Aid Security in Lebanon

This document provides the methodology, definitions and coding procedures for the data included in the ‘2020 Lebanon Incidents Affecting Aid Operations, Staff and Assets’ dataset and cited in the ‘Aid Security in Lebanon’ report by Insecurity Insight.

You may be interested in Vigil InSight’s Situation Report which includes predictions and mitigation measures for aid agencies.

Key Definitions

Incident: (a) Incident in which an aid worker was killed, kidnapped, arrested or otherwise harmed; (b) criminally motivated incident in which aid agency or aid worker property was stolen, damaged, destroyed or otherwise misappropriated; and (c) road safety accident (RSA) that involved aid workers and/or vehicles operated by aid agencies.

Aid worker: An individual employed by or attached to a humanitarian, UN, international, national or government aid agency

Property: Includes compounds, convoys, equipment (computer, laptop, mobile phone, hard drive), fuel barges, money, motorcycles, offices, project supplies, staff residences, vehicles and warehouses belonging to a humanitarian, UN, international, national or government aid agency or aid worker.

METHODOLOGY

This data resource contains information on threats, violence and obstructions to aid operations in Lebanon. It is compiled from verified security incidents submitted to Insecurity Insight by Aid in Danger partner agencies.

Incidents are categorised by data, country, region, and incident categories, based on standard definitions.

Incidents includes:

- Incidents affecting aid workers, with the details of whether they were killed, kidnapped, injured, assaulted, arrested or experienced sexual violence or self-harm;
- Criminally motivated incidents that affected organisational or staff property, with details of the context that distinguishes among armed/unarmed robberies, burglaries, break-ins or thefts, carjacking’s, looting, arson, property damage or vandalism;
- Incidents where aid-related activities were obstructed or delayed.

The dataset can be viewed here and can be cited as: Insecurity Insight. 2020. ‘2020 Lebanon Incidents Affecting Aid Operations, Staff and Assets’ Geneva: Insecurity Insight.

DEFINITIONS

Aid delivery disruption: Incidents were programmes and the delivery of aid were interrupted or suspended as a result of real or perceived threats such as shootings in the vicinity and damage to aid property.

Crime: Incidents assumed to be criminally motivated because the incident description provides information that organisational staff property was taken or otherwise misappropriated. Sub-types based on the nature of the incident include carjacking’s and theft.
**Operational space:** Incidents were the ability of aid agencies to operate in an area was affected. Sub-types based on the nature of the incident included allegations of misconduct by agencies and its staff and state intervention.

**Staff safety, security and well-being:** Incidents were the staff safety, security and well-being were negatively impacted. Sub-types based on the nature of the incident include staff self-harm, sexual harassment of aid workers by beneficiaries and threats and violence to aid workers.

**CODEBOOK**

Each row represents an individual incident. Only the relevant columns are filled in. Where columns are left black, the information is not available or does not apply to the Incident.

A. **Incident Date:** The reported date the incident took place.
B. **ISO3 code:** The ISO country code in which the incident occurred.
C. **Country:** Country in which the incident occurred.
D. **Governorate:** The governorate in which the incident occurred.
E. **Broad category:** The broad category of the incident including aid delivery disruption, crime, operational space and staff safety, security and well-being.
F. **Sub category:** The sub-type category of the incident.
G. **Aid worker injured:** Sum of aid workers reportedly injured in the incident.
H. **Aid worker threatened:** Sum of aid workers reportedly threatened in the incident.
I. **Crime victim:** Sum of aid workers reportedly involved in a crime.
J. **Sexual harassment:** Sum of aid workers reportedly sexually harassed.
K. **Damage to aid worker property:** Sum of aid worker property reportedly damaged.
L. **Link to report:** Link to the ‘Aid Security in Lebanon’ report.

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