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DDAS Accident Report

Accident details

Report date: 06/03/2011  Accident number: 688
Accident time: Not recorded  Accident Date: 24/08/2008
Where it occurred: AF/0308/00000/MF333
8, Jan Qadam Village,
Bagram District,
Parwan Province

Country: Afghanistan

Primary cause: Field control inadequacy (?)

Secondary cause: Other (?)

Class: Excavation accident

ID original source: DA27

Name of source: UNMACCA

Organisation: [Name removed]

Mine/device: PMN AP blast

Ground condition: not recorded

Date record created:

Date last modified: 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 (?)

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.
S. # 27
No.# Accident: DA27
Demining group: [Demining group]
Date of Accident: 24th August 2008
IMSMA ID: CA-175
Accident/Incident: Demining accident
Name: [The Victim]
Type of Casualty: Injured
Type of injury: Some injuries on his finger and arm of his right hand
Title: Deminer
Team No: M19
Task No: AF/0308/00000/MF338
Activity of Victim during accident: Excavating
Type Device: PMN
Equipment Damaged: [None]
Village, District, Province: Jan Qadam Village, Bagram District, Parwan Province
Investigation Completed Y/N: Y
Action Taken by NGOs (Y/N): Y
BOI Conclusions:
It is the conclusion of the investigation team that the carelessness of involved deminer, poor command and control and deviation from SOPs caused the accident happened.

Victim Report

Victim number: 874  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: Frontal apron  Protection used: Not made available
Long visor

Summary of injuries:
INJURIES: severe Arm, severe Hand
COMMENT: No Medical report was made available.
Analysis

The primary cause of this accident is listed as a *Field Control inadequacy* because the investigators found that there was poor supervision at the time of the accident. The secondary cause is listed as *Other* because there is not enough detail in the summary to determine what the deminer was doing, and what tool he was using.

The handtool can be inferred from other accidents involving deminers from this demining group in which “chisels” and small “scrapers” were used. Neither meet the IMAS recommendations for blast resistant handtools.

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.