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# **“ Can you get sued? Legal liability of international humanitarian aid agencies towards their staff ”**

A publication of the SMI, by Ed Kemp and Maarten Merkelbach

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**Venue:** DLA Piper, 500 Eighth St, NW, Washington DC, 20004

The aid and development sector's risk and security management is subject to the same basic legal ground rules and responsibilities as any other enterprise. These are mandatory, not optional. It is not only an operational issue; it is a governance issue. NGOs undertaking risk and security management need to take this into account. In cooperation with DLA Piper (US) and A4ID (UK), SMI worked with lawyers and non-profit organizations in several countries to develop a common standard and process for analysis to be applied by international organizations seeking to meet their legal obligations in looking after their staff.

*Join us to explore the results of this research and its implications for the international NGO sector.*

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