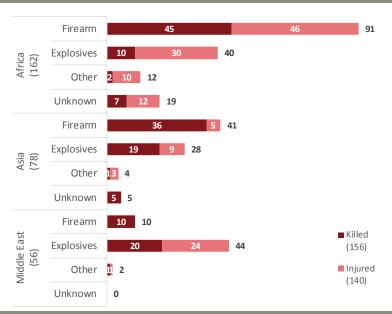
Open source reported severe events, by region and month (February 2015 to January 2016)



Between January and December 2015, open sources reported 192 severe events in which 413 aid workers were reported killed (161), kidnapped (125) or injured (142). Of the 125 aid workers who were kidnapped, open sources reported that 84 were released and 15 killed in captivity. For the reminder no information is known (28). 51 aid workers (32%) were killed in Afghanistan. Eight were killed as kidnap victims.

Open source reported deaths and injuries, by region and weapon type (January to December 2015)



In Africa and Asia, more staff were killed and injured by firearms (Africa 56%, Asia 52%) than by explosive weapons (Africa 24%, Asia 36%). In the Middle East, the majority of aid workers we killed and injured by explosive weapons (79%) and only 18% were reported killed by firearms. No injuries from firearms were reported from the Middle East

In Europe and The Americas, a total of four staff were reported killed by firearms. In Europe, suicide attack in Suruç (Turkey) killed and injured an unspecified number of youths from the Federation of Socialist Youth Association.

In the Middle East, more aid workers were injured by explosive weapons than were killed, reflecting the frequent use of indiscriminate aerial bombardments. If weapons are used indiscriminately, they tend to injure more people than they kill.

In Asia, explosive weapons killed more staff than they injured. This reflects the common use of hand grenades as an added weapon in targeted attacks on buildings. Weapons used in targeted killings, tend to kill more people than they injure.

Open source reported deaths, kidnappings and injuries, by region for men and women (January to December 2015)

Severe events affected more men (159) than women (26). 24% of all victims whose sex is known were security guards or drivers, professions mostly carried out by men in humanitarian aid settings. For 253 victims (58% of all victims) the sex was not reported. The data how severe events affected men and women in 2015 shows very similar patterns to trends observed in 2011 (Wille and Fast).

A total of 10 women were reported killed in Africa (2), Asia (5) and the Middle East (3). Seven were local NGO aid workers and three were international staff (American (2) and Italian (1)). Of the ten women killed, four were health workers, three of whom were polio workers. A UNHCR official, a consultant who had worked for a number of agencies, a vocational training volunteer and three volunteers were the other six female fatalities.

Explosive weapons killed three women in Syria (1) and Yemen (2). Firearms killed seven women in Afghanistan (3), Pakistan (2), Kenya and Somalia (1 each). Two were killed during an explosion while helping wounded civilians (Yemen) and another allegedly died in a building amid US-Jordanian air strikes (Syria). Three polio workers were gunned down in the street in Pakistan (2) and Afghanistan (1). Three were fatally shot in their residences in Kenya (1) and Afghanistan (2). One aid worker was killed whilst travelling in a private car.

