

LRA CRISIS TRACKER

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RADIO DATA AND WEBSITE TRACK WAR ATROCITIES

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In December 2009, the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) killed 321 civilians in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. In spite of the incredible scale and brutality of the violence, news of the massacre did not reach the international community until three months later.

The LRA has abducted and killed thousands of people, but the group's activities remain seriously under reported – until recently, four out of five LRA incidents were not covered. It's not just the general public who are left in the dark – humanitarians, policy makers and security forces lack the credible data necessary to deploy their services effectively.

Although NGOs and UN agencies have always reported what they know independently, there was no way to aggregate the information until 2011, when the LRA Crisis Tracker project started.

Developed by Invisible Children – a non-profit established to raise awareness of the activities of the LRA, the Tracker captures long-range, two-way radio data from local people. The data is then published on a website, which is publicly accessible, so international agencies like the UN, peacekeeping organisations, policy makers and local non-profits know what's going on.

To date, 3,182 LRA-related incidents have been reported on the Crisis Tracker, and the website has received over one million unique visits so far. The UN is relying on the tool to collect data on the group's movements, and even cited

the tracker in its latest report to the Security Council. The ultimate aim of the Invisible Children is to end the war and the violence that LRA has been perpetrating for 30 years in Uganda, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Central African Republic. Find out more at <https://lraclisttracker.com>

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