

DDAS Accident Report

Accident details

Report date: 22/01/2004	Accident number: 31
Accident time: not recorded	Accident Date: 15/10/1996
Where it occurred: Mabsisanga Village, Manhica Province	Country: Mozambique
Primary cause: Management/control inadequacy (?)	Secondary cause: Victim inattention (?)
Class: Victim inattention	Date of main report: [No date recorded]
ID original source: CP	Name of source: MT
Organisation: [Name removed]	
Mine/device: GYATA-64 AP blast	Ground condition: not recorded
Date record created: 22/01/2004	Date last modified: 22/01/2004
No of victims: 1	No of documents: 1

Map details

Longitude:	Latitude:
Alt. coord. system:	Coordinates fixed by:
Map east:	Map north:
Map scale: not recorded	Map series:
Map edition:	Map sheet:
Map name:	

Accident Notes

inadequate investigation (?)

no independent investigation available (?)

Accident report

A director of the demining group was interviewed about this accident on 15th December 1998. From memory he reported that the victim was the Team Leader and had just made a radio report. He was returning to the working area and for some unexplained reason took a short-cut across a corner, stepping into an uncleared area. He trod on a Gyata-64 and lost his lower leg.

He was insured under several pertinent policies, but the compensation details were not made available.

At the time of the interview the victim was working for the same demining company as a Community Mines Awareness Officer, and also undertaking what they referred to as "Level 1" surveys.

A manager of the demining company was interviewed in December 1999. He said that following the accident the victim had been constantly employed as a member of the internal training team, and was working in Kosovo as a Community Awareness Team Leader at the time of that interview.

Victim Report

Victim number: 45	Name: [Name removed]
Age:	Gender: Male
Status: supervisory	Fit for work: yes
Compensation: not made available (insured)	Time to hospital: not recorded
Protection issued: Not recorded	Protection used: not recorded

Summary of injuries:

AMPUTATION/LOSS

Leg Below knee

COMMENT

No medical report was made available.

Analysis

The primary cause of this accident is listed as a "*Management/control inadequacy*" because the victim was a Team Leader who breached SOPs (apparently thoughtlessly). The responsibility for the selection and training of field supervisors rests with higher management. The secondary cause is listed as "*Victim inattention*" because it seems that the victim made a thoughtless mistake.

The demining group did not make their record of the accident available. [That record may not have been suitably formal: at the time of the accident there was no structure for official accident reporting in Mozambique.] The demining group managers made themselves freely available for interview but did not remember/reveal much detail. If the group did not make an investigation of the accident in order to learn from the mistakes, that was a significant management failing.

In an interview in 2000, the Demining group management said that the Victim had been re-employed in the field (as a deminer).