

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.

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

Cameroon

29 December 2022: Update: Five MSF staff members facing detention and trial over accusations of complicity with secessionists have been acquitted. **Source:** [MSF](#)

Central African Republic

29 December 2022: In Kouï sub-prefecture, Ouham-Pende prefecture, armed perpetrators beat six INGO aid workers who were returning from a field mission and stole personal belongings as well as cash. In response, the INGO suspended its activities in the area for the next two months, activities which included the construction of six boreholes to support 2,500 people in need of water supply. **Source:** [OCHA](#)

Mali

03 January 2023: Near Kori village, Mopti region, two aid workers were reportedly kidnapped by suspected Jamaat Nusrat al-Islam wal Muslimeen (JNIM) militants. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Niger

05 January 2023: In Chetimari town, Diffa department and region, the driver of a UNICEF-donated vehicle was killed by Boko Haram militants in a suspected car-jacking. **Source:** [Zagazola](#)

Nigeria

As reported on 31 December 2022: Update: In Abadam LGA, Borno state, at least four captives, including an INGO health worker kidnapped by ISWAP fighters on 03 August, escaped from captivity during fighting between ISWAP and Boko Haram militants. **Source:** [Zagazola](#)

South Sudan

02 January 2023: In Rumameer village, Abyei administrative area, two aid workers were attacked and killed by armed men while on duty at a humanitarian facility. **Sources:** [OCHA](#) and [Africa News](#)

07 January 2023: In Duk county, Jonglei state, an aid worker was killed and aid supplies were looted by unidentified perpetrators. **Sources:** [OCHA](#) and [Africa News](#)

Europe

Ukraine

11 January 2023: In eastern Ukraine, the body of one of two British voluntary aid workers reported missing was found. The two left Kramatorsk city for the Soledar town on Friday morning and were reported missing on Saturday evening. **Source:** [Reuters](#)

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 (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 11 January 2023.

