

DDAS Accident Report

Accident details

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| Report date: 06/03/2011 | Accident number: 667 |
| Accident time: 09:00 | Accident Date: 17/05/2008 |
| Where it occurred: AF 2401-21521- BF 507, Division 15 Village, Kishlajadid District, Kandahar Province | Country: Afghanistan |
| Primary cause: Field control inadequacy (?) | Secondary cause: Management/control inadequacy (?) |
| Class: Handling accident | Date of main report: Not recorded |
| ID original source: DA11 | Name of source: UNMACCA |
| Organisation: [Name removed] | |
| Mine/device: Ordnance, UXO | Ground condition: not recorded |
| Date record created: | Date last modified: 06/03/2011 |
| No of victims: 1 | No of documents: 1 |

Map details

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| 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 training (?)

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: 17th May 2008

Time: 09:00

Location: Division 15 Village, Kishlajadid District, Kandahar Province.

Task Number: AF 2401-21521- BF 507

Team: DT-12

Name of victim: [Name removed], Deminer

Injury type:

Mine: UXO

Activity: During Searching

Internal ID: DA 11: IMSMA 50

Accident investigation completed. Action taken.

1. The accident has occurred because of deminer's carelessness as he entered into unsafe area for urination and touched the unknown item.
2. Unavailability latrine which is an essential facility for every demining worksite can be considered as one of the main contributing factors to this accident.
3. The area has been disturbed and made the work of investigation team bit difficult on finding the reasons for this accident. This is against the AMAS chapter 26.6.a.
4. The report of this accident has not been passed on time to the respective AMAC. AMAC has been notified about the accident after 24 hrs which is considered as a non-conformance with the AMAS chapter 26, paragraph 26.8.

Victim Report

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| Victim number: 850 | 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 recorded |

Summary of injuries:

INJURIES: minor Leg, severe 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 found that the demining site did not have a latrine facility and the accident site had been disturbed before they could investigate. The secondary cause is listed as a *Management Control Inadequacy* because the demining group's senior management should have ensured that the site was properly laid out, the accident site undisturbed, and the accident report made immediately, as required by the MAC.

The Victim “touched” a UXO without apparently realised the threat it posed, which implies that he did not know the risk he was taking and his ignorance is the *Inadequate training* listed under Notes.

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.