

Aid in Danger Incident Trends

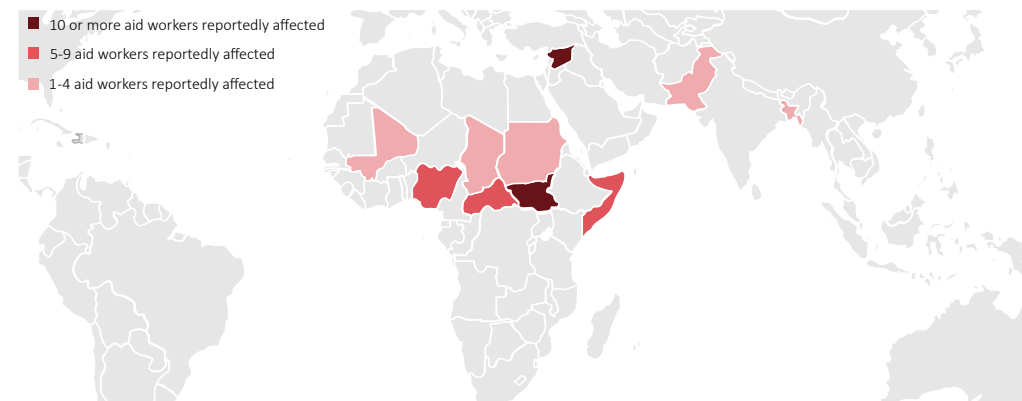
KIK incidents: incidents in which aid workers were killed, injured or kidnapped

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This overview document presents available information on KIK incidents¹ that affected aid agencies and their staff.² It covers a total of 35 incidents in ten countries in which 61 aid workers were reportedly killed, injured, kidnapped or assaulted between October and December 2017. These 35 incidents have been identified by Insecurity Insight using the Security in Numbers Database (SiND).

The available open-source and confidentially shared information is an indication of the number of aid workers killed, injured or kidnapped. However, no claim is made that the total number of aid workers affected has been documented or is known.



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Killed



- South Sudan (10), Syria (8), Somalia (5), CAR and Nigeria (3), Bangladesh and Mali (1 each). In Nigeria, one staff member was killed following their abduction.
- Of the 31 staff members reportedly killed, 29 were national staff members and one international. The nationality of one staff member was unspecified in the available information.
- Nearly half of the reportedly killed staff members worked for LNGOs (48%, 15 out of 31), followed by the RCRC and INGOs (both 19%, 6/31).
- 42% of affected staff were killed by explosive weapons: Syria (7), Somalia (5) and Bangladesh (1). Four staff members were killed at or outside their homes: CAR and South Sudan (2 each).

Injured



- South Sudan (5), Syria (2), Pakistan, Somalia and Sudan (1 each).³ Most reportedly injured staff members were national staff (8/10). One was international. The nationality of one staff member is unclear from the available information.
- Half of the reportedly injured staff members worked for INGOs (50%, 5/10), followed by LNGOs and the UN (2 each). Only one person for the RCRC was reported to have sustained injuries.

Kidnapped



- South Sudan (6), Nigeria (3) Chad and Sudan (1 each). Of the 11 staff members reportedly kidnapped, six were international staff and five were national.
- INGOs reported the kidnapping of staff members in South Sudan and Chad (5 and 1, respectively), while LNGOs reported the kidnapping of staff members in Nigeria (3), South Sudan and Sudan (1 each).
- Ten staff members were reportedly released following their abduction in South Sudan (6), Nigeria (3) and Chad (1). One staff member reportedly remains in captivity in Sudan.

Assaulted



- CAR (5), Mali (2) and South Sudan (2). INGOs reported over half of assaulted staff members (6/9), followed by the RCRC (2/9).
- Over three quarters of reported staff member assaults were sustained during robberies: CAR (3), Mali and South Sudan (2 each). In addition, one staff member was reportedly assaulted during food distribution when beneficiaries attempted to loot an INGO warehouse and another was assaulted by the parents of a beneficiary (both CAR).

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¹ **KIK incidents:** Any incident that resulted in a staff member being killed, injured or kidnapped. Includes: beaten, kidnapped, killed, missing, tortured, and wounded. In our coding, assaults describe violence against staff where no specific injuries are reported. Injuries count the number of aid workers explicitly described as having sustained injuries. Most injuries are inflicted with either firearms or explosive weapons. Many assaults are carried out with body parts (fists, feet) or objects.

² In our coding, an aid worker is defined as an individual employed or attached to a humanitarian, UN, international, national, or government aid agency.

³ In Somalia, the number of staff members who were injured is unclear from the available information. Where the number of staff affected is unclear, one is counted.