

Southern Africa Region: April - June 2017

Aid in Danger partner agency incidents. Partner agencies operate in 11 countries. Agencies reported 37¹ incidents in nine countries and two reported security measures taken to protect staff, assets and programmes in two countries.



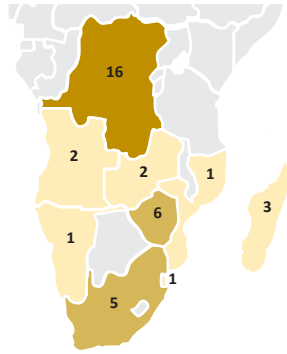
Total incidents (37); agencies in country; incident rates²

Incident hotspots

DRC (16)
Zimbabwe (6)
South Africa (5)

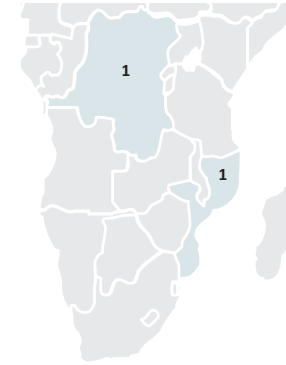
Rate hotspots²

Namibia (1)
DRC (0.9)
South Africa (0.8)



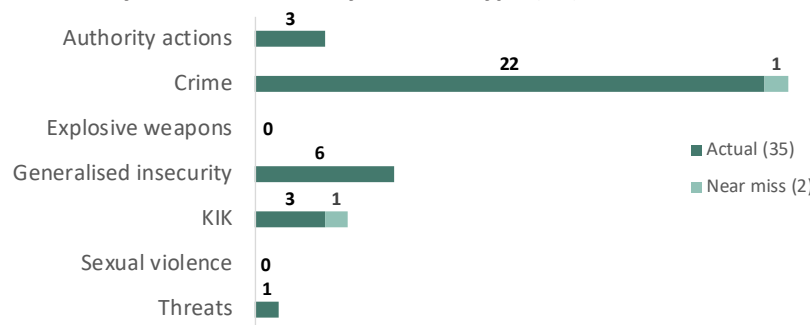
DRC Incidents: 16 Agencies: 18 Rate: 0.9	Zimbabwe Incidents: 6 Agencies: 10 Rate: 0.6	South Africa Incidents: 5 Agencies: 6 Rate: 0.8
Madagascar Incidents: 3 Agencies: 4 Rate: 0.75	Angola Incidents: 2 Agencies: 5 Rate: 0.4	Zambia Incidents: 2 Agencies: 8 Rate: 0.25
Mozambique Incidents: 1 Agencies: 9 Rate: 0.1	Namibia Incidents: 1 Agencies: 1 Rate: 1	Swaziland Incidents: 1 Agencies: 3 Rate: 0.3

Reported security measures (2)



DRC Restricted movement (1)
Mozambique Staff relocation (1)

Quarterly incident totals, by incident type (37)



Authority actions: Abuse of power: DRC. NGO staff member arrested: South Africa.
Crime: Two armed street robberies: Namibia, South Africa. One NGO car-jacking: Angola.
Explosive weapons: No incidents were identified.
Generalised insecurity: Whole of DRC, mostly kidnappings and deaths of other NGO staff (4).
KIK: Two incidents in the context of a crime: Madagascar.
Sexual violence: No incidents were identified.
Threats: Death threat sent to NGO staff member: DRC.
Near miss: NGO guest-house manager kidnapped and NGO vehicle taken by armed robbers who stormed house. Later released unharmed: Zimbabwe.

KIK incidents (3)

April	DRC: North Kivu	NGO driver kidnapped while travelling with other staff; perpetrators later attempted to target another NGO.
April	Madagascar: Unknown location	NGO staff member assaulted during attempted street robbery by three males armed with machete.
June	Madagascar: Unknown location	Female NGO staff member robbed and physically assaulted at night while returning to field base.

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 one incident 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 country.