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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
30 June 2023: In Beni city, North Kivu province, an NGO aid worker was reportedly killed by unidentified armed men. **Source: ACLED**[1]

Ethiopia
08 June 2023: A widespread and coordinated campaign to divert donated wheat intended to those in need has forced USAID to suspend food aid to all of Ethiopia. On 09 June, WFP announced that it would be doing the same, affecting 20 million people in need. **Sources: ABC, Al Jazeera I, Al Jazeera II, Fox and Doctors Without Borders**

Mali
05 July 2023: In Bintagoungou village, Goundam commune, Tombouctou region, an NGO consultant was reportedly kidnapped by JNIM militants along with a vehicle. **Source: ACLED**[1]

06 July 2023; In Niafunke town and cercle, Niafunke, Tombouctou region, an unspecified number of NGO staff members were reportedly kidnapped by JNIM militants along with two vehicles. **Source: ACLED**[1]
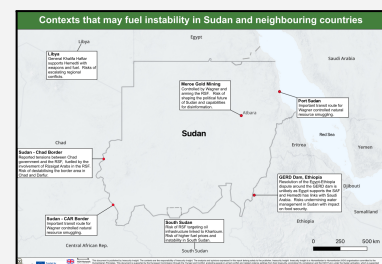
South Sudan
02 July 2023: In Yambio county, Western Equatoria state, a national UN aid worker was reportedly injured in a robbery at her home by criminals who robbed money. **Source: AWSD**[2]

Sudan

> ## Conflict Developments and Implications for Aid Agencies
> The Jeddah Declaration of Commitment to Protect the Civilians of Sudan had a limited focus on humanitarian issues, while subsequent ceasefires had practically no effect on the fighting. Any spillover effects of the Sudanese conflict on neighbouring countries may affect aid operations regionally. Attempts to influence the conflict through sanctions are highly likely to affect aid operations. This **report** provides insight on the conflicts developments and their implications for aid agencies.
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> Contexts that may fuel instability in Sudan and neighbouring countries

07 June 2023: In El Genina city, West Darfur state, a Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) IDP camp manager was killed by armed men while off duty. **Source: NRC and UN OCHA Sudan**

04 July 2023: In Omdurman city, Khartoum state, a Health Ministry was killed when he was hit by a bullet whilst inside the MSF-supported Saudi Maternity Hospital. The hospital was subsequently closed, with staff looking for a safer place to resume services. **Source: MSF Sudan**

07 July 2023: In El Geneina city, West Darfur, a Red Crescent vehicle was reportedly seized by an armed militia and used to move dead bodies. **Source: ACLED**[1]

As reported on 11 July 2023: In El Obeid city, North Kordofan state, RSF soldiers attacked a humanitarian convoy loaded with more than 1,770 cartons, and seized about 70 percent of the load, which were subsequently being sold in markets. **Source: Radio Dabanga**

Europe

Ukraine
29 June 2023: In Kherson city and oblast, a humanitarian aid distribution point was reportedly shelled by Russian forces, killing two civilians and wounding two others. **Source: ACLED**[1]

30 June 2023: Near Makiivka city, Luhansk region, a Ukrainian volunteer aid worker was reportedly injured when Russian forces shelled near the vehicle she was in. **Source: ACLED**[1]

05 July 2023: In Sadove village, Kherson oblast, a humanitarian aid distribution point was reportedly shelled by Russian forces, injuring a civilian. **Source: ACLED**[1]
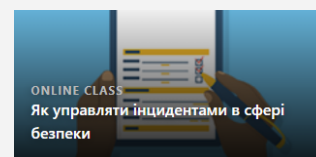
09 July 2023; In Orikhu city, Polohy raion, Zaporizhzhia oblast, a humanitarian distribution point was hit by Russian forces bombing. Several civilians were killed and injured and a drinking water point installed and maintained by a UN Ukraine Humanitarian Fund partner was destroyed. **Sources: European Commissioner for Crisis Management, Personal Communication, UN Ukraine I and UN Ukraine II**

11 July 2023: In Kherson oblast, a humanitarian distribution point was attacked. **Source: UN Ukraine**

12 July 2023: In Kharkiv oblast, aid workers from the LNGO Mission Proliska in a clearly marked humanitarian vehicle came under fire while delivering aid to families. **Source: UN Ukraine**
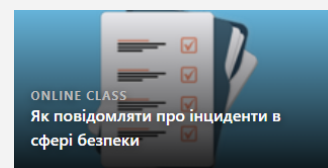

Managing Security Incidents Mobile Guide
- Explains why incident management is an important part of any aid agency's internal security risk management strategy and how to do it.
- Is designed for local partner organisations who want to improve their security risk practices as part of their due diligence capacity building and available in **Polish**, **Russian** and **Ukrainian** - in addition to **Arabic, English and French**.
- Is a short introduction to more material available on our **English**, **French**, **Spanish** and **Arabic** roadmap.
- Read the content of the mobile guide **here**.

Reporting Security Incidents Mobile Guide
- Explains to employees and consultants why it is important to report security incidents to security risk managers and how such reporting is best done.
- Is designed for local and field staff and available in **Polish**, **Russian** and **Ukrainian** - in addition to **Arabic, English and French**.
- Can be used as a tool in staff training to support a constructive and trusted security risk management atmosphere between security risk managers and staff.
- Comes with a documentation confirming completion of the 10 minutes course. Read the content **here**.

Middle East North Africa

Libya

07 July 2023: Off the coast of Castelverde town, Tripoli district, Tripolitania region, a Libyan Coastguard patrol vessel approached with high speed a rescue operation by the NGO vessel Ocean Viking, operated by SOS Mediterranee and the IFRC, and fired multiple shots at close range, causing injuries to passengers onboard. **Sources: Euractiv and IFRC**

Occupied Palestinian Territories

03-04 July 2023: In the Jenin Refugee Camp, Jenin city and governorate, West Bank, Israeli forces confiscated the keys of two ambulances belonging to the PRCS, and seized the mobile phones of staff responding to an emergency call. **Sources: MAP and Mondoweiss**
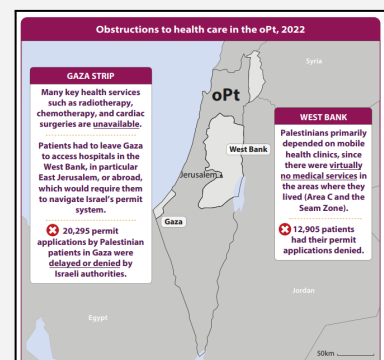
03-04 July 2023: In the Jenin Refugee Camp, Jenin city and governorate, West Bank, Israeli forces obstructed a PRCS ambulance carrying a pregnant woman in labour on its way to hospital. **Source: MAP**

03 July 2023: In the Jenin Refugee Camp, Jenin city and governorate, West Bank, all UNRWA installations, including one health centre and four schools, were unable to operate due to violence and insecurity in the camp. Some sustained damages. **Sources: Personal Communication and UNRWA**

04 July 2023: In the Jenin Refugee Camp, Jenin city and governorate, West Bank, Israeli forces fired teargas several times inside the Khalil Suleiman Hospital, rendering the Emergency Room unusable due to smoke. **Sources: MSF International I and MSF International II**

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171 Attacks on Health Care in the oPt in 2022

This factsheet - available in **Arabic** and **English** - published by the Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC) identified 171 incidents of violence against or obstruction of health care in the oPt in 2022. Violence resulted in the temporary closure of health facilities, and health care was interrupted during hospital raids. Palestinians seeking health care continued to be delayed or denied access to care by Israel's permit system. Closures of crossings and roads further reduced access to health care. This factsheet is based on the dataset **2022 SHCC Health Care oPt Data**, which is available for download on HDX.
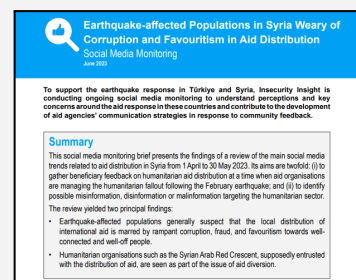

Obstructions to health care in the oPt, 2022

Syrian Arab Republic

11 July 2023: In Atrib town, Aleppo governorate, a Syrian LNGO volunteer was killed in a double-tap airstrike by Syrian regime forces that reportedly targeted the rescue's team's vehicle with a guided missile. He was killed while conducting inspections in areas that had been targeted by artillery shelling from Syrian regime forces **Sources: Syrian Civil Defence I and Syrian Civil Defence II**

Earthquake-affected Populations Weary of Corruption and Favouritism in Aid Distribution

This **social media monitoring brief** presents the findings of a review of the main social media trends related to aid distribution in Syria from 1 April to 30 May 2023. Its aims are twofold: (i) to gather beneficiary feedback on humanitarian aid distribution at a time when aid organisations are managing the humanitarian fallout following the February earthquake; and (ii) to identify possible misinformation, disinformation or malinformation targeting the humanitarian sector.

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The Americas

Haiti

06 July 2023: In Tabarre neighbourhood, Port-au-Prince, around 20 armed men entered the MSF hospital, forcibly removing a patient being treated for gunshot wounds from the operating room. **Sources: [Doctors Without Borders](#) and [OCHA](#)**

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.

Insecurity Insight. 2023. Aid in Danger Bi-Monthly News Brief, 28 June-11 July 2023. Geneva: Insecurity Insight. bit.ly/28Jun-11Jul2023AidBMNB

[1] Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) **database attribution policy**. Accessed 13 July 2023

[2] The **Aid Worker Security Database** (AWSD) 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 July 2023

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