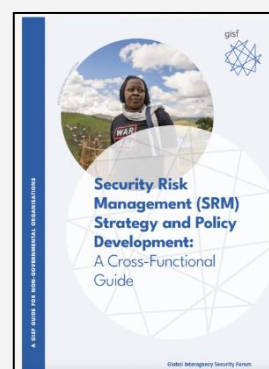


**Insecurity Insight identified 205 incidents in 29 countries and one territory where aid workers\* were killed, injured, kidnapped or arrested (KIKA) between 01 January and 30 July 2024.** Most of these incidents took place in the occupied Palestinian territory where 96 aid workers were killed, 43 arrested and 36 injured. Aid worker kidnappings were more often recorded in Sudan (27), the DRC (11), Mozambique and Mali (8 each).

This data is available for download on [HDX](#) and includes the reported perpetrator, the weapons used, the type of organisation and programme affected as well as anonymised available details about the affected staff. The dataset does not yet include all incidents reported in this News Brief. Numbers may change if or when further information is made available. Follow [us](#) on HDX for the latest dataset update.

## Security Risk Management (SRM) Strategy and Policy Development: A Cross-Functional Guide

Having a robust security risk management (SRM) strategy and policy is critical for any NGO to achieve its mission. But for too many organisations, these don't exist. Even when they are in place, strategies are often siloed within a single department. And policies may receive limited engagement from senior leaders. This [guide](#), developed by the Global Interagency Security Forum (GISF) and International Location Safety (ILS) is designed to help NGOs approach SRM at a strategic, policy development and organisational level. The guide is targeted at staff with direct responsibility for developing and implementing their organisational SRM strategy and policy. But it is also a critical resource for senior leaders.



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## Safety, security and access incidents

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

### Africa

#### Mali

**12 August 2024:** In Kidal town, cercle and region, an INGO health worker was kidnapped by members of the Wagner group. He was released on 14 August 2024. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

#### Nigeria

**08 August 2024:** In Rann, Born state, three aid workers were killed and three aid workers were kidnapped by Boko Haram. At least 11 people were killed during the attack. **Source:** [AWS<sup>1</sup>](#)

**09 August 2024:** In Makurdi, Benue state, a national NGO director was shot and killed by unidentified armed perpetrators. **Source:** [AWS<sup>1</sup>](#)

## South Sudan

**08 August 2024:** In Jonglei state, Greater Upper Nile region, a humanitarian cargo aircraft, chartered by the WFP crashed at the Pieri airstrip, killing three people and injuring four others including crew members. The plane was carrying water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) cargo, including blankets, buckets, soap, sleeping mats, and collapsible jerrycans. **Source:** [Eye Radio](#)

**15 August 2024:** In Ulang county, Upper Nile state, a health INGO evacuated its international staff due to serious threats from recently terminated local staff members. The individuals claimed that their termination was based on false claims and upon entering the INGO compound threatened to kill staff there. Consequently, the INGO temporarily suspended non-emergency care at the Secondary Healthcare Hospital. On 20 August, they resumed their full service in the area. **Sources:** [Eye Radio I](#) and [Eye Radio II](#)

## Sudan

**08 August 2024:** In Central Darfur state, an MSF truck carrying medicine and food was seized by unidentified perpetrators. **Source:** [MSF Sudan](#)

**08 August 2024:** In the South Belt area, Khartoum state, all community kitchens stopped providing meals due to lack of funds. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

**14 August 2024:** In Al Qadarif state, a community kitchen stopped providing meals due to lack of funds. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

**16 August 2024:** In Khartoum state, an unspecified number of community kitchen volunteers were shot and their food and phones stolen by the RSF. **Sources:** [Personal Communication](#) and [Sudan Tribune](#)

**20 August 2024:** In El Fasher city, North Darfur state, Relief International's medicine warehouse was destroyed during heavy RSF shelling on the city. **Sources:** [Personal Communication I](#) and [Personal Communication II](#)

### Protecting the Humanitarian Space in Niger

From April to June 2024, 32 predominantly international aid-related organisations were mentioned in 248 public posts on Facebook and X (formerly Twitter) in Niger. Sentiment analysis showed that all but one post were either positive or neutral. However, 16% of the 638 comments (i.e. responses to posts) expressed negative sentiments that often stemmed from mistrust and misinformation. An analysis of negative comments about aid-related organisations in Niger reveals distrust towards foreign aid, advocacy for national sovereignty and self-sufficiency, strong anti-Western sentiments, and criticism of the effectiveness of aid due to perceived corruption and mismanagement. **Misinformation, disinformation and hate speech targeting NGOs appeared to have mostly been disseminated by social media users who seemed to also hold pro-military and pro-AES views. Some pro-democracy activists also expressed negative sentiments towards the aid sector. Read [more](#)**



## Europe

### Ukraine

**14 August 2024:** In Kupiansk city, urban hromada and raion, Kharkiv oblast, a WFP-supported food distribution point was hit in a Russian forces drone strike, injuring a 64-year-old. **Sources:** [2day](#), [Chronikers](#), [Glavnoe](#), [Dumka](#), [Interfax](#), [Kharkiv Times](#), [National Police of Ukraine](#), [Radio Liberty](#), [SiD](#), [Status Quo](#), [UANews](#), [Ukrinform](#) and [WFP Ukraine](#)

**15 August 2024:** In Kherson city, an International Blue Crescent Relief and Development Foundation team were attacked by drones while the team was filling a water tank in the city with fresh drinking water. The truck driver and another IBC staff member were injured. Boht later died. **Source:** [IBC](#)

## Middle East and North Africa

### *Lebanon*

**18 August 2024:** In southern Lebanon, three peacekeepers of the UNIFIL were slightly wounded by an explosion likely resulting from a nearby airstrike. **Source:** [N1](#)

### *Occupied Palestinian Territory*

#### *Gaza*

**07 August 2024:** In Deir al Balah city and governorate, a member of the World Central Kitchen and a father of four was killed by an Israeli airstrike which hit his vehicle whilst he was travelling home after working in one of the World Central Kitchen warehouses. This incident occurred four months after seven other members of the organisation were also killed by the same forces. **Sources:** [AWS<sup>1</sup>](#), [OCHA Update 202](#), [Quds News Network](#), [Quds News Network I](#) and [World Central Kitchen](#)

**08 August 2024:** Across the Gaza strip, the WFP was forced to reduce food rations due to continued fighting and damaged roads **Sources:** [Al Jazeera](#) and [OCHA](#)

**As reported on 15 August 2024:** In an unspecified location, Israeli soldiers looted UNRWA flour bags and posted a video of themselves cooking with the flour inside a displaced Palestinian's home. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

**15 August 2024:** In an unspecified location, a UNRWA staff member was killed in an Israeli attack. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

**As reported on 18 August 2024:** In the Gaza Strip, a PRCS doctor is still missing 230 days after being arrested by Israeli forces during a raid on the PRCS EMS centre in Jabalia. **Sources:** [PRCS](#) and [Quds News Network](#)

**19 August 2024:** In Jabalia Refugee Camp, Northern Gaza governorate, the Director of the Al Awda Hospital reported that all surgery operations were postponed because of the lack of fuel. **Source:** [OCHA Update 206](#)

### *West Bank*

**As reported on 15 August 2024:** In Bethlehem city and governorate, a UNRWA staff member was released from Israeli detention, where he had been tortured. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

### *Syrian Arab Republic*

**06 August 2024:** In Al-Shaafah city, Abu Kamal district, Deir Ez Zor, governorate, an activist and member of a humanitarian organisation was detained by Asayish forces. He was accused of inciting violence against the local council after criticising an employee at the council. **Source:** [SOHR](#)

**16 August 2024:** In Sarmin town, Idlib governorate, Syrian Civil Defense members were reportedly targeted by Syrian regime artillery in a double-tap after they came to help victims of an earlier shelling of a mosque. **Sources:** [Syrian Civil Defence I](#) and [Syrian Civil Defence II](#)

**18 August 2024:** In Idlib city and governorate, an aid worker was injured after an artillery strike on a humanitarian facility by Syrian regime forces. **Source:** [Syria Weekly](#)

## The Americas

### *Nicaragua*

**19 August 2024:** The Nicaraguan authorities banned 1500 civil society organisations from operating in the country. Their legal status has been removed and assets seized by government forces. **Source:** [UN](#)

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<sup>1</sup> 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 on 21 August 2024

<sup>2</sup> Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) [database attribution policy](#). Accessed 21 August 2024

