



This overview document presents incidents affecting aid delivery in ten countries in East Africa in 2017. The report is based on incidents identified in open sources and reported by Aid in Danger partner agencies using the Security in Numbers Database (SiND). In 2017, 539 security incidents affecting NGO staff members, programmes and assets were reported. The total number of reported incidents below reflects the willingness of agencies to share information. It is neither a complete count nor representative.

The data in this report has been cross-referenced with AWSD and compared with INSO's Key Data Dashboard. Total figures for East Africa are available on [HDX Insecurity Insight](#).

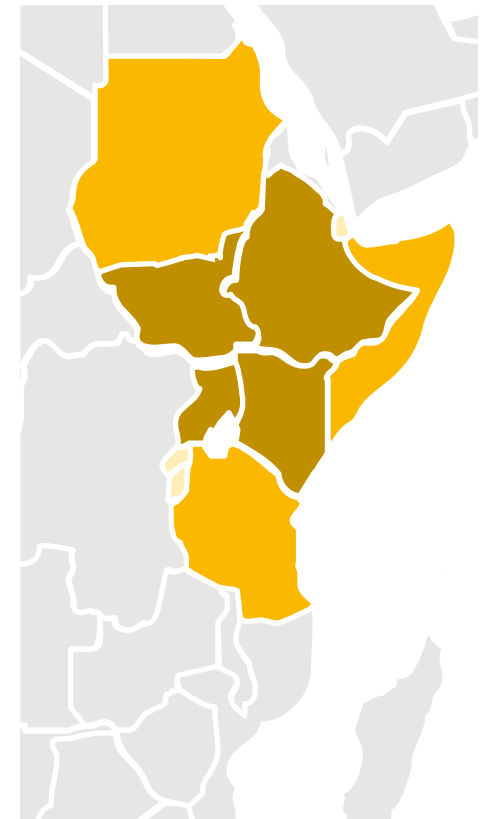
## Key findings

- The five countries with the highest number of reported security incidents in 2017 were South Sudan (271), Ethiopia (71), Uganda (47), Kenya (46) and Somalia (37).
- 35 NGO staff members were reportedly killed and 26 kidnapped in South Sudan in 2017.
- Over a quarter of reports in **Ethiopia** involved NGO staff member deaths, kidnappings or injuries, or armed/unarmed robberies, including with physical assault.
- Nearly two-thirds of reports in Uganda were crime related: armed/unarmed robberies, with physical assaults, break-ins, burglaries and thefts.
- There were frequent reports of fatal and non-fatal shootings; kidnappings, assaults and harassment of IDPs; and access denials and armed raids by armed groups and Sudanese forces in Sudan.
- Sexual violence was reported against one female NGO staff member in South Sudan.
- **Existing regulations** were used to make changes to visa regulations in South Sudan.

## Total security incidents, by country (539)

■ Over 40 reported incidents ■ 11-39 reported incidents ■ 1-10 reported incidents

South Sudan	271
Ethiopia	71
Uganda	47
Kenya	46*
Somalia	37**
Sudan	31
Tanzania	22
Burundi	9
Djibouti	2
Rwanda	2

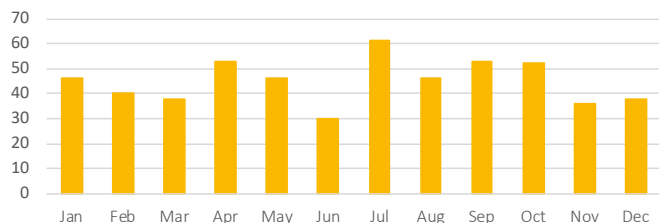


\* Organisations reported 31 incidents to the [INSO Key Data Dashboard](#) (accessed 9 July 2018).

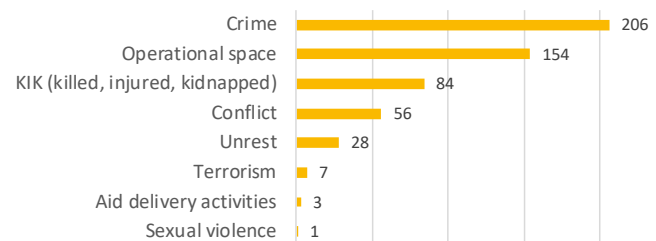
\*\* Organisations reported 82 incidents to the [INSO Key Data Dashboard](#) (accessed 9 July 2018).



## Total security incidents per month



## Total security incidents, by type



### Nearly 40% of the reported 539 incidents were crime related:

- Petty crime – break-ins, burglaries, fraud, looting, thefts, vandalism (75% of crime incidents).
- Violent crime – armed/unarmed robberies, car-jackings, extortion (25% of crime incidents).



### Over a quarter of incidents related to NGOs operational space:

- These involved access constraints; NGO staff member arrests, detentions and imprisonments; and threatening behaviour towards and intimidation of NGO staff members by locals, beneficiaries and armed groups over NGO programmes and beneficiary lists.



### Terrorism-related incidents:

- These were reported in Somalia and South Sudan. No incidents were identified that involved staff deaths and injuries; one incident reported NGO property damage by al-Shabaab militants in Somalia who raided and looted an NGO food warehouse.



## Road traffic accidents (RTAs)

- 57 aid-worker-related RTA incidents were identified by the Aid in Danger project.
- One staff member was killed in a vehicle RTA in Ethiopia.
- 35% of reported RTA incidents caused NGO staff injuries.
- 63% of reported injuries occurred while staff were travelling in vehicles.

Country	Total reported RTAs
Ethiopia	20
Uganda	8
Somalia, South Sudan	6
Burundi, Tanzania	5
Kenya	4
Sudan	2
Rwanda	1