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DDAS Accident Report

Accident details

Report date: 06/03/2011	Accident number: 679
Accident time: 07:55	Accident Date: 21/07/2008
Where it occurred: BF-506, Division 15 Village, Kandahar Centre, Southern Region	Country: Afghanistan
Primary cause: Inadequate training (?)	Secondary cause: Management/control inadequacy (?)
Class: Other	Date of main report: Not recorded
ID original source: DA21	Name of source: UNMACCA
Organisation: [Name removed]	
Mine/device: Fuze	Ground condition: not recorded
Date record created:	Date last modified: 06/03/2011
No of victims: 2	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 (?)
inadequate training (?)
safety distances ignored (?)

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.

S. # 21

No.# Accident: DA21

Demining group: [Demining group]

Date of Accident: 21st July 2008 07:55

IMSMA ID: 51

Accident/Incident: Demining Accident

Victim 1 Name: [Victim No.1]

Victim 2 Name: [Victim No.2]

Type of Casualty: Injured

Type of injury: Victim 1 -Right Knee joint injuries

Type of injury: Victim 2: Left ankle joint injuries

Title: Deminer

Team No: DT-14

Task No: BF-506

Activity of Victims during accident: Deminers were using large loop detector during turning to the second lane/loop he may stepped on a stone which fall down on the UXO or might stepped directly on the UXO.

Type Device: fuse/UXO

Equipment Damaged: [None]

Village, District, Province: Division 15 Village, Kandahar Centre, Southern Region

Investigation Completed Y/N: Y

Action Taken by NGOs (Y/N): Y

BOI Conclusions:

1. Lack of training is one of the contributing factors to this accident. According to the investigation report the deminer [Victim No.1] had been trained in demining course and use of large loop detector about 3 years ago and then he stopped the job for around one year and re-joined the DAFA as a deminer on 8th July 08, but has not been trained properly. He has got brief information from the team leader about his job.
2. Carelessness of the deminer is another factor to this accident, as in such a heavily contaminated area he has removed the stone with his foot very carelessly and it seems that the item exploded located on the surface and disturbed by stone and went off.

Victim Report

Victim number: 862	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 Leg

COMMENT: No Medical report was made available.

Victim Report

Victim number: 863	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 Leg

COMMENT: "Left ankle joint injuries". No Medical report was made available.

Analysis

The primary cause of this accident is listed as *Inadequate training* because the investigators found that Victim No.1 was not appropriately trained for the task. The secondary cause is listed as *Management Control Inadequacy* because the demining group's managers are responsible for appointing appropriately trained and experienced staff.

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.