Security Incident Data Analysis
Based on incidents identified by Insecurity Insight using the Security in Numbers Database (SiND).

This overview document presents incidents affecting aid delivery in 12 countries in Southern 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, 224 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 Southern Africa are available on **HDX Insecurity Insight**.

Key findings

- The five countries with the highest number of reported security incidents in 2017 were the DRC (93), Mozambique (29), Malawi (24), South Africa (22) and Zambia (17).

- There was an increase in reported conflict-related incidents in the DRC in the second half of 2017 (from 4 to 15).

- There was an increase in reports of terrorism-related incidents in Q4 in Mozambique (from 0 in previous quarters to 3).

- There were frequent reports of petty crime, including burglaries, fraud, thefts and damage to NGO property in Malawi and South Africa (67% and 76% of reported incidents, respectively).

- Sexual violence was reported against a female NGO staff member in Zimbabwe.

- **Existing laws** were used to close NGO operations in South Africa.

Total incidents, by country (224)

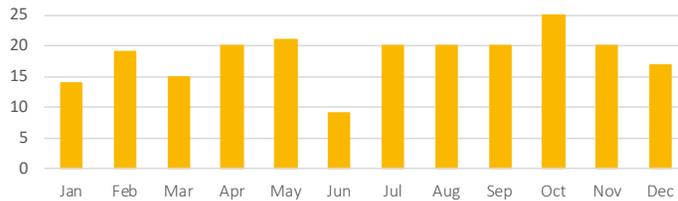| | Over 40 reported incidents | 11-39 reported incidents | 1-10 reported incidents |

DRC	93[*]
Mozambique	29
Malawi	24
South Africa	22
Zambia	17
Zimbabwe	15
Namibia	6
Angola	5
Botswana	4
Madagascar	4
Swaziland	3
Lesotho	2

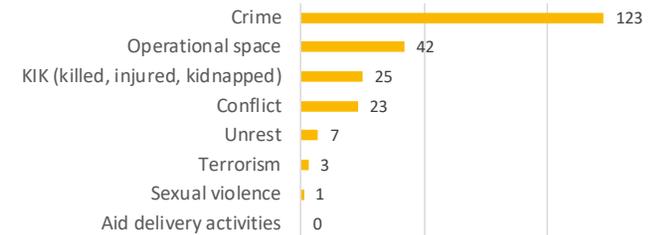[*] Organisations reported 157 incidents to the INSO Key Data Dashboard (accessed 9 July 2018).

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Total security incidents per month

Total security incidents, by type

Type	Count
Crime	123
Operational space	42
KIK (killed, injured, kidnapped)	25
Conflict	23
Unrest	7
Terrorism	3
Sexual violence	1
Aid delivery activities	0

Over half of the reported 224 incidents were crime related:

- Petty crime – break-ins, burglaries, fraud, thefts, vandalism (84% of crime incidents).
- Violent crime – armed/unarmed robberies and car-jackings (16% of crime incidents).

Frequent reports of threatening behaviour towards and intimidation of NGO staff members:

- These involved locals, beneficiaries and armed groups over NGO programmes and beneficiary lists and NGO staff member arrests and detentions.

Terrorism-related incidents:

- These were reported in Mozambique. No incidents were identified that involved staff deaths and injuries or damage to NGO property during these incidents. However, NGOs took security measures to protect staff, assets and programmes following terrorist attacks against public infrastructure and civilians.

Road traffic accidents (RTAs)

- 89 aid-worker-related RTA incidents were identified by the Aid in Danger project.
- Four staff members were killed in RTAs in the DRC, Lesotho, Mozambique and Zambia.
- 28% of reported RTA incidents caused NGO staff injuries.
- 56% of reported deaths and injuries occurred while staff were travelling on motorcycles.

Country	Total reported RTAs
Zimbabwe	22
Mozambique	21
Zambia	17
Malawi	11
Swaziland	5
DRC, Lesotho	4
Angola	3
Madagascar, South Africa	1