

VIOLENCE AGAINST AID WORKERS IN 2015



Every day, aid workers save lives in conflicts and disasters, braving tremendous dangers and difficulties to deliver assistance to people who need it the most. On World Humanitarian Day (19 August), we remember and pay tribute to those heroic colleagues who lost their lives in humanitarian service.

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AID WORKER VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE



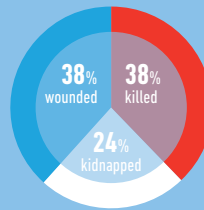
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SECURITY INCIDENTS AGAINST AID WORKERS



38%

OF VICTIMS WERE KILLED



90%

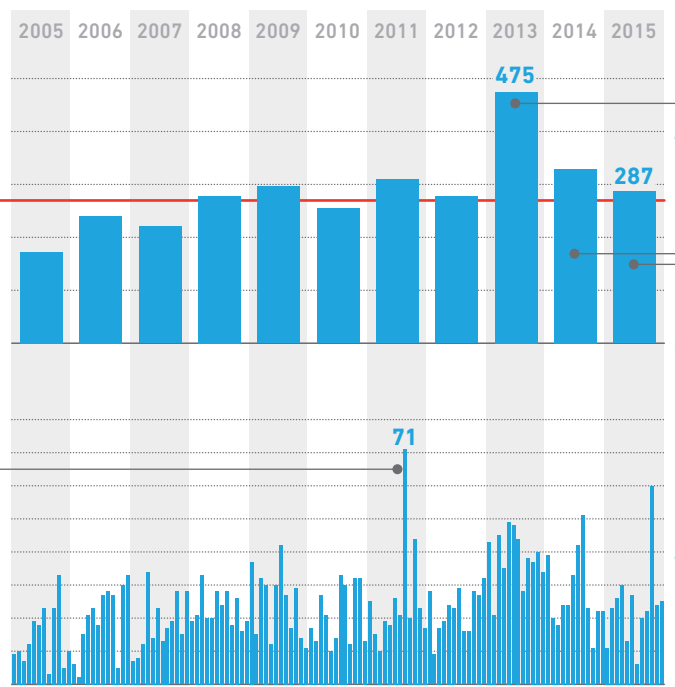
OF VICTIMS WERE NATIONAL STAFF



TIMELINE OF AID WORKER VICTIMS

VICTIMS BY YEAR

With the exception of 2013, there has been an average of 270 victims in the past 11 years.

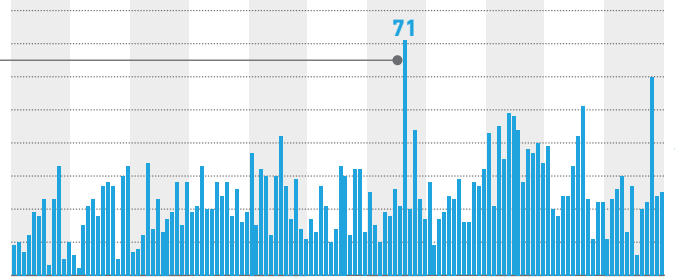


2013 saw the highest number of victims due to worsening crises in South Sudan and Syria, and continued violence in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Sudan.

The decline is mainly due to a reduced or reconfigured operational presence in these countries, with fewer aid workers deployed to insecure field locations.

VICTIMS BY MONTH

In August 2011, a suicide bomber attacked the United Nations building in Abuja, Nigeria, killing 9 people and injuring 37 people. This was the highest number of victims in a single month.



CONTEXT OF ATTACKS

Ambush/attack on the road

33%



Individual attack/assassination

23%



Raid (armed group incursion on home, office or project site)

12%



Combat/police operations/crossfire

10%



Mob violence/rioting

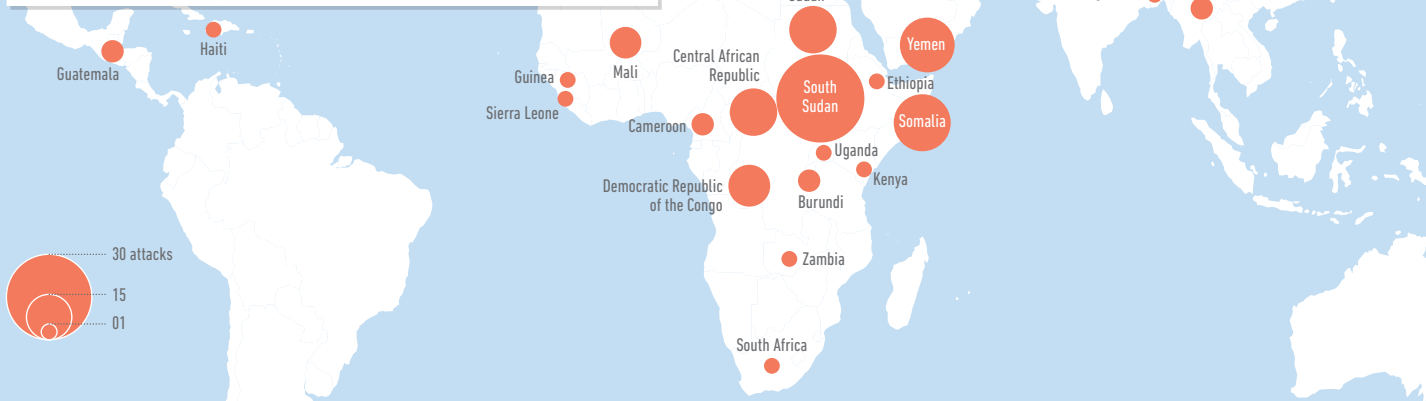
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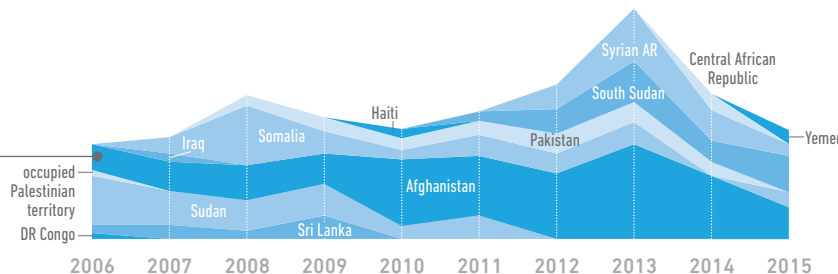
In 2015, 148 attacks against aid workers occurred in 25 countries. But two thirds of all attacks took place in just five countries:

South Sudan	31
Afghanistan	27
Somalia	13
Yemen	12
Syrian Arab Rep.	10
Others	55



TIMELINE OF FIVE COUNTRIES WITH THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF ATTACKS PER YEAR

Each year, Afghanistan is one of the five countries with the highest number of attacks.



2015 was Yemen's first year as one of the five worst countries. It was also the first time that South Sudan overtook Afghanistan as the country with the highest number of attacks.