Victim was using, it is likely that he did not pinpoint the detector signal correctly and so began excavating 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.