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Aid Worker Security Report Figures at a glance

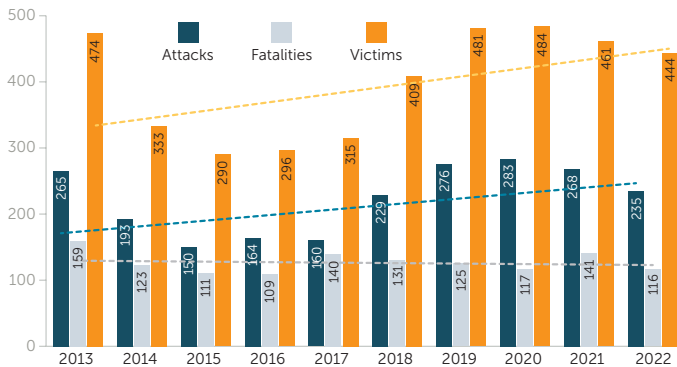
2023

444 aid workers were victims of major attacks in 2022

116 killed **143** wounded **185** kidnapped

Overall, attacks against aid workers were marginally lower in 2022, but there was a significant surge in kidnappings.¹ A total of 444 aid workers fell victim to violence in 235 separate attacks, with 116 killed, 143 injured, and 185 kidnapped. South Sudan remained the most dangerous operational context for humanitarian workers, with Haiti and Ukraine newly joining the group of countries with the highest number of incidents.

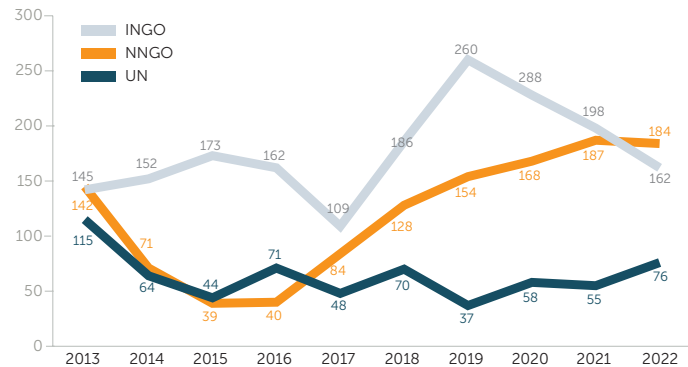
Attacks affecting aid workers, total victims, and fatalities 2013–2022



South Sudan remained by far the highest incident context, significantly influencing the global casualty numbers in recent years. Attacks in Mali, particularly kidnappings, remained high in 2022, equaling Myanmar for the second highest total.

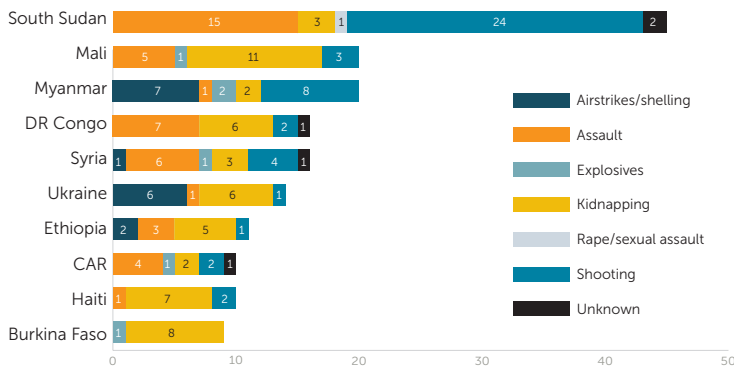
In Ukraine, attacks by Russian forces claimed the lives of at least 11 aid workers, mostly in collateral damage from airstrikes and shelling. Moreover, they have illegally detained at least 39 aid workers, many of whom were reportedly abused.

Types of organisations attacked, 2013-2022



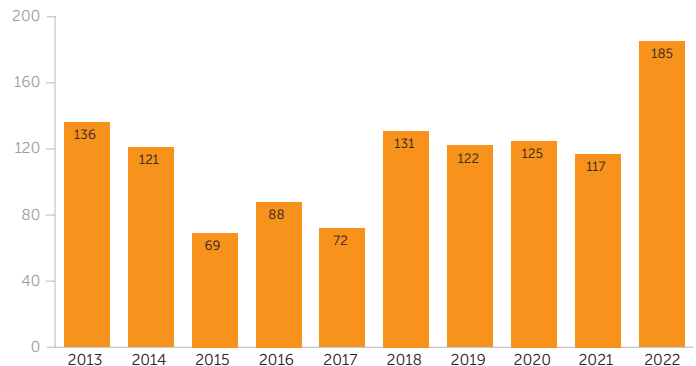
The increase in casualties among national NGOs is especially concerning considering the disparity in security risk management resources between national and international NGOs, including the provision of security training. The upcoming Aid Worker Security Report (August 2023) will focus on security training in the humanitarian sector: what it consists of, who gets it, and how do we know if it works. The report will also analyze the 2022 data, particularly the country-specific trends contributing to the rise in kidnappings, and will provide preliminary statistics for the first half of 2023, a period marked by a surge in violence in Sudan and other regions.

Numbers and types of attacks in 10 most violent contexts, 2022



Verified incidents of aid workers being kidnapped, defined as forcible abduction or detention exceeding 24 hours, saw a 58% increase over the previous year, marking the highest total ever recorded.

Number of aid workers kidnapped, 2013-2022



Another notable trend in 2022 was the continued rise in casualties borne by national and local aid organisations. Despite having far larger staffs, international NGOs have seen a decrease in attacks, while those of their local partners are on the rise.

¹ Includes all forcible abductions and detentions by non-state actors or foreign militaries, where the victim was held for over 24 hours, whether or not a ransom demand was made.