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Safety, security and access incidents

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

Africa

Central African Republic

01 October 2022: In Kabo town, Moyenne-Sido locality, Farazala village, Ouham prefecture, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) withdrew their staff from the area and handed Kabo hospital back to the local health authorities due to continued insecurity following a nearby attack on MSF vehicles delivering medical supplies in January 2022. **Source:** [Humangle](#)

Ethiopia

15 October 2022: In Shire town, Tigray region, an airstrike wounded two International Rescue Committee aid workers, one of them fatally. The aid workers were delivering humanitarian assistance to women and children when they were hit. Two civilians were also killed and three others injured in the attack. **Sources:** [International Rescue Committee](#) and [Reuters](#)

Somalia

03 September 2022: On the road between Mahas and Beledweyne districts, Hiran region, a convoy of trucks carrying food aid and civilians was attacked and ambushed by al-Shabaab militants. Twenty civilians were killed and at least seven trucks carrying food and other goods were reportedly burnt. **Sources:** [Allafrica](#) and [Radio Dalsan](#)

South Sudan

10 October 2022: In Ngarere village, located along the Camp 15-Chukudum road, a vehicle belonging to the INGO Catholic Relief Service vehicle was attacked by bandits, injuring the driver. **Source:** [Radio Tamazuj](#)

11 October 2022: In Baggari Payam area, Wau county, Western Bahr el Ghazal state, aid organisations resumed operations after being suspended for over six months after a misunderstanding with local Sudan People's Liberation Army-In Opposition (SPLA-IO) commanders after SPLA-IO representatives assured safe access. **Source:** [Radio Tamazuj](#)

Nigeria

17 October 2022: In Birnin Magaji town, Birnin Magaji Local Government Area, Zamfara state, a MSF-supported health centre was broken into by an armed group. a Ministry of Health medical worker was kidnapped and medical and nutritional supplies were destroyed. **Source:** [MSF Nigeria](#)

Asia

Myanmar

04 October 2022: In Buthidaung town and township, Maungdaw district, Rakhine state, the houses of ten volunteer aid workers were raided and searched by the Myanmar military. **Source:** [DVB](#)

06 October 2022: In Mrauk-U town, township and district, Rakhine state, a male volunteer aid worker for the LNGO Yadanar Par La was arrested by the Myanmar military. **Sources:** [DVB](#), [Development Media Group and Narinjara](#)

14 October 2022: In Maungdaw town, township and district, Rakhine state, a male volunteer aid worker who was the Secretary and Treasurer of the LNGO Karuna-kun-yet, and a male LNGO volunteer aid worker were arrested by the Myanmar military. The Myanmar military filed a case against the Secretary and Treasurer on the basis of having connections to unlawful organisations, while the volunteer member was released the next day on 15 October. Following the incident, Karuna-kun-yet suspended all activities, including its emergency ambulance service. **Sources:** [DVB](#), [Development Media Group](#), [Development Media Group II](#), [Irrawaddy](#), [Mizzima](#) and [Narinjara](#)

15 October 2022: In Pa Laing village and village tract, Shwebo township and district, Sagaing region, an LNGO ambulance was confiscated by the Myanmar military after which it was attacked by the local defence forces near Chi Par village and Me Taw village, Sagaing region, with landmines, damaging the vehicle and killing two soldiers. **Sources:** [Facebook](#) and [Khit Thit Media](#)

Middle East North Africa

Iran

11 October 2022: In Kerman city and province, the Red Crescent building was set on fire by unidentified perpetrators for allegedly permitting their vehicles to be used by the police as a part of suppression of the protests. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Occupied Palestinian Territories

02 October 2022: In Beit Farouk locality, South of Nablus, Nablus governorate, Israeli Defence Forces reportedly assaulted two Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS) medics and their marked ambulance. The two medics, who formed part of the PRCS Emergency Medical Teams, were allegedly threatened at gunpoint and both sustained injuries, in one case from a blow to the head with a rifle butt. The ambulance was also kicked and struck with rifle butts. **Source:** [Palestine Red Crescent Society](#)

The Americas

Haiti

15 September 2022: In Les Gonaïves city, Artibonite department, a WFP warehouse was broken into and looted by demonstrators. **Source:** [Haiti Libre](#)

19-25 September: In Les Cayes city, Sud department, a WFP warehouse was looted by a large group of civilians. This attack means that two of the organisation's four warehouses in the country have been looted. **Sources:** [Haiti Libre](#) and [Reuters](#)

06 October 2022: In Les Cayes city, Sud department, a UNICEF warehouse was broken into and looted by civilians. Medical and nutritional supplies, water supply repair equipment, and school material intended to be distributed to 320,000 children were taken **Source:** [OCHA Haiti](#)

07 October 2022: In Jacmel city, Sud-Est department, a Caritas warehouse was broken into and looted by demonstrators. **Source:** [OCHA Haiti](#)

As reported on 11 October 2022: In Ouest, Centre, and Nippes departments, INGOs responding to the cholera outbreak are encountering logistical difficulties due to insecurity in the form of increasing gang activity. Armed groups had, in September 2022, also blocked the country's main fuel terminal of Varreux, hindering humanitarian activity. **Source:** [OCHA Haiti](#)

As reported on 11 October 2022: In Croix-des-Bouquets commune, Ouest department, INGOs have been unable to visit an makeshift IDP site at the Montfort institute for several weeks due to access issues. **Source:** [OCHA Haiti](#)

Acceptance as a Security Risk Management Strategy

Acceptance is one of the pillars of aid security risk management (SRM). An acceptance strategy ensures access to populations in need while ensuring duty of care for staff and the protection of assets. A good acceptance strategy builds on effective relationships to cultivate and maintain consent from beneficiaries, local communities, local authorities and community leaders. This document has practical steps that can be taken to develop acceptance based security risk mitigation measures in Haiti. It draws on NGO experiences in developing an acceptance-based security risk approach in Haiti and elsewhere. Available in [English](#) and [French](#).

¹ Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) [database attribution policy](#). Accessed 19 October 2022.

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