Accidents and Incidents Reporting: Burden or Essential Learning Tool?
"Without data you're just another person with an opinion."

W. Edwards Deming
Why is it important to report accidents and incidents?
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We can look at this from different perspectives:

- Medical
- Investigation
- Lessons learnt
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- Operators
- National authorities
- Donors
- Researchers and supporting organisations
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**PAST**

RAPID - IMSMA database, previously hosted on a GICHD server, used to record demining accidents and victims.

Last entry was in Nov 2016

Reports with aggregated statistics used to be produced once per year.

1556 demining accidents recorded; 1943 victims recorded; accidents from 1977 to 2016 (10 accidents do not have a date)
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PRESENT

• Many databases, of different quality, on the level of operators and/or NMAA
• AID – hosted by JMU/CISR (library/repository)
• No central database
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• Working Group established, with the aim of agreeing on what is needed and how to ensure it is sustainable
• Group is open for new members, such as national authorities
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**Key Questions:**

- What do we want to record and why?
- How do we do that? How to do it in a way that it is not a burden?
- How do we ensure the cooperation and acceptance across the sector?
FUTURE

- Centralised database that will serve the entire Mine Action sector
Questions and Comments