Fatalities reported in 2020

A large portfolio of companies across high-risk industries

At the end of 2020, CDC's capital was invested in 1,195 companies across Africa and South Asia. Based on the companies that reported employment data for 2020, around 951,930 were employed through CDC's direct and indirect portfolio. Given the large number of workers, activities in higher-risk sectors and the challenges of operating in emerging markets, unfortunately it is not unexpected that a number of CDC's fund managers and direct equity / debt investees have reported fatal accidents.

What CDC requires from its fund managers and investees to address serious incidents and fatalities

CDC requires its fund managers / investees to immediately report any incident involving portfolio companies or operations which result in the loss of life, a material effect on the environment or a material breach of the law, and how the incident was dealt with. CDC takes each notification very seriously and follows up with the relevant fund manager / investee to ensure that an effective root-cause analysis is completed and that corrective action plans are implemented to prevent recurrences.

Working with investees to reduce fatalities and achieve improvements over time

In many emerging markets – where occupational health and safety (OHS) norms and regulatory capacity are often weak – serious accidents present an ongoing challenge. Robust environmental and social due diligence is completed on companies receiving capital from CDC. Where gaps against international standards are found, an environmental and social action plan is used to close those gaps in a timely manner. CDC also works with its fund managers and investees to develop their OHS risk management capacity throughout the life of an investment, including through OHS training workshops, guidance materials, site visits and informal support. We believe that strong OHS management systems are part of an employer's duty of care, improve job quality and add value to a business. For example, CDC led the development of detailed new guidance in 2021 on road safety, and health, safety and security in the transmission and distribution sectors (two areas which present acute challenges).

Summary

Context of fatality	Employees / contractors	Members of the public	TOTAL
Asset-related	0	20	20
Road-related	27	19	46
Work-related	17	0	17
Security-related	7	2	9
Covid-related	1	0	1
TOTAL	52	41	93

Asset-relatedFatalities as a result of contact with a portfolio company's assets, such as an electricity distribution line.

CDC business line / Fund	Portfolio company	Fatalities: Employees / contractors	Fatalities: Members of the public	Date of incident	Details
African Infrastructure Investment Fund III	Société d'Exploitation et de Gestion Aéroportuaire	0	1	08 January 2020	An individual gained illegal access to airport grounds at night and then clung to an aeroplane's landing gear shortly before take-off. The victim's body was found on landing.
CDC direct equity / Actis Energy 3C Sub- Feeder LP*	Eneo Cameroun SA	0	1	05 December 2020	A 58-year-old male was electrocuted when he came into contact with a downed single-phase medium-voltage line. The line became accessible due to the failure of a wooden pole.
CDC direct equity / Actis Energy 3C Sub- Feeder LP*	Eneo Cameroun SA	0	1	05 November 2020	A 30-year-old female was electrocuted when she came into contact with a downed medium-voltage line. The pole fell during a storm.
CDC direct equity / Actis Energy 3C Sub- Feeder LP*	Eneo Cameroun SA	0	1	20 August 2020	A 29-year-old woman was fatally injured when she came in contact with a live medium-voltage conductor which ruptured during a thunderstorm.
CDC direct equity / Actis Energy 3C Sub- Feeder LP*	Eneo Cameroun SA	0	1	04 August 2020	A male motorbike passenger was fatally injured when a low-voltage pole fell and struck him as the motorbike was passing by.
CDC direct equity / Actis Energy 3C Sub- Feeder LP*	Eneo Cameroun SA	0	2	04 July 2020	A motorcyclist was fatally electrocuted and a passenger was seriously injured when they came into contact with a low-sagging medium-voltage conductor. The passenger subsequently passed away.
CDC direct equity / Actis Energy 3C Sub- Feeder LP*	Eneo Cameroun SA	0	1	30 May 2020	A man was fatally injured while riding a motorbike after a falling medium-voltage pole struck his head.
CDC direct equity / Actis Energy 3C Sub- Feeder LP*	Eneo Cameroun SA	0	1	15 May 2020	A woman was fatally injured when she was struck by a falling customer service pole. The low-voltage pole was rotten at its base
CDC direct equity / Actis Energy 3C Sub- Feeder LP*	Eneo Cameroun SA	0	1	02 May 2020	A 38-year-old male was electrocuted when he came into contact with a single-phase medium-voltage line, which was close to the ground as a result of a fallen pole.
CDC direct equity / Actis Energy 3C Sub- Feeder LP*	Eneo Cameroun SA	0	1	30 April 2020	A 43-year-old woman sustained second-degree burns when she came into contact with a medium-voltage line due to a rotten pole. She subsequently passed away.
CDC direct equity / Actis Energy 3C Sub- Feeder LP*	Eneo Cameroun SA	0	1	10 April 2020	The victim was fatally struck by a falling low-voltage pole. The pole was rotten at its base.
CDC direct equity / Actis Energy 3C Sub- Feeder LP*	Eneo Cameroun SA	0	1	02 April 2020	An 18-year-old female sustained electrical burns when she encountered a medium-voltage line that was sagging due to a rotten pole. The victim subsequently passed away.
CDC direct equity / Actis Energy 3C Sub- Feeder LP*	Eneo Cameroun SA	0	1	30 March 2020	A male motorcyclist was fatally injured when he encountered a fallen wooden pole that was blocking the road.
CDC direct equity / Actis Energy 3C Sub- Feeder LP*	Eneo Cameroun SA	0	1	26 March 2020	The victim was fatally injured by a falling low-voltage pole. The low-voltage pole was rotten at its base.
CDC direct equity / Actis Energy 3C Sub- Feeder LP*	Eneo Cameroun SA	0	1	14 March 2020	A 40-year-old male was electrocuted when he came into contact with a downed single-phase medium-voltage conductor.
CDC direct equity / Actis Energy 3C Sub- Feeder LP*	Eneo Cameroun SA	0	1	01 February 2020	A woman was electrocuted when she came into contact with a low-sagging medium-voltage conductor.
CDC direct equity	Feronia Inc	0	1	12 March 2020	The victim died after the collapse of a wall in company accommodation during a heavy storm.
CDC direct equity	Liquid Telecoms Holdings	0	1	10 May 2020	Rain caused a large tree to fall, leading to a fibre infrastructure pole to collapse. The pole subsequently hit a member of the public, leading to their death.
CDC direct equity	Virunga	0	1	12 May 2020	A 17-year-old male came into contact with a medium-voltage line while carrying eight-metre long eucalyptus branches. It had recently rained and the victim was electrocuted.
	TOTAL	0	20		

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Road-related

Fatalities following road accidents.

Fund / CDC business line	Portfolio company	Fatalities: Employees / contractors	Fatalities: Members of the public	Date of incident	Details
African Development Partners II	International Facilities Services	1	0	14 December 2019	A vehicle broke down after its brakes failed. The following day, a newly arrived driver – against instructions – tried to drive the vehicle and veered off a cliff.
African Infrastructure Investment Fund 2, ECP Africa Fund III and Investec Africa Frontier Private Equity Fund II*	IHS Holding Limited	0	1	23 December 2020	A contractor transporting equipment hit a pedestrian shortly after stopping at a tollgate. The victim was a street vendor who was moving between vehicles.
African Infrastructure Investment Fund 2, ECP Africa Fund III and Investec Africa Frontier Private Equity Fund II*	IHS Holding Limited	0	1	04 November 2020	A truck operated by a contractor was involved in a road traffic accident with a motorbike. The motorcyclist died in the incident.
African Infrastructure Investment Fund 2, ECP Africa Fund III and Investec Africa Frontier Private Equity Fund II*	IHS Holding Limited	0	1	20 October 2020	A contractor vehicle was involved in a road traffic accident with a third-party motorbike. The motorbike unexpectedly crossed the road into oncoming traffic. The passenger became scared and jumped off and died as a result.
African Infrastructure Investment Fund 2, ECP Africa Fund III and Investec Africa Frontier Private Equity Fund II*	IHS Holding Limited	1	0	24 September 2020	A sub-contract worker was involved in a road traffic accident and died from his injuries.
African Infrastructure Investment Fund 2, ECP Africa Fund III and Investec Africa Frontier Private Equity Fund II*	IHS Holding Limited	0	1	06 September 2020	A contractor vehicle was involved in a road traffic accident with a third-party motorbike. The motorcyclist died in the incident.
African Infrastructure Investment Fund 2, ECP Africa Fund III and Investec Africa Frontier Private Equity Fund II*	IHS Holding Limited	0	2	13 August 2020	A contractor vehicle was involved in a road traffic accident with a third-party motorbike. The motorcyclist died on the spot, while the passenger died in hospital.
African Infrastructure Investment Fund 2, ECP Africa Fund III and Investec Africa Frontier Private Equity Fund II*	IHS Holding Limited	0	1	30 July 2020	A contractor vehicle was involved in a road traffic accident with a pedestrian. The victim was crossing a road.
Ascent Rift Valley Fund I	Auto Springs Mauritius Ltd	1	0	13 January 2020	A sales representative was travelling for work in a public minivan. The minivan reportedly lost control while overtaking a car and then collided with a bus.
CDC direct debt	Azura Power	1	0	08 February 2019	A soldier contracted to provide security was involved in a road traffic accident with a company vehicle and subsequently died in hospital.
CDC direct debt / Energy Access Ventures Fund*	PEG Africa Ltd	1	0	03 September 2020	A sales agent was involved in a motorbike accident and died immediately from head injuries.
CDC direct debt / Energy Access Ventures Fund*	PEG Africa Ltd	1	0	11 May 2020	An employee was killed in a motorbike accident after falling into a gutter and sustaining head injuries. He died in an ambulance en route to hospital.
CDC direct equity	Ecom Express Pvt Ltd	1	0	27 October 2020	A motorbike delivery driver died in a road accident with a bull.
CDC direct equity	Ecom Express Pvt Ltd	1	0	02 October 2020	A motorbike delivery driver was involved in an accident with a bus. The victim reportedly swerved to avoid a parked car and was subsequently hit by the bus.
CDC direct equity	Ecom Express Pvt Ltd	1	0	24 August 2020	A delivery driver was killed after his motorbike was hit by a vehicle that did not stop at the scene.
CDC direct equity	Ecom Express Pvt Ltd	1	0	21 March 2020	An employee riding a motorbike was killed in a collision with a tree. The victim subsequently died in hospital.
CDC direct equity	Feronia Inc	0	1	23 July 2020	A woman fell from a sub-contractor vehicle and died under the rear tyre.
CDC direct equity	Feronia Inc	0	1	15 May 2020	A retired employee died when a contractor vehicle overturned.
CDC direct equity	Kamponji Enterprises Limited	0	1	29 September 2020	A member of the public was killed while attempting to collect manure from a company dumpsite. The victim was hit by a reversing vehicle.
CDC direct equity	Miro Forestry Company	6	0	04 March 2020	A truck carrying workers rolled over, killing six people.
CDC direct equity	Zambeef Products plc	0	1	21 June 2020	A pedestrian was struck by the wing mirror of a Zambeef truck. The victim was attempting to cross the road.
CDC direct equity / Actis Energy 3C Sub- Feeder LP*	Eneo Cameroun SA	0	1	30 April 2020	A male motorcyclist was injured when he collided with an Eneo vehicle. The victim was transported to hospital, where he passed away.
CDC direct equity / Actis Energy 3C Sub- Feeder LP*	Eneo Cameroun SA	0	1	08 January 2020	A 25-year-old man was fatally struck by an Eneo vehicle as he was about to board a motorbike.

CDC direct equity / Actis Energy 3C Sub- Feeder LP*	Eneo Cameroun SA	0	1	03 January 2020	A 17-year-old female was fatally injured when she was struck by an Eneo truck.
Evercare Health Fund	The Avenue Group Limited	0	1	13 November 2020	A company vehicle driven by the hospital facility manager was involved in a road traffic accident which resulted in the death-of pedestrian crossing the road.
GEF Africa-LC Sustainable Forestry Fund LP	MTO Forestry (Pty) Ltd	1	0	04 November 2020	A company vehicle collided with a third-party vehicle as it turned into a side road. A passenger in a company vehicle was killed in the crash.
Insitor Impact Asia Fund Private Limited	Alliance for Microfinance in Myanmar Limited	1	0	26 August 2020	An employee was killed while refuelling her motorbike. A third-party ambulance driver lost control and crashed into the petrol station.
Inspired Evolution Fund II	d.Light	0	1	08 December 2020	A company vehicle was involved in a road traffic accident that resulted in the death of a pedestrian. The driver lost control of his vehicle on a gravel road.
Inspired Evolution Fund II	d.Light	1	0	22 July 2020	An employee was injured in a motorbike accident while overtaking another vehicle. The victim subsequently died of his injuries
Neoma South East Asia Fund II	Ninja Logistics	1	0	03 September 2020	A Ninja Logistics driver was killed in a road traffic accident when his delivery truck collided with another vehicle that had reportedly veered into his lane.
Neoma South East Asia Fund II	Ninja Logistics	1	0	07 June 2020	A Ninja Logistics vehicle swerved to avoid a vehicle travelling in the wrong direction. The Ninja Logistics vehicle subsequently collided with another truck. The Ninja driver died as a result.
Neoma South East Asia Fund II	Ninja Logistics	0	1	01 May 2020	A motorbike lost control and veered into oncoming traffic. The motorbike then collided with a Ninja Logistics van, which was travelling at less than 40km/h. The motorcylist died of their injuries.
Neoma South East Asia Fund II	Ninja Logistics	1	0	24 March 2020	A Ninja Logistics vehicle collided with a lorry that had stopped in the road. Poor visibility due to fog was a factor. The victim was a passenger.
Neoma South East Asia Fund II	Ninja Logistics	1	0	27 May 2019	A delivery driver lost control of his motorbike in wet weather, causing the bike to spin and hit the back of a truck parked on the street.
Novastar Ventures East Africa Fund I LP	iProcure Limited	0	1	21 September 2020	A company vehicle was involved in a road traffic accident with a third-party motorbike, after the latter turned into a main road unexpectedly. The motorcylist died of their injuries.
Novastar Ventures Africa Fund II	Metro Africa Xpress (MAX.NG)	1	0	03 February 2020	A Max.ng motorbike rider was hit by a third-party vehicle that was travelling the wrong way down the road. The motorcylist died of their injuries.
SGI Ethiopia Growth and Transformation Fund	Afri Flowers Holding B.V. (Afriflora) / Flamingo Horticulture Ltd (Flamingo)	2	0	08 December 2020	Two employees were killed in a road traffic accident.
Takura II	Cailogistics	0	1	19 July 2020	A third-party vehicle reportedly encroached onto the wrong side of the road, resulting in a head-on collision with a company vehicle.
Takura II	Plaza Bread (Pvt) Ltd	1	0	15 May 2020	A company vehicle reportedly swerved to avoid a truck that had veered into the wrong lane. While avoiding a head-on collision, a passenger died in the resulting crash.
	TOTAL	27	19		

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Work-related
Fatalities occurring while undertaking tasks directly related to work or at the site of the company.

Fund / CDC business line	Portfolio company	Fatalities: Employees / contractors	Fatalities: Members of the public	Date of incident	Details
Amethis Fund II S.C.A SICAR	Groupe Premium	1	0	09 January 2020	A 32-year-old worker fell 2.5 metres from a mezzanine floor. The victim was crouching and appears to have slipped below a waist-high barrier.
CDC direct debt	Africa Logistics Properties	1	0	21 August 2020	A contractor was killed while cleaning the inside of a concrete batching plant.
CDC direct debt and direct equity	Equitas	1	0	25 August 2020	An employee consumed poison to commit suicide inside a bank branch. The victim was rushed to hospital where they passed away later that day.
CDC direct equity	Liquid Telecom Holdings	1	0	30 June 2020	A contractor fell approximately 15 metres down a cliff while working on a fibre cable. The cliff had been created by third-party road excavation work.
CDC direct equity	Worldlink Communications Pvt Ltd	1	0	05 August 2020	A contractor was electrocuted while installing an internet connection on a customer's roof.
CDC direct equity	Worldlink Communications Pvt Ltd	1	0	29 July 2020	A contractor was electrocuted while connecting a fibre cable to an electrical pole.
CDC direct equity	Zambeef Products plc	1	0	11 December 2020	Two employees were struck by lightning. One of the employees was killed instantly. The other escaped without serious injury.
CDC direct equity / Actis Energy 3C Sub- Feeder LP*	Eneo Cameroun SA	1	0	27 June 2020	A 30-year-old contractor electrician was electrocuted while working at the top of a low-voltage pole.
CDC direct equity / Actis Energy 3C Sub- Feeder LP*	Eneo Cameroun SA	1	0	14 February 2020	A contractor suffered a fatal electrical shock while repairing a conductor.
Ethos Private Equity Fund V	Waco International	1	0	06 September 2020	A worker fell from a height of around 37 metres off scaffolding and died on impact. There were no eyewitnesses to the incident.
GEF Africa-LC Sustainable Forestry Fund LP	MTO Forestry (Pty) Ltd	1	0	23 August 2020	A chainsaw operator working for a contractor removed the top of a tree, resulting in it flicking up and fatally hitting him in the head.
GEF Africa-LC Sustainable Forestry Fund LP	Peak Timbers Ltd	1	0	05 July 2019	During a lunch break, the victim entered a stationary logger without authorisation. The victim then lost control of the vehicle, which overturned.
Neoma South East Asia Fund II	Swift Haulage Sdn Bhd	1	0	09 April 2020	A welder was electrocuted while moving equipment.
Novastar Ventures East Africa Fund I LP	Sanergy Inc.	1	0	18 April 2020	A contractor went to a river near a Sanergy construction site. Heavy rains created a higher, fast-running river and the victim drowned.
SilverStreet Private Equity Strategies SICAR - Silverlands Fund	Crookes Brothers Limited	1	0	18 September 2020	A sub-contractor worker died when a retaining wall in a construction site collapsed.
SilverStreet Private Equity Strategies SICAR - Silverlands Fund	Ndolela Africa Plantations	1	0	03 September 2020	An employee died while attempting to release the safety catch on a crop-harvesting machine.
Synergy Private Equity Fund I	Viathan Engineering Limited	1	0	01 November 2020	An employee fell from a ladder while completing unauthorized non-routine work.
	TOTAL	17	0		·

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Security-related

Fatalities occurring due to security incidents (directly or indirectly) associated with company operations.

Fund / CDC business line	Portfolio company	Fatalities: Employees / contractors	Fatalities: Members of the public	Date of incident	Details
Amethis Fund II S.C.A SICAR	Naivas Limited	1	0	22 November 2020	Two suspected armed robbers entered a Naivas shop posing as customers. During the incident, the suspects fatally shot a security guard.
CDC direct debt and direct equity	М-Кора	1	0	03 August 2019	The victim was assaulted by a group of men while pursuing an apparent sales lead. The victim regained consciousness and made a police statement, but died a few days later.
CDC direct equity	Kamponji Enterprises Limited	0	1	17 November 2020	An alleged thief sustained injuries while breaking into company property. The alleged thief later died of their injuries.
African Infrastructure Investment Fund 2, ECP Africa Fund III and Investec Africa Frontier Private Equity Fund II*	IHS Holding Limited	1	0	14 October 2020	Two security guards were tied up and beaten by armed robbers. One of the guards died during the attack, while the other escaped.
African Infrastructure Investment Fund 2, ECP Africa Fund III and Investec Africa Frontier Private Equity Fund II*	IHS Holding Limited	1	0	23 July 2020	A group of armed robbers arrived at a site in a white truck disguised as a patrol team. They were able to trick the security guard, before killing him.
African Infrastructure Investment Fund 2, ECP Africa Fund III and Investec Africa Frontier Private Equity Fund II*	IHS Holding Limited	1	0	28 June 2020	A truck operated by a contractor was caught in cross-fire between state security forces and an armed group in North Western Cameroon. The driver was killed in the incident.
African Infrastructure Investment Fund 2, ECP Africa Fund III and Investec Africa Frontier Private Equity Fund II*	IHS Holding Limited	1	0	03 May 2020	A security guard was attacked by armed robbers and found unconscious. The victim subsequently died in hospital.
African Infrastructure Investment Fund 2, ECP Africa Fund III and Investec Africa Frontier Private Equity Fund II*	IHS Holding Limited	1	0	06 February 2020	A security guard was fatally assaulted. The security guard is believed to have been sleeping at the time of the attack.
SilverStreet Private Equity Strategies SICAR - Silverlands Fund	Crookes Brothers Limited	0	1	11 April 2020	A group of four armed poachers were discovered by a third-party anti-poaching firm in a wildlife conservancy within the company's estate. In the confrontation, one poacher was wounded and died.
	TOTAL	7	2		

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Covid-related

Covid-related fatalities where the victim may have been exposed to the virus through their work activities. However, it is typically not possible to confirm where or how a victim caught covid. The potential absence or inaccuracy of testing also creates uncertainties.

Fund / CDC business line	Portfolio company	Fatalities: Employees / contractors	Fatalities: Members of the public	Date of incident	Details
Neoma Africa Fund III	Joint Medical Holdings (Pty) Limited	1	0		A 57-year-old nurse was diagnosed as covid positive after working in a high-exposure environment. However, the actual source of infection is unknown.
	TOTAL	1	0		