

Aid in Danger Incident Trends

The Aid in Danger project, by Insecurity Insight, has worked with Report the Abuse to present data on incidents of sexual violence¹ against aid workers.²

January 2015
- March 2017

Sexual violence in humanitarian settings is rarely reported as a security incident. This overview document presents incidents reported over a 27-month period. It includes data shared by **Report the Abuse** and incidents reported in open sources and by Security in Numbers Database (SiND) partner agencies. It does not present a representative sample, but instead provides insight into the nature of these incidents.

January 2015 - March 2017

76 aid workers in 27 countries were survivors of sexual violence

Reported incident totals (53)

Report the Abuse collected 19 testimonies from survivors of sexual violence in 11 countries.

Aid in Danger monitoring of open sources identified five incidents in three countries.

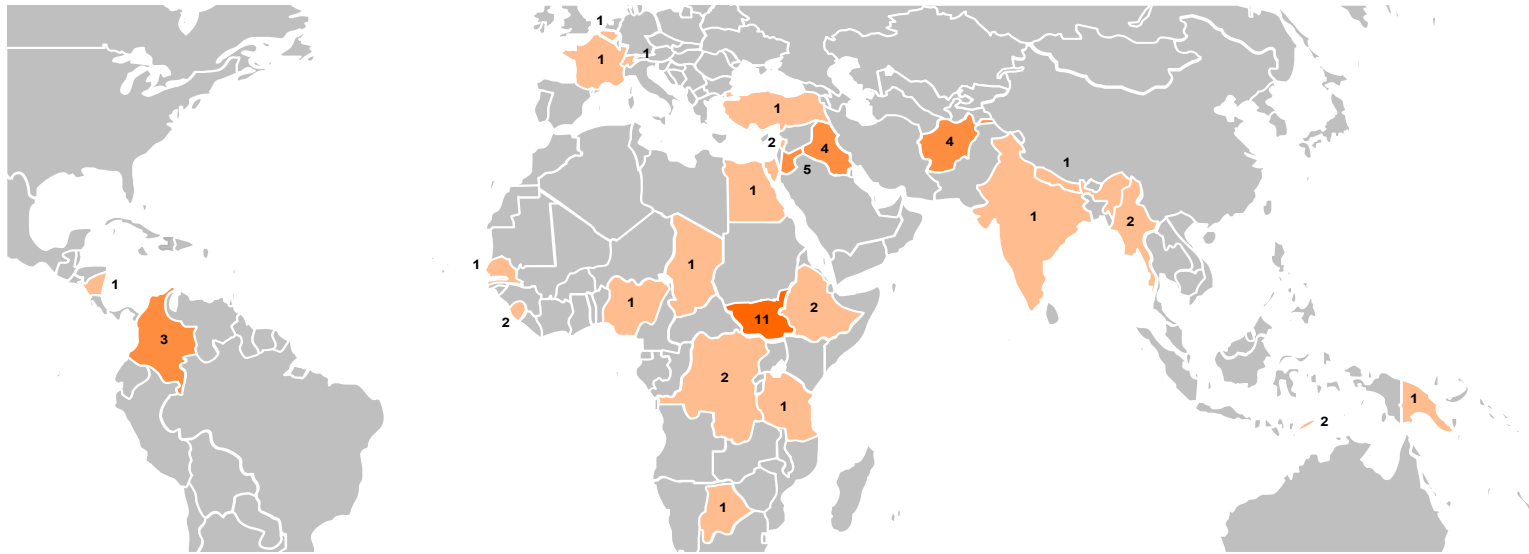
Eight SiND partner agencies reported 29 incidents in 17 countries.

High number of incidents

South Sudan: 11

Jordan: 5

Afghanistan, Iraq/KRI: 4



Survivor origin³

- All collected open-source reports detailed incidents affecting international aid workers. A similar number of incidents affected both partner agencies international and national staff members (13 and 9).
- 82% of incidents were perpetrated by local community members (28/34). Six identified perpetrators were aid workers or NGO contractors in Jordan, Sierra Leone, Ethiopia and South Sudan (2, 2, 1, 1).

Locations where incidents took place³

- 16 incidents took place in the street, seven at staff members' residences, four during road travel and one at a public building. Sexually explicit phone messages were sent to staff in Timor Leste, Colombia and Nepal (2, 1, 1).

Authority action³

- In Ethiopia, one perpetrator (aid worker) was taken into custody, but the outcome is unclear from the available information.
- In South Sudan, soldiers accused of raping five international aid workers appeared before a military court in May 2017.



Report the Abuse is the first global NGO solely devoted to addressing sexual violence against humanitarian aid workers.

It encourages survivors to report incidents of sexual violence, where this is a safe and comfortable option, and actively encourages humanitarian organisations to contribute data on the issue through increased engagement with the Aid in Danger Security in Numbers Database (SiND).

For organisations in need of help to address sexual violence against their staff, Report the Abuse will be publishing its first good practices guide in Summer 2017. Contact it at info@reporttheabuse.org for more information.

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² Aid in Danger project uses the Inter-Agency Standing Committee's **Guidelines for Integrating GBV Interventions in Humanitarian Action** definition of sexual violence: "Sexual violence includes, at least, rape/attempted rape, sexual abuse and sexual exploitation. Sexual violence is 'any sexual act, attempt to obtain a sexual act, unwanted sexual comments or advances, or acts to traffic a person's sexuality, using coercion, threats of harm or physical force, by any person regardless of relationship to the victim, in any setting, including but not limited to home and work.' Sexual violence takes many forms, including rape, sexual slavery and/or trafficking, forced pregnancy, sexual harassment, sexual exploitation and/or abuse, and forced abortion.

³ In our coding for this data, a humanitarian aid worker is defined as a person employed by or attached to a humanitarian, multi-mandated, UN or government aid agency. Where the number of aid workers affected is unspecified, one is counted.

⁴ Partner agency and open-source data only.