

Aid Worker KIKA Data

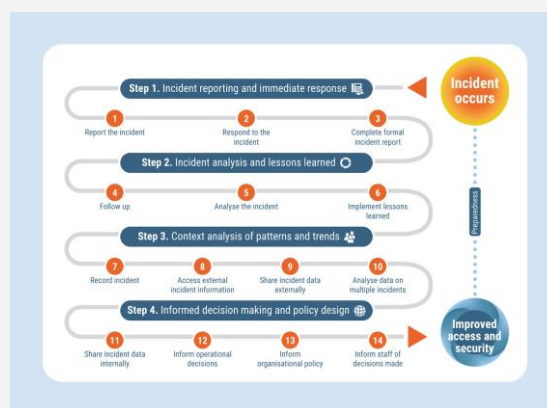
Between 01 January and 15 August 2023, 132 incidents where aid workers* were killed, injured, kidnapped or arrested (KIKA) have been documented by Insecurity Insight. In total 69 aid workers have been killed, 90 injured, 35 kidnapped and 49 arrested. Data is available for download on [HDX](#) and our [website](#) and includes the reported perpetrator, the weapons used, the type of organisation and programme affected as well as anonymised available details about the affected staff. The dataset does not yet include incidents reported in this News Brief. Registered HDX user? Follow [us](#) for the latest dataset updates.

The Security Information Incident Management (SIIM) Road Map

The SIIM Road Map is a step-by-step guide through the different SIIM processes. It describes 14 actions organisations should take to manage and benefit from information about safety- or security-related incidents.

SIIM is the process of collecting and using information about safety- and security-related incidents that affect aid organisations to ensure staff safety and access to beneficiaries. Managing safety and security incident information should be a continuous learning cycle. The response to and analysis of one incident should inform the response to and analysis of future incidents.

Click the *Step* you want to take or the *Action* you want to find out more about. Includes links to sections in the SIIM handbook and specific tools. [Find out more](#)



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Safety, security and access incidents

Incidents of threats and violence affecting aid workers and aid delivery.

Africa

Central African Republic

26 August 2023: In Batangafo town, Ouham-Fafa prefecture, an unspecified number of MSF staff were attacked by members of an armed group. **Source:** [MSF](#)

30 August 2023: In Batangafo town, Ouham-Fafa prefecture, an unspecified number of MSF staff were attacked by members of an armed group.. **Source:** [MSF](#)

01 September 2023: On the outskirts of Batanfago town, Ouham-Fafa prefecture, violent attacks against MSF staff and community health workers forced MSF to temporarily suspend staff movement to MSF-supported health centres. **Source:** [MSF](#)

Mali

28 August 2023: On the road between Goundam town and cercle, and Niafunke town and cercle, Tombouctou region, three NGO vehicles along with the staff onboard were reportedly ambushed and kidnapped by suspected JNIM militants. The staff members were released the same day, and the vehicles on 30 August. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Niger

31 August 2023: The military junta announced the suspension of all activities of international and UN agencies, as well as INGOs and LNGOs, in military zones of operations due the current security situation. **Source:** [RFI](#)

Nigeria

28 August 2023: In Damboa LGA, Borno state, a large crowd stormed the Borno Government's palliative food aid distribution centre, causing a stampede. Several people fainted, and 11 were injured, four seriously. **Source:** [Ndarason](#)

Sudan

As reported on 22 August 2023: Since the onset of the SAF-RSF conflict, Save the Children has been forced to close 57 of its nutrition facilities across Sudan, with 31,000 children missing out on treatment for malnutrition and related illnesses. In 108 facilities that it still operates, therapeutic food stocks are running critically low, with buffer stock, or emergency supplies, now being used in the most extreme cases. **Source:** [Save the Children](#)

23 August 2023: In Khamsa Dakaik and Kanjumiya neighbourhoods, Zalingei city, Central Darfur state, an aid worker and two other civilians were reportedly killed by RSF soldiers. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

03 August 2023: In the Al Rahman neighbourhood, Nyala city, South Darfur state, an aid worker and a lawyer were reportedly kidnapped and killed by armed men driving four-wheel vehicles. The militia called the lawyer's family and demanded a ransom to release him. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

As reported on 05 September 2023: Around Nyala city, South Darfur state, armed groups have made financial demands at checkpoints to allow humanitarian convoys into Nyala, and insist on accompanying them as armed escorts, violating the humanitarian principle of neutrality. Some planned aid movements to South Darfur have been put on hold as a result. **Source:** [Al Jazeera](#)

Europe

Türkiye

Social Media and the Spread of the Turkish Red Crescent Tent Sale Story

The report highlights how social media plays an increasingly important role in the dissemination of stories or reports related to agencies working in the humanitarian sector, and how, unlike information disseminated on edited media, social media discussions often include expressions of sentiments that reveal perceptions about aid operations. Social media monitoring offers opportunities to capture such feelings. However, social media discussions make it much harder for communication professionals to control any narratives. [Read more](#)

Ukraine

24 August 2023: Near Kharkiv city, raion and oblast, a 48-year-old British volunteer medic was killed when Russian forces ambushed his squad. **Source:** [The Guardian I](#) and [The Guardian II](#)

Middle East North Africa

Occupied Palestinian Territories

04 September 2023: The Israeli Defence Ministry and the Israel Defence Forces closed the Israel-Gaza Strip Kerem Shalom Crossing, after suspending all imports from Gaza, including humanitarian aid, after the discovery of explosives smuggled into Israel. **Source:** [The New Arab](#)

Syrian Arab Republic

26 August 2023: Along the Maliha-Hrak Road, Dara'a governorate, a male LNGO aid worker who was also a government employee was reportedly shot and injured by gunmen. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Attitudes Towards Border Crossings Openings in Syria for Aid Convoys

This social media monitoring brief presents the findings from a review of sentiments expressed in 204 Facebook comments on the subject of border crossings and humanitarian aid in Syria during July 2023. The aim was to identify possible misinformation, disinformation, or malinformation targeting the aid sector and to understand online sentiments that help aid agencies in their programming and security risk management. [Read more](#)

Yemen

28 August 2023: On the road connecting Marib to Hadramawt, Marib governorate, two INGO international health workers were reportedly ambushed and kidnapped by unidentified gunmen who intercepted the staff's vehicle. **Sources:** [ACLED](#)¹ and [Personal Communication](#)

The Americas

Colombia

30 August 2023: In Bogotá, one dependent of a UN staff member was reportedly attacked with scopolamine by unknown criminals. **Source:** [AWSD](#)²

Haiti

31 August 2023: Access to essential relief has been affected due to the escalation in violence in Port-au-Prince and the Artibonite region in recent weeks. **Sources:** [OCHA](#) and [ReliefWeb](#)

This Bi-Monthly News Brief comprises threats and incidents of violence affecting the delivery of humanitarian assistance. It is part of the Aid in Danger project, by Insecurity Insight. It is prepared from information available in local, national and international news outlets and online databases. The incidents reported are not a complete nor a representative list of all events that affected the provision of aid delivery and have not been independently verified. All decisions made, on the basis of, or with consideration to, such information remains the responsibility of their respective organisations. This document is made possible by the generous support of the American people through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). The contents are the responsibility of Insecurity Insight and do not necessarily reflect the views of USAID, or the U.S. Government.

Insecurity Insight continues to update data on aid workers killed, injured, kidnapped or arrested (KIKA) and figures may change. Updated data includes new and historic reports identified in open-sources and verified security incidents submitted by Aid in Danger partner agencies.

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¹ Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) [database attribution policy](#). Accessed 05 September 2023.

² The [Aid Worker Security Database](#) (AWSD) does not include the names of individual victims or the agencies affected by an incident. This is done in consideration of the victims and their families who may not wish to have the names published in this format and to afford equal respect to the many victims for whom this information is not available. Accessed 07 September 2023.

