

PROTECTING NATIONAL STAFF



INTERNATIONAL NGO SAFETY ORGANISATION
Analysis & Advice for Humanitarians

This World Humanitarian Day the International NGO Safety Organisation is calling for more measures to protect national staff.

Whether they are working for a National or International NGO, national staff form the majority of any NGOs workforce and are naturally the most vulnerable segment, constituting 90% of all fatalities, 99% of injuries and 94% of abductions across the countries monitored by INSO this year.*

Being responsible for the bulk of implementation roles, national staff proximity to conflict zones makes them vulnerable to direct violence while limited access to medical and emergency facilities makes them vulnerable to complications

arising from injury or disease.

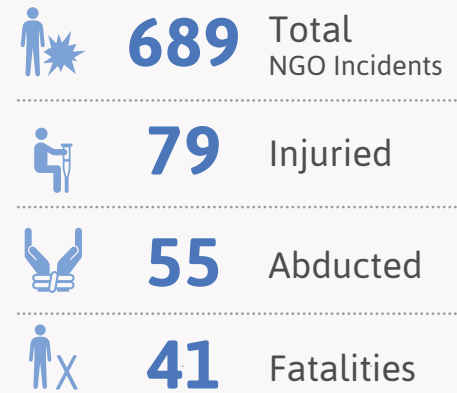
The pattern is not isolated to any one country we monitor, or towards any specific type of activity, and evidences a systemic vulnerability.

While preventing armed attacks against NGOs is the underlying solution, in the absence of any realistic means to achieve that, this World Humanitarian Day we advocate for small practical changes in our own behaviour that we believe will strengthen the protection of national staff wherever they may be.

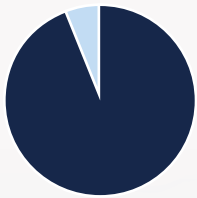
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www.ngosafety.org/news/whd2017

TOTAL NGO SECURITY INCIDENTS, JAN-JUL 2017**



**Figures include both national and international victims.



94%
OF ALL SERIOUS INCIDENTS*** INVOLVED NATIONAL STAFF



165
NATIONAL STAFF KILLED, INJURED OR ABDUCTED



Cause of Death

- Conflict (35%)
- Airstrike (35%)
- Direct fire (35%)
- Indirect fire (10%)
- Explosives (10%)
- Crime (10%)
- Armed Robbery (5%)
- Melee weapons (5%)



29%
OF ALL SERIOUS INCIDENTS OCCURRED IN SYRIA

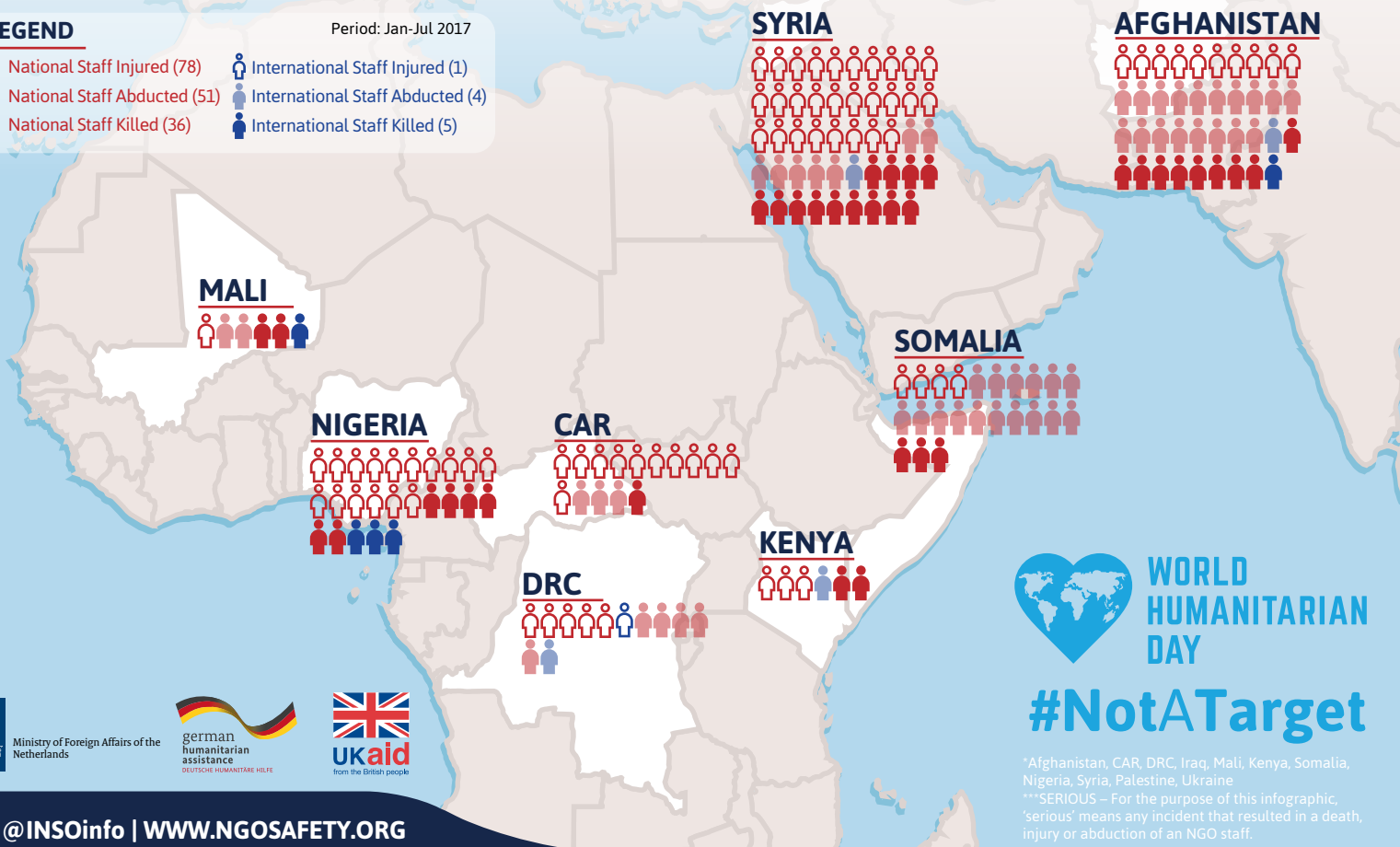
- Syria (48, 29%)
- Afghanistan (37, 23%)
- Somalia (23, 14%)
- Nigeria (22, 13%)
- CAR (15, 9%)
- DRC (10, 6%)
- Mali (5, 3%)
- Kenya (5, 3%)

90%
OF NATIONAL STAFF FATALITIES WERE CONFLICT RELATED

LEGEND

Period: Jan-Jul 2017

- National Staff Injured (78)
- International Staff Injured (1)
- National Staff Abducted (51)
- International Staff Abducted (4)
- National Staff Killed (36)
- International Staff Killed (5)



WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY

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*Afghanistan, CAR, DRC, Iraq, Mali, Kenya, Somalia, Nigeria, Syria, Palestine, Ukraine
***SERIOUS - For the purpose of this infographic, 'serious' means any incident that resulted in a death, injury or abduction of an NGO staff.