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Safety, security and access incidents

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

Africa

Democratic Republic of the Congo

07 January 2022: On the Goma-Kitchanga Road, Masisi territory, North Kivu province, unidentified armed men ambushed and kidnapped three male INGO aid workers (two Congolese and one international). The aid workers who were on their way to an aid mission in Kitshanga, were apparently taken towards Virunga park. **Sources:** [Actualité](#), [La Prunelle](#), and [Radio Moto](#)

Ethiopia

31 December 2021: In Tigray region, security forces reportedly stopped Red Cross ambulances from leaving a hospital. **Source:** [Twitter](#)

As reported on 06 January 2022: Ethiopian authorities terminated a five-month-long suspension imposed on the Norwegian Refugee Council over allegations of spreading misinformation. **Sources:** [Garowe](#) and [The Guardian](#)

07 January 2022: In Dedebeit town, North West zone, Tigray region, an airstrike hit an IDP camp, killing 56 people and wounding 30 more. Further threats of drone attacks have forced humanitarian agencies to suspend their operations. **Source:** [VOA](#)

Mali

29 December 2021: In Ansongo town, Gao region, unidentified armed men kidnapped a male aid worker engaged with NGO Première Urgence. His security guard was attacked and beaten up. **Source:** [Studio Tamani](#)

South Sudan

30 December 2021: In Pibor county, Jonglei state, a male South Sudanese INGO aid worker was assaulted and injured by a group of local youths. **Source:** [AWSD](#)¹

03 January 2022: In Guolpiny village, Koch county, a female NGO aid worker was shot and injured in an attempted robbery at her home. **Source:** [AWSD](#)¹

Asia

India

01 January 2022: Indian authorities have refused to renew Oxfam's licence to receive foreign funds, a decision that is expected to severely impact the INGO's work. **Source:** [BBC](#)

Europe

Italy

03 January 2021: On the axis of Via Lago di Bracciano-Viale Magna Grecia, Salinella district, Taranto city and province, Apulia region, shots were fired by an unidentified source towards the windows of two Italian Red Cross ambulances parked in front of the organisations headquarters.

Sources: [Il Tempo](#) and [Twitter](#)

Poland

As reported on 06 January 2022: Polish authorities have, since October, repeatedly blocked MSF from accessing the Poland-Belarus border, where groups of migrants and refugees are currently exposed to harsh winter conditions, forcing the INGO to withdraw from the region. **Source:** [The New Arab](#)

[Arab](#)

Middle East and North Africa

Syrian Arab Republic

11 January 2022: In Al-Hol town, Al-Hasakah district and governorate, ISIS members equipped with silenced weapons shot and killed a Kurdish Red Crescent paramedic after they managed to enter the service checkpoint of the camp with fake IDs. **Sources:** [SOHR](#) and [Twitter](#)



New Dataset

At least 14 aid workers were killed in Syria in 2021. Download this data on our [website](#) or on [HDX](#).

¹ The [Aid Worker Security Database](#) (AWSDB) 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 13 January 2021.

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