



**PROTECT
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A SNAPSHOT OF OUR IMPACT IN 2024



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Protect Aid Workers is a new mechanism, launched in 2024. It provides financial assistance up to €10,000, as well as legal aid, to humanitarian workers facing security incidents or immediate threats arising from their work. These include cases of violence, kidnapping, arrests, and more. In our first year of operation, Protect Aid Workers provided assistance for aid workers and their families in 11 countries.

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In 2024, we supported 101 direct beneficiaries with financial or legal assistance.



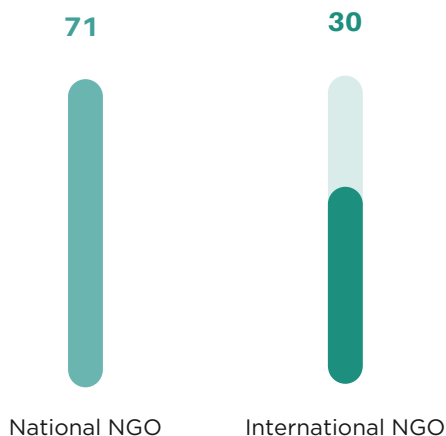
CASE STUDY: SUDAN

In the White Nile region of Sudan, a volunteer from the Emergency Response Rooms (ERRs) was assaulted by a non-state armed group. When they attacked her village and found the dignity kits she was distributing to women, the group violently assaulted her and her family. After being identified by the armed group, she and her family faced threats to their safety. The grant from Protect Aid Workers allowed for evacuation and relocation to a safer part of the country, where she could also access medical and mental health support to recover from the traumatic event.

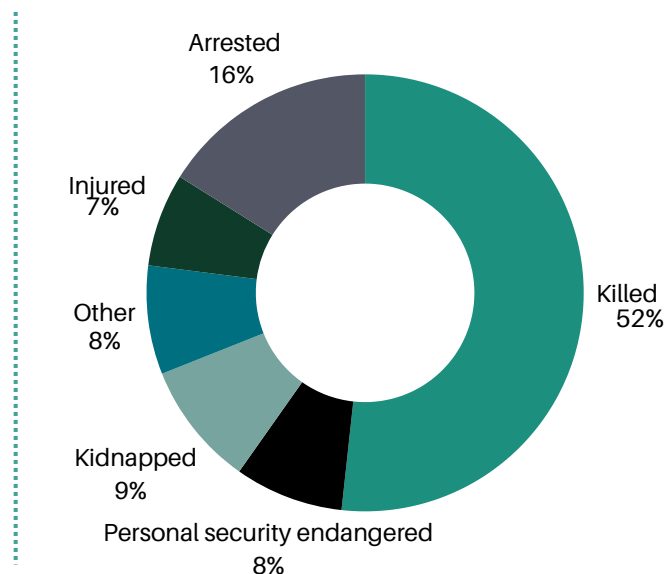
Another volunteer of the ERRs was attacked by the same non-state armed group while he was working for the community kitchen distributing soup to the most vulnerable people. After being detained, tortured and released, he needed medical care. There was no hospital in the vicinity. The protection grant from Protect Aid Workers enabled the volunteer and his family to be evacuated for their safety and be treated in a hospital.



Type of organisation beneficiaries worked for



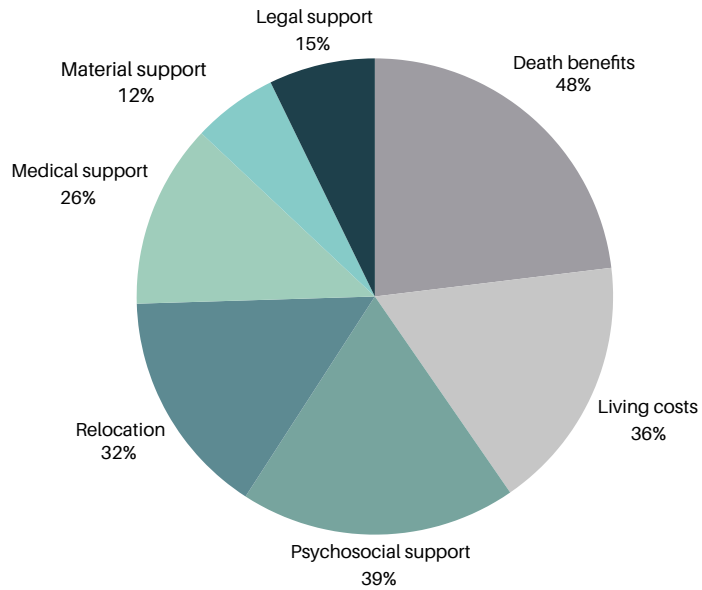
Type of incident responded to



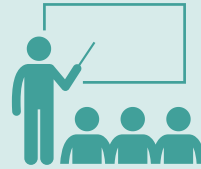
Countries reached in 2024



Financial assistance from Protect Aid Workers can be used to support a variety of costs - from paying medical bills for physical or mental injuries, to covering the costs of lost salary if a worker is injured or killed. In 2024, our assistance spanned seven categories, detailed below.



*Some of the financial assistance issued by Protect Aid Workers was used for more than one purpose by the beneficiaries. Therefore, the numbers in this chart add up to more than 100 per cent.



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Protect Aid Workers delivered five trainings in 2024, focusing on **Crisis & Incident Management**. These sessions covered incident prevention, response, and management and took place in Syria, Tunisia, and Türkiye.



Raqqa, Syria

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PARTICIPANTS RECEIVED TRAINING IN 2024



CASE STUDY: LEBANON

In Lebanon, an employee of a national NGO was driving to an internally displaced people shelter to oversee multi-sectoral assistance. An airstrike happened at that very moment.

She was injured and traumatised, and her car was damaged. The grant, quickly transferred from Protect Aid Workers, allowed to cover the hospital fees and costs of mental health support. The grant was also used to repair the employee's vehicle, which is essential for carrying out her duties. She has now recovered and is better equipped to manage the psychological impact of the event. She has also resumed her work to support affected populations.



How to apply

Full information on eligibility criteria and an online application form are available at the Protect Aid Workers website. Head to <https://protectaidworkers.org/>.

For any immediate questions, you can reach out to the Protect Aid Workers team at:

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Protect Aid Workers is led by a group of NGOs, including:



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