Security Briefing

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*"We targeted our enemy - the UN...
10 UN non-believers killed...the UN is a target of ours.
We will continue to attack them (the UN)"*

Significant Incidents Since 2009

➢ VBIED and PBIED attacks and Complex attacks on our offices (and partners) or in close proximity to, resulting in death and injury

➢ Hostage taking of staff, dependents and staff of WFP partners and contractors

➢ Direct threats against offices resulting in their closure

➢ Compound invasions as a result of armed conflict

➢ Assaults, robberies and other direct threats to our staff

Countries with Current Conflict
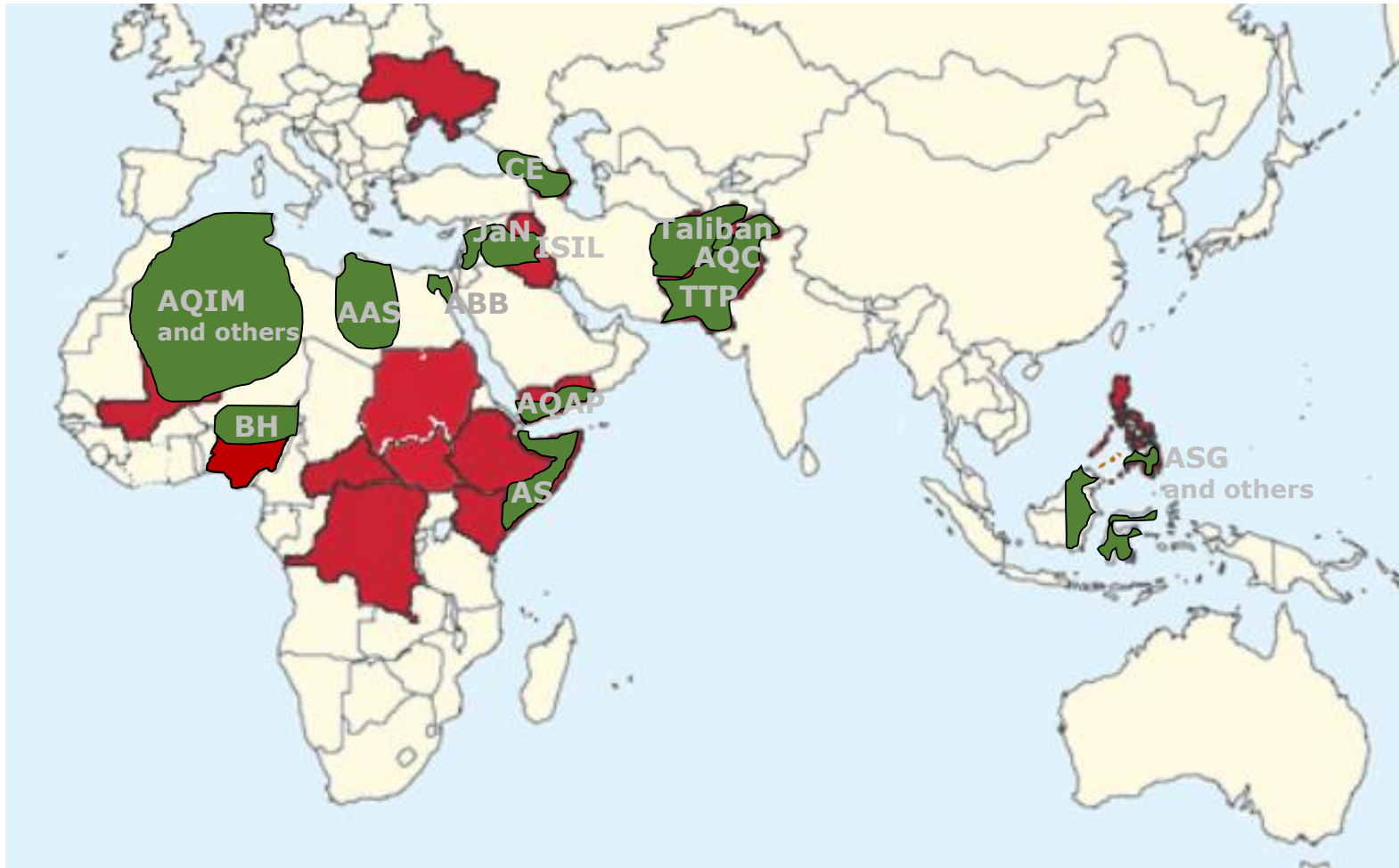

Source: Upsala University/WFP

Religious Militantism

Factors that impact food insecurity and require WFP operations include:

- unstable and/or weakly governed

- conflict,
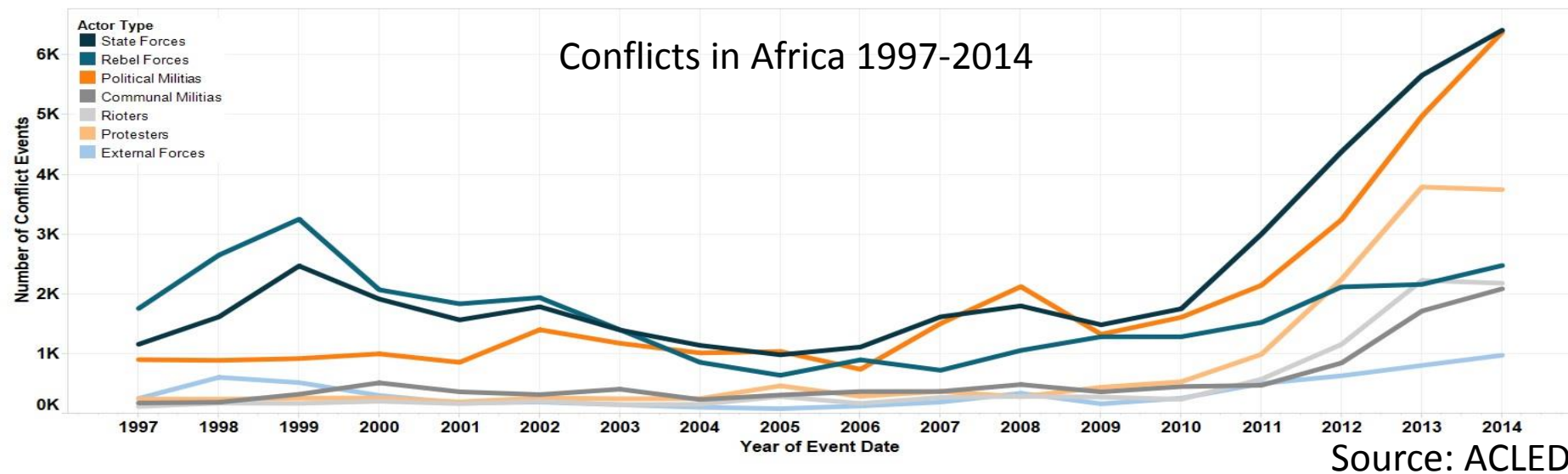
- poverty,

- unfavourable economic environments

The same factors that make them attractive for religious militants

Militant Areas of Operation

Source: Stratfor/WFP

Food Insecurity and Human Insecurity

- Armed conflicts are now one of the leading cause of world hunger

(FAO, 2005)

- WFP is currently facing five large-scale emergencies at the same time, four of them are conflict related

- WFP will continue to be faced with conflict-related emergencies

Conflicts in Africa 1997-2014

Source: ACLED

Staff Security

- WFP continues to be challenged to run operations in conflict and high security risk environments

- Applying a strong and robust (but not rigid) Security Risk Management process for WFP operations is the key challenge

- The improving security culture within WFP and executive buy-in for security risk management allows WFP to manage these risks and enable operations

Questions?