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DDAS Accident Report

Accident details

Report date: 06/03/2011	Accident number: 691
Accident time: 08:57	Accident Date: 25/10/2008
Where it occurred: AF/0723/08094/.MF 077, Bian Khel Village, Jaji District, Paktya Province	Country: Afghanistan
Primary cause: Field control inadequacy (?)	Secondary cause: Other (?)
Class: Excavation accident	Date of main report: Not recorded
ID original source: DA39	Name of source: UNMACCA
Organisation: [Name removed]	
Mine/device: AP blast (unrecorded)	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 (?)

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: DA39

Demining group: [Name removed]

Date of Accident: 25th October 2008 08:57 AM

IMSMA ID: [None]

Accident/Incident: Demining accident

Name: [The Victim]

Type of Casualty: Injured

Type of injury: Minor injuries on the fingers of right hand and right foot

Title: Deminer

Team No: DT-10

Task No: AF/0723/08094/.MF 077

Activity of Victim during accident: Prodding

Type Device: Crashed with a stone [sic] [AP blast mine inferred]

Equipment Damaged: [None]

Village, District, Province: Bian Khel Village, Jaji District, Paktya Province

Investigation Completed Y/N: Y

Action Taken by NGOs (Y/N): Y

BOI Conclusions:

The negligence of deminer in terms of not adhering to set procedure for excavation and the failure of command group in order to control the deminer and stop him from wrong practice is the contributing factors for this accident

Victim Report

Victim number: 877	Name: [Name removed]
Age:	Gender: Male
Status: deminer	Fit for work: presumed
Compensation: Not made available	Time to hospital: Not made available
Protection issued: Not recorded	Protection used: Not made available

Summary of injuries:

INJURIES: minor Foot, minor 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 determined that the Victim was “not adhering to set procedures” and his errors were not corrected. The secondary cause is listed as *Other* because the summary does not contain enough information to infer what was happening with any confidence. The identification of the mine type as “crashed with a stone” illustrates the weakness of using inexperienced office staff to make an oversimplified record of accidents in a spreadsheet.

It is possible that, as with many other accidents in this theatre at this time, the Victim failed to pinpoint the detector reading adequately and so began to excavate on the top of a 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.