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DDAS Accident Report

Accident details

Report date: 07/03/2011	Accident number: 695
Accident time: 12:55	Accident Date: 27th April 2008
Where it occurred: Jankadam Village, Bagram District, Parwan Province	Country: Afghanistan
Primary cause: Unavoidable (?)	Secondary cause: Unavoidable (?)
Class: Excavation Accident	Date of main report: Not recorded
ID original source: DA 09, CA-170	Name of source: UNMACCA
Organisation: [Name removed]	
Mine/device: PMN AP blast	Ground condition: Not recorded
Date record created:	Date last modified: 07/03/2011
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 (?)

Non injurious accident (?)

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 as more information becomes available.

The EXCEL summary is reproduced below, edited for anonymity.

Demining Accident involving [Demining group]

Date: 16th April 2008

Time: 10:15

Location: Jankadam Village, Bagram District, Parwan Province.

Task Number: AF/0301/01420/MF091

Team: Manual No 41

Name of victim: [Name removed], Deminer

Injury type: No major injuries other than dust and grit in the eyes.

Activity: Prodding [Excavating]

Mine: PMN

Internal ID: DA 09, CA-170

Accident investigation completed. Action taken.

Recommendations:

There is no need for lesson learned as they have taken all necessary actions.

Victim Report

Victim number:	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: Minor eyes

COMMENT: "No major injuries other than dust and grit in the eyes."

No Medical report was made available.

Analysis

The primary and secondary cause of this accident are listed as a *Unavoidable* because the deminer suffered no apparent injuries, and accidental initiations can occur when excavating mines even when all precautions are taken. Dust in the eyes is common after a blast because dust is drawn into the low-pressure area behind the expanding blast wave. "Grit" in the eyes causes greater concern because it may have been ejecta from the blast, implying that the visor was not worn correctly but it is presumed that the Victim had no injuries because the investigators accepted that this was so.

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.