

DDAS Accident Report

Accident details

Report date: 19/04/2006	Accident number: 58
Accident time: not recorded	Accident Date: 04/06/1997
Where it occurred: Cunge / Chipeta, Bie Province	Country: Angola
Primary cause: Field control inadequacy (?)	Secondary cause: Field control inadequacy (?)
Class: Other	Date of main report: [No date recorded]
ID original source: none	Name of source: INAROOE
Organisation: [Name removed]	
Mine/device: not recorded	Ground condition: not recorded
Date record created: 23/01/2004	Date last modified: 23/01/2004
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 (?)

visor not worn or worn raised (?)

Accident report

No accident report was made available. The demining group's country office had no copy.

The accident was listed on a simple spreadsheet held by the country MAC. The injury was given as "upper jaw".

The demining group's UK office claimed not to keep copies of accident reports in January 1999. By the date of this database revision, they had still not made any available.

Victim Report

Victim number: 80	Name: [Name removed]
Age:	Gender: Male
Status: deminer	Fit for work: not known
Compensation: not made available	Time to hospital: not recorded
Protection issued: Long visor	Protection used: not recorded
Short frontal vest	

Summary of injuries:

INJURIES

severe Face

COMMENT

No medical report was made available.

Analysis

The primary cause of this accident is listed as a "*Field control inadequacy*" because the deminer suffered an upper jaw injury which implies that he was not wearing his visor correctly (or not wearing it at all). The demining group involved claimed that all staff wore visors down at all times while in the field. The victim's failure to wear his visor properly without being corrected represents a failing of field management.

In 1999, the demining group's UK head office claimed not to keep copies of field accidents. This is now known to be untrue. The UK management's unwillingness to share data openly could be taken to imply that they sought to conceal things. Its field staff have usually shared the information that is available to them.

In 2000, agreement was reached on the sharing of data. By the date of this database revision, that data was still not shared.