

Aid Worker KIKA Data

Data on incidents where aid workers were killed, injured, kidnapped or arrested (KIKA) is now available for download on [HDX](#) and our [website](#) covering the period 01 January to 27 December 2022. The dataset includes a brief incident description, the reported perpetrator, the weapons used, the type of organisation and programme affected as well as anonymised available details about the affected staff. Note: The dataset does not yet include incidents reported in this News Brief. Registered HDX user? Follow [us](#) for the latest dataset updates.

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Safety, security and access incidents

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

Africa

Burkina Faso

23 December 2022: The United Nations (UN) resident coordinator was ordered to leave the country by the Burkinabe Government with immediate effect, after declaring her *persona non grata*. In response, the UN stated that the government has no grounds to expel the Italian national. **Sources:** [Al Jazeera](#) and [Reuters](#)

24 December 2022: Between Tougouri and Taparko villages, Namentenga province. Centre-Nord region, an INGO health truck loaded with medicine was seized by suspected Jamaat Nusrat al-Islam wal Muslimeen (JNIM) militants. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Ethiopia: Conflict, Hunger and Aid Security

At the end of 2022 Ethiopia remains in a period of food insecurity that the WFP in its Famine Early Warning System has reported as “among the worst globally. In May 2018, the UN Security Council adopted Resolution 2417, which “recalls the link between armed conflict and violence and conflict-induced food insecurity and the threat of famine” and called on all parties involved in armed conflict to comply fully with IHL. The large-scale deterioration in food security in Ethiopia suggests that conflict dynamics have affected aid access and food security.

This [report](#) examines examples of conflict events that have affected aid access and humanitarian efforts to address food insecurity in Ethiopia. It highlights how disinformation campaigns can undermine aid agencies’ humanitarian principles and how the increasing use of remotely delivered explosive munitions increases the complexity of the risks faced by aid workers and humanitarian operations on the ground.

Mali

18 December 2022: In Susi Koira quarter, Gao city, cercle and region, a Malian male INGO health worker was kidnapped by gunmen from the INGOs base. **Sources:** [Le Figaro](#) and [Maliactu](#)

Sudan

26 December 2022: In Beleit locality, South Darfur state, a vehicle carrying humanitarian aid, food and other relief items was set on fire during attacks on the area by armed militias, some wearing

Rapid Support Forces uniforms. **Sources:** [Darfur Network for Monitoring and Documentation](#) and [Radio Dabanga](#)

Asia

Afghanistan

24 December 2022: The Taliban Ministry of the Economy decreed that female employees are no longer legally allowed to work for national or international NGOs, claiming that some female staff had not followed the prescribed dress code for women appearing in public in accordance with the Taliban's interpretation of Sharia Law. The Taliban further threatened to revoke the licence of NGOs found not to be compliant with the order. In response, on 25 December, four INGOs (CARE, the International Rescue Committee - which employs more than 3,000 women in Afghanistan - the Norwegian Refugee Council, and Save the Children) providing health, education, child protection, and nutrition services, suspended their operations across the country, explaining that they cannot operate without their female staff. **Source:** [NBC I](#), [NBC II](#) and [The Guardian](#)

27 December 2022: In Dawei town, township and district, Tanintharyi region, the secretary of an LNNGO and his wife were arrested by the Myanmar military. **Source:** [Dawei Watch](#)

Europe

Ukraine

15 December 2022: In Kherson city, raion and oblast, Russian missiles struck a building used by humanitarian organisations, volunteer groups, and local authorities. A 39-year-old Ukrainian female Red Cross paramedic sustained shrapnel wounds and died. Another young volunteer was also killed. **Sources:** [Emergency Live](#), [Fox](#), [Independent](#), [New Age](#) and [OCHA](#)

18 December 2022: In Donetsk city, raion and oblast, shelling hit an ICRC-supported hospital, killing two patients, and wounding several others. **Sources:** [Fox](#) and [ICRC](#)

19 December 2022: In Donetsk city, raion and oblast, a shell of unspecified origin landed in the yard of the ICRC office, damaging the building and several vehicles. **Source:** [ICRC](#)

Middle East North Africa

Yemen

18 December 2022: In Aden city and governorate, grenades of unidentified origin were dropped on the office of the INGO MedGlobal office, damaging several facilities, including a generator, water pipes, and a fuel tank. **Sources:** [MedGlobal I](#) and [MedGlobal II](#)

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. Insecurity Insight continues to update data on aid workers killed, injured, kidnapped or arrested (KIKAs) 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 11 January 2023. bit.ly/14-27Dec2022AidBMNB

