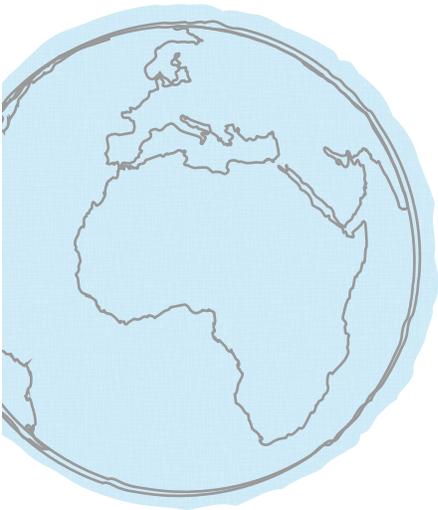




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# WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY /// AUGUST 19

World Humanitarian Day is celebrated every year on August 19 to honor aid workers who risk *their* lives to save lives in some of the most dangerous regions around the world. It's not only an opportunity to remember the sacrifice of the brave men and women who died serving others, it's also a time to celebrate the commitment and passion that live on in the people who continue to help the millions affected by disasters around the world.

## RECENTLY RELEASED DATA CONFIRM THAT DISASTERS ARE GROWING IN COMPLEXITY AND MAGNITUDE:

**\$138 BILLION**

the price tag in 2012 for global economic losses due to disasters \*

\*Source: Centre for Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters

**28.8 MILLION**

the number of people displaced by conflict and violence, the highest figure ever recorded \*

\*Source: International Displacement Monitoring Centre

**\$17.9 BILLION**

the amount of global humanitarian assistance provided in 2012, ↓ 8% from 2011\*

\*Source: Global Humanitarian Assistance Report 2013

This August 19 marks 10 years since the bombing of the U.N. headquarters in Baghdad, Iraq, that killed 22 people and injured dozens more. Since this tragic event, growing insecurity has continued to place aid workers in danger. Yet in high-risk countries, especially in those where the vast majority of attacks occur, aid workers—both international and national—are working to help those most in need. Right now, humanitarian workers are on the frontlines in Syria, tirelessly providing medical assistance, emergency supplies, and food to people who have lost everything. They're living in conflict zones in Afghanistan, South Sudan, and Yemen, often at great personal risk to themselves. They're working in the Horn of Africa and the Sahel, helping to build resilience to crises that are growing in complexity and magnitude.

It's estimated that more than 28 million people globally are currently displaced within their own countries by conflict and violence—the highest figure ever recorded—highlighting the need for continued and augmented action by governments, the private sector, international partners, and individuals who wish to make a difference.

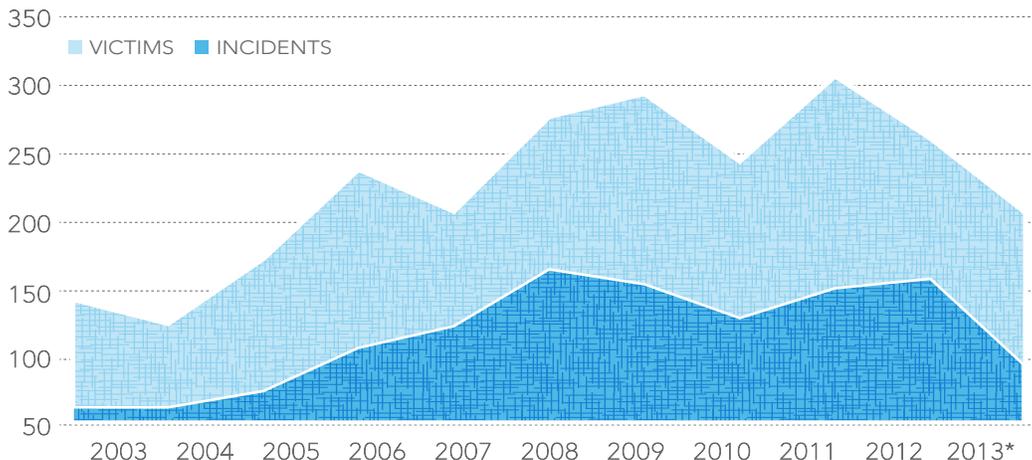
This year's U.N. World Humanitarian Day campaign, "The World Needs More," aims to inspire everyone to turn words into action in order to raise awareness of humanitarian needs around the world. It's a drive to mobilize critical resources through social media channels and harness the goodwill and humanitarian spirit that inspire aid workers every day.

Show your support for World Humanitarian Day by visiting [www.worldhumanitarian.org](http://www.worldhumanitarian.org) to become part of this global movement.

In the decade since the 2003 bombing of the U.N. headquarters in Baghdad, Iraq, the number of aid workers who have been killed, wounded, kidnapped, or injured has increased dramatically. Statistics indicate that 2013 is on pace to continue this upward trend, with staff being most at risk in countries such as Syria, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Somalia, and South Sudan. USAID's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance increases the capacity of the humanitarian community to operate safely in insecure environments by funding training programs, data collection and analysis, and collaborative ventures.

## AID WORKER VICTIMS 2003 - 2013

\*Figures as of August 2013



Source: The Aid Worker Security Database (<https://aidworkersecurity.org>)