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DDAS Accident Report

Accident details

Report date: 07/03/2011	Accident number: 697
Accident time: 12:35	Accident Date: 27/08/2008
Where it occurred: MF-121, Moghulan Village, Shindand District, Hirat Province	Country: Afghanistan
Primary cause: Victim inattention (?)	Secondary cause: Management/control inadequacy (?)
Class: Handling accident	Date of main report: Not recorded
ID original source: DA28	Name of source: UNMACCA
Organisation: [Name removed]	
Mine/device: POMZ-2M AP frag	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 (?)

inadequate equipment (?)

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. # 28, No.# Accident: DA 28

Demining group: [Demining group]

Date of Accident: 27th August 2008 12:35

IMSMA ID: WA-49

Accident/Incident: Demining accident

Name: [the Victim]

Type of Casualty: Injured

Type of injury: minor injuries to his both hands and crush injuries on his left arm

Title: Deputy Team Leader

Team No: MDU-1

Task No: MF-121 RFP tasks

Activity of Victim during accident: Defusing of AP mine fuse

Type Device: POMZ-2M AP mine

Equipment Damaged: [None]

Village, District, Province: Moghulan Village, Shindand District, Hirat Province

Investigation Completed Y/N: Y

Action Taken by NGOs (Y/N): Y

BOI Conclusions:

1. It is the conclusion of investigation team that the carelessness of involved ATL, deviation from AMAS and [Demining group]'s SOP and use of dark visor during disarming operation on the fuse are the contributing factors to this accident. Additionally the rule of supervision is vital in preventing such accidents.

Victim Report

Victim number: 883	Name: [Name removed]
Age:	Gender: Male
Status: supervisory	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 Hands, severe Arm

COMMENT: No Medical report was made available.

Analysis

The primary cause of this accident is listed as Victim inattention because the investigators determined that the Victim as careless. The secondary cause is listed as a Management Control Inadequacy because the investigators found that the demining group management had issued inappropriate PPE.

The Inadequate equipment listed under notes refers to the issue of a “dark visor” which the investigators found to be a contributory cause.

It is not certain whether the mine detonated, or just the fuse. The “crush” injury to the Victim’s arm is unexplained.

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.