



This overview document presents incidents affecting aid delivery in 17 countries in West 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, 260 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 West Africa are available on [HDX Insecurity Insight](#).

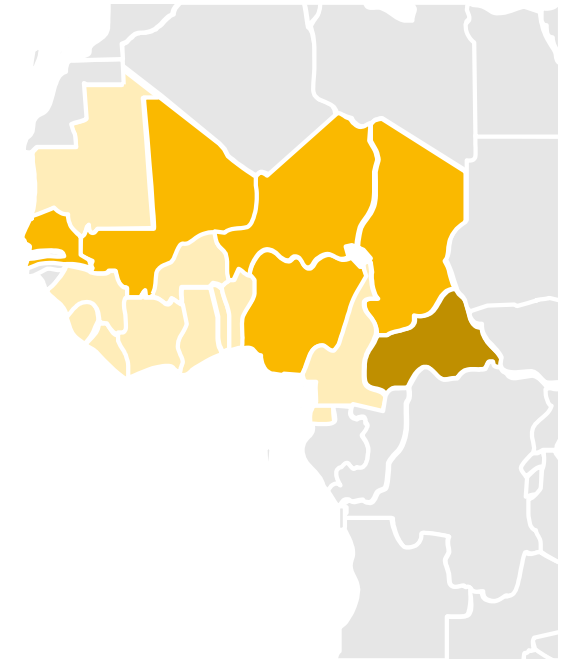
## Key findings

- The six countries with the highest number of reported security incidents in 2017 were the CAR (81), Nigeria (40), Mali (35), Senegal (16) and Chad, Niger (14 each).
- There was an increase in reported violent crime incidents and NGO staff member deaths and kidnapping in the second half of 2017 in the CAR (from 1 to 15 and 1 to 9, respectively).
- Nearly half of reports in Mali involved NGO staff member deaths or kidnappings, armed/unarmed robberies, or car-jackings.
- There was an increase in reported NGO staff member kidnappings in Q4 in Nigeria (from 0 in previous quarters to 3).
- **Sexual violence** was reported against three female NGO staff members in the CAR, Nigeria and Sierra Leone.

## Total incidents, by country (260)

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

CAR	81*
Nigeria	40**
Mali	35***
Senegal	16
Chad	14
Niger	14
Cameroon	12
Sierra Leone	10
Burkina Faso	6
Ghana	6
Mauritania	6
Guinea	5
Ivory Coast	5
Liberia	4
Togo	4
Benin	1
Equatorial Guinea	1



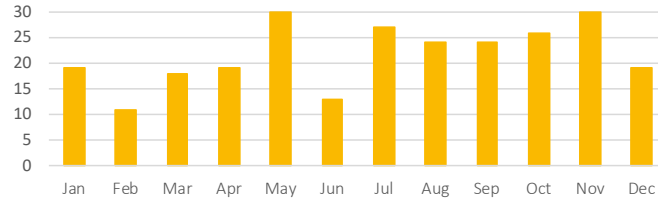
\* Organisations reported 373 incidents to the [INSO Key Data Dashboard](#) (accessed 9 July 2018).

\*\* Organisations reported 36 incidents to the [INSO Key Data Dashboard](#) (accessed 9 July 2018).

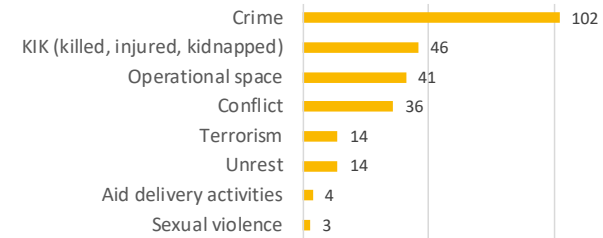
\*\*\* Organisations reported 234 incidents to the [INSO Key Data Dashboard](#) (accessed 9 July 2018).



## Total security incidents per month



## Total security incidents, by type



### Over a third of the reported 260 incidents were crime related:

- Petty crime – break-ins, burglaries, fraud, thefts, vandalism (63% of crime incidents).
- Violent crime – armed/unarmed robberies, with assaults and during NGO staff member kidnappings, arson, car-jackings (37% of crime incidents). One NGO staff member was killed and two injured in a car-jacking in Mali.



### KIK (killed, injured, kidnapped) incidents:

- 68% of KIK incidents were reported in the CAR and Mali (20 and 10 incidents, respectively).



### Terrorism-related incidents:

- These were reported in Mali, Niger and Nigeria. 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.



## Road traffic accidents (RTAs)

- 47 aid-worker-related RTA incidents were identified by the Aid in Danger project.
- Two staff members were killed in vehicle RTAs in Mali and Senegal (1, 1).
- 18% of reported RTA incidents caused NGO staff injuries.
- 70% of reported deaths and injuries occurred while staff were travelling in vehicles.

Country	Total reported RTAs
Chad, Senegal	9
Sierra Leone	5
Ghana	4
Benin, CAR, Mali, Nigeria	3
Cameroon, Ivory Coast	2
Burkina Faso, Liberia, Mauritania, Niger	1