

Southern Africa NGO Security Incident Analysis: July-September 2017

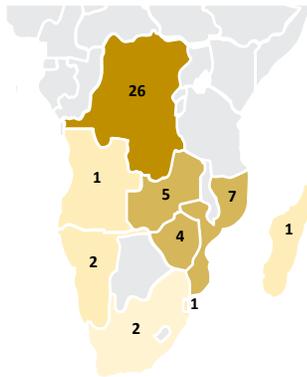
Aid in Danger partner agency incidents. Partner agencies operate in 11 countries. Partner agencies reported 49¹ incidents in nine countries and 11 security measures taken to protect staff, assets and programmes in three countries. The total number of reported incidents below reflects the willingness of agencies to share information. It is not a complete count nor representative. For other incidents recorded by the Aid in Danger project, including from open sources, please see [NGO Security Incident Overview](#).



Total incidents (49); agencies in country; incident rates²

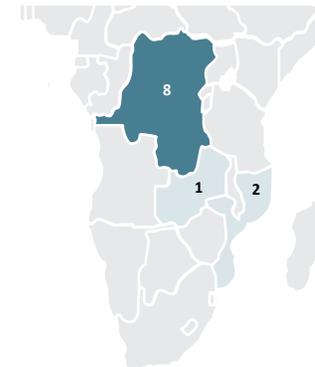
Incident hotspot
DRC (26)

Rate hotspot²
Namibia (2)



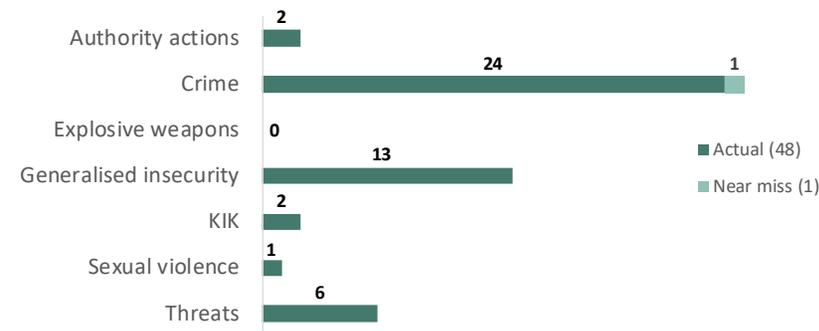
DRC Incidents: 26 Agencies: 17 Rate: 1.5	Mozambique Incidents: 7 Agencies: 8 Rate: 0.9	Zambia Incidents: 5 Agencies: 8 Rate: 0.6
Zimbabwe Incidents: 4 Agencies: 9 Rate: 0.4	Namibia Incidents: 2 Agencies: 1 Rate: 2	South Africa Incidents: 2 Agencies: 5 Rate: 0.4
Angola Incidents: 1 Agencies: 5 Rate: 0.2	Madagascar Incidents: 1 Agencies: 4 Rate: 0.25	Swaziland Incidents: 1 Agencies: 3 Rate: 0.3

Reported security measures (11)



DRC Office closure (3) Staff relocation (3) Restricted movement (2)
Mozambique Programme suspension (2)
Zambia Security advisories (1)

Quarterly incident totals, by incident type (49)



Authority actions: Two staff arrested by police for identity checks: DRC.

Crime: Armed robbery, burglary, robbery or theft of NGO assets: DRC, Zambia, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Angola, Madagascar, Namibia, Swaziland (5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1).

Explosive weapons: No incidents were identified.

Generalised insecurity: Mostly active fighting or armed activity: DRC (8). Vampire vigilantes: Mozambique.

KIK: Both incidents reported in the DRC, and in the context of crimes.

Sexual violence: Female NGO staff member sexually assaulted by other NGO partner staff: Zimbabwe.

Threats: Suspicious armed male reported outside NGO staff member's family residence: South Africa.

Near miss: Attempted break-in at NGO property by three males who fled when security guards were alerted.

Killed, injured, kidnapped (KIK) incidents (2)

2017-08	DRC: Haut-Uélé	Two NGO staff members ambushed on road by two suspected armed LRA males who took staff into the bush where 20+ civilians were being held. Staff members released unharmed after seven hours.
2017-09	DRC: Location unknown	Male NGO staff member physically assaulted by group armed with machetes in a house robbery. Minor injuries reported.

Authority actions: Direct or indirect actions taken by a state or non-state actor that impede the delivery of aid. Includes: arrest, abuse of power, access denied, accusations, charges laid, checkpoint set up, denial of visa, detention, expulsion, fined, forced closure, imprisoned, indirect government action, introduction of laws, investigation, property entry search, and regulations imposed.

Crime: Criminally motivated incidents that affect an agency or staff property. Includes: armed robbery, arson, blackmail, break-in, burglary, car-jacking, cyber attack, extortion, fraud, intrusion, looting, piracy, property damage, robbery, theft, and vandalism.

Explosive weapons: Incidents in which explosive weapons affect an agency or the delivery of aid. Includes: aerial bomb, cluster bomb, hand grenade, landmine, other, RCIED, surface launched, SVIED, and VBIED.

Generalised insecurity: Incidents causing insecurity and directly or indirectly affecting the delivery of aid. Includes: active fighting, armed activity, attack, attack on another agency, civil unrest, conflict, criminal unrest, demonstration, natural disaster, political unrest, riot, shooting, strike causing staff no-show, UXO discovery, war, and wrong-time wrong-place incident.

KIK: Any incident that resulted in a staff member being killed, injured or kidnapped. Includes: beaten, kidnapped, killed, missing, tortured, and wounded.

Near miss: Incidents that could have caused harm or otherwise affected the delivery of aid. Includes: crime near miss, explosive-weapon near miss, and KIK near miss.

Sexual violence: Any incident in which a staff member experienced any form of SGBV. Includes: aggressive sexual behaviour, attempted sexual assault, other, rape, sexual assault, unwanted sexual comments, and unwanted sexual touching.

Threats: Direct or indirect threats made by a state or non-state actor that impede the delivery of aid. Includes: face-to-face harassment, intimidation, and/or threats; remote threat against agency; reputation risk; threat of closure; and threats to staff witnesses of crime.

Security measures: Actions taken by agencies in response to generalised insecurity or a security incident. Includes: hibernation, moving of assets, office closure, ongoing monitoring, programme change, relocation of staff, remote control, restriction of movement, security advisories issued, and programme suspension.

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¹ In 11 incidents security measures were taken after a direct incident.

² The incident rate shows the number of reported incidents divided by the number of partner agencies present in the country.