

DDAS Accident Report

Accident details

Report date: 07/03/2011	Accident number: 704
Accident time: 07:30	Accident Date: 30/08/2008
Where it occurred: Task No: 0 -11, Saighanchi Village, Khulm District, Balkh Province	Country: Afghanistan
Primary cause: Field control inadequacy (?)	Secondary cause: Other (?)
Class: Excavation accident	Date of main report: Not recorded
ID original source: DA29	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 (?)
protective equipment not worn (?)

Accident report

The only report of this accident that has been made available to date was in a UNMACCA 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. # 29, No.# Accident: DA29

Demining group: [Demining group]

Date of Accident: 30th August 2008 07:30 PM

IMSMA ID: 17

Accident/Incident: Demining accident

Name: [The Victim]

Type of Casualty: Dead

Type of injury: Fatal

Title: Deminer

Team No: MDG 12

Task No: 0 -11

Activity of Victim during accident: Excavating

Type Device: PMN

Equipment Damaged: [None]

Village, District, Province: Saighanchi Village, Khulm District, Balkh 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, use of wrong tool for excavation and poor supervision caused the accident happened.

Victim Report

Victim number: 890

Name: [Name removed]

Age:

Gender: Male

Status: deminer

Fit for work: DECEASED

Compensation: Not made available

Time to hospital: Not made available

Protection issued: Not recorded

Protection used: Not made available

Summary of injuries:

FATAL

COMMENT: Fatal. No details provided. 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. Because fatal excavation accidents are rare, it is likely that the Victim was not wearing PPE appropriately and/or that there was a problem applying appropriate trauma care in a timely manner.

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.