

Fatalities reported in 2021

A large portfolio of companies across high-risk industries

At the end of 2021, BII's capital was invested in 1,327 companies across Africa and South Asia. Based on the companies that reported employment data for 2021, around 938,360 were employed through BII'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 BII's fund managers and direct equity / debt investees have reported fatal accidents.

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

BII 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. BII 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 BII. Where gaps against international standards are found, an environmental and social action plan is used to close those gaps in a timely manner. BII 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, BII 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	1	15	16
Road-related	41	49	90
Work-related	12	0	12
Security-related	14	1	15
Covid-related	1	0	1
GRAND TOTAL	69	65	134

Asset-related

Fatalities 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
BII Direct Equity / Actis Energy 3C Sub-Feeder LP*	Eneo Cameroun SA	0	1	06 November 2021	A 22 year old male was electrocuted when he came in contact with a ruptured conductor in a market.
BII Direct Equity / Actis Energy 3C Sub-Feeder LP*	Eneo Cameroun SA	0	1	17 August 2021	A 15 year old male was fatally injured when he came into contact with an exposed low voltage conductor as a result of a fallen rotten pole.
BII Direct Equity / Actis Energy 3C Sub-Feeder LP*	Eneo Cameroun SA	0	1	05 June 2021	A 27-year-old female was electrocuted when she was walking in a pool of water electrified by a live low-voltage cable. The cable had been brought down after several wooden poles fell during a storm.
BII Direct Equity / Actis Energy 3C Sub-Feeder LP*	Eneo Cameroun SA	0	1	25 May 2021	A 35-year-old male was electrocuted when he came into contact with an energised metallic sheet while painting a wall at home. The sheet was energised by a bare live connector at the entry to a building.
BII Direct Equity / Actis Energy 3C Sub-Feeder LP*	Eneo Cameroun SA	0	1	21 May 2021	A 26-year-old male was fatally injured when he came into contact with a low-sagging live medium-voltage conductor. The conductor had been dislodged from its insulator tie.
BII Direct Equity / Actis Energy 3C Sub-Feeder LP*	Eneo Cameroun SA	0	1	10 May 2021	A 27-year-old male motorcyclist was fatally electrocuted when he rode into a live medium-voltage conductor that was suspended about one metre above ground level. The conductor was suspended due to the failure of a pin insulator.
BII Direct Equity / Actis Energy 3C Sub-Feeder LP*	Eneo Cameroun SA	0	2	05 April 2021	Two female teenagers were electrocuted when the car transporting them from their farm drove into a low sagging live single-phase medium-voltage line as a result of a fallen rotten pole.
BII Direct Equity / Actis Energy 3C Sub-Feeder LP*	Eneo Cameroun SA	0	1	05 March 2021	A 38-year-old female was electrocuted when she came into contact with a downed medium-voltage line, as a result of a fallen rotten pole.
BII Direct Equity / Actis Energy 3C Sub-Feeder LP*	Eneo Cameroun SA	0	1	27 January 2021	A 73 male was electrocuted when he came into contact with a downed MV line.
BII Direct Equity / Actis Energy 3C Sub-Feeder LP*	Eneo Cameroun SA	0	1	18 January 2021	A 67-year-old man was fatally electrocuted when he came into contact with a downed medium-voltage line. The live conductor became accessible when a rotten pole fell and the line lay across the road without tripping.
BII Direct Equity	Cattle Feedlot Company Limited	0	1	22 March 2021	A 15 year old boy drowned in a disused earth canal attached to the Elephant Marsh on company property.
BII Direct Equity, Ninety One Africa Credit Opportunities Fund (Investec)	Liquid Telecom Holdings	0	1	23 May 2021	A child was killed from a collapsing pole.
CX Partners Fund II	Thalappakatti Hotels	1	0	21 April 2021	An employee died after accidentally falling from the second storey of accommodation provided by the company. The victim was believed to have been intoxicated at the time.
DI Frontier Market Energy & Carbon Fund	Lubilia Kawembe Hydro Ltd	0	1	01 July 2021	An 8 year old boy drowned in a canal.
Pembani Remgro Infrastructure Mauritius Fund I LP	Zimborders	0	1	06 September 2021	A member of the public evaded several security measures and unfortunately took his own life, by leaping off a newly constructed water tower.
TOTAL		1	15		

* A single incident reported by more than one investee. Double counting removed.

Road-related

Fatalities following road accidents.

Fund / CDC business line	Portfolio company	Fatalities: Employees / contractors	Fatalities: Members of the public	Date of incident	Details
Ascent Rift Valley Fund I	Metro Concepts East Africa Limited	1	0	20 December 2021	A turn boy was accidentally runover while disembarking from a company vehicle.
African Infrastructure Investment Fund 2, ECP Africa Fund III and Ninety One Private Equity Fund 2*	IHS Holding Limited	1	0	16 September 2021	A contractor was killed in a road accident after hitting a pothole and losing control of the vehicle.
African Infrastructure Investment Fund 2, ECP Africa Fund III and Ninety One Private Equity Fund 2*	IHS Holding Limited	0	1	07 September 2021	A child was killed in a road accident involving a company vehicle.
African Infrastructure Investment Fund 2, ECP Africa Fund III and Ninety One Private Equity Fund 2*	IHS Holding Limited	0	1	15 June 2021	A 15 year old boy was killed in a road accident involving a company vehicle.
African Infrastructure Investment Fund 2, ECP Africa Fund III and Ninety One Private Equity Fund 2*	IHS Holding Limited	1	0	09 June 2021	A contractor was killed in a road accident after the driver lost control of the vehicle due to a burst tyre.
African Infrastructure Investment Fund 2, ECP Africa Fund III and Ninety One Private Equity Fund 2*	IHS Holding Limited	0	1	10 March 2021	A contractor vehicle was involved in a road traffic accident with a third-party motorbike. A member of the public was killed.
African Infrastructure Investment Fund 2, ECP Africa Fund III and Ninety One Private Equity Fund 2*	IHS Holding Limited	1	0	06 March 2021	A contractor died when he was knocked off a motorbike after being struck by a car door opening.
African Infrastructure Investment Fund 2, ECP Africa Fund III and Ninety One Private Equity Fund 2*	IHS Holding Limited	1	0	07 February 2021	A contractor died from a vehicle rollover caused by a burst tyre. The contractor was not wearing a seatbelt at the time.
African Infrastructure Investment Fund III	BBOX	0	1	09 February 2021	A contractor vehicle was involved in a road traffic accident with a third-party vehicle. A member of the public was killed.
Ascent Africa Rift Valley Fund II	Platcorp Holding Ltd	1	0	03 September 2021	A sales agent was killed in a road traffic accident involving a third party vehicle.
Ascent Africa Rift Valley Fund II	Platcorp Holding Ltd	1	1	10 May 2021	Three sales agents were involved in a collision with a third party motorbike. One sales agent and one member of the public were killed in the accident.
BII Direct Debt	PEG Africa Ltd	1	0	18 May 2021	An employee was killed in a road accident involving a third party vehicle.
BII Direct Equity / Actis Energy 3C Sub-Feeder LP*	Eneo Cameroun SA	0	1	20 September 2021	A 34 year old male died as a result of being struck by a company vehicle.
BII Direct Equity / Actis Energy 3C Sub-Feeder LP*	Eneo Cameroun SA	0	1	10 March 2021	A 20-year-old male was fatally injured when a live medium-voltage conductor fell on him after the insulator detached from the crossarm.
BII Direct Equity / Novastar Ventures East Africa Fund I LP*	Newglobe Schools Inc.	1	0	29 January 2021	A contractor was killed while loading a waste management truck.
BII Direct Equity	Cattle Feedlot Company Limited	0	1	30 July 2021	A haulage contractor was involved in a road accident with a third party motorbike not on company property. A member of the public was killed in the accident.
BII Direct Equity	Ecom Express	1	0	08 October 2021	An employee was killed in a road accident.
BII Direct Equity	Ecom Express	1	0	27 July 2021	An employee was killed in a road accident involving a third party vehicle.
BII Direct Equity	Ecom Express	1	0	01 July 2021	An employee was killed in a road accident while delivering shipments.
BII Direct Equity	Ecom Express	1	0	01 February 2021	An employee was killed in a road accident involving a third party vehicle.
BII Direct Equity	Ecom Express	1	0	03 January 2021	An employee was killed in a road accident while delivering shipments.
BII Direct Equity	Supermarket Grocery Supplies Private Limited (Bigbasket.com)	1	0	09 March 2021	A contractor was killed in a road accident involving a third party vehicle.
BII Direct Equity	Zambeef Products PLC	0	1	24 December 2021	A pedestrian was killed in a road traffic accident involving a company vehicle.
BII Direct Equity	Zambeef Products PLC	0	1	06 October 2021	A company vehicle was involved in a road accident that resulted in the death of a member of the public.

BII Direct Equity	Zambeef Products PLC	0	1	29 June 2021	A pedestrian was killed in a road traffic accident involving a company vehicle.
BII Direct Equity	Zambeef Products PLC	0	1	23 April 2021	A pedestrian was killed in a road traffic accident involving a company vehicle.
BII Direct Equity	Feronia Inc.	1	0	14 September 2021	An employee was killed in a road accident after the driver lost control of the vehicle due to broken transfer strip.
BII Direct Equity	Feronia Inc.	0	1	15 February 2021	A member of the public was killed in a road accident involving a contractor vehicle.
BII Direct Equity, Ninety One Africa Credit Opportunities Fund (Investec)	Liquid Telecom Holdings	0	1	11 April 2021	A member of the public was killed in a road accident involving a company vehicle.
BII Direct Equity and Direct Debt	M-KOPA	0	1	17 August 2021	A 7 year old child was fatally struck by a company vehicle. The child was reportedly playing on the side of the road and unexpectedly ran in front of the vehicle.
BII Direct Equity and Direct Debt	M-KOPA	1	0	10 February 2021	An employee was killed in a road accident.
BII Co-investment Equity / Stellaris Venture Partners India I*	Loadshare Networks Private Limited	1	0	07 December 2021	An employee was killed in a road accident while driving under the influence of alcohol.
Catalyst Fund I	EFFCO	0	4	02 July 2021	A company vehicle was involved in a road traffic accident with two motorbikes. Four members of the public were killed as a result of the accident.
Catalyst Fund II LP	Mammoth Holdings	0	2	13 August 2021	A company vehicle carrying unauthorised passengers was involved in a road accident. Two members of the public died as a result of the accident.
CX Partners Fund II	Thalappakatti Hotels	1	0	09 March 2021	An employee was killed in a road traffic accident with a third-party vehicle.
Ethos Mezzanine Partners III	Chibuku Products Holdings	0	1	14 August 2021	A contractor struck 7 pedestrians while driving a company vehicle under the influence of alcohol. One member of the public was killed.
Global Environment Facility	Peak Timbers Ltd	1	0	26 January 2021	A contractor was killed in a road accident when the transport vehicle overturned as a result of wet conditions from heavy rains.
Helios Investors II, Ninety One Africa Credit Opportunities Fund (Investec)	Helios Towers Africa	0	1	01 April 2021	A contractor vehicle was involved in a road traffic accident with a pedestrian, who was killed while crossing the road.
Helios Investors II, Ninety One Africa Credit Opportunities Fund (Investec)	Helios Towers Africa	0	4	26 October 2021	A contractor vehicle was involved in a road traffic accident believed to have been caused by a third party vehicle. Four members of the public were killed as a result of the accident.
India Infrastructure Fund I	Highway Concessions One Pvt Ltd	1	0	17 September 2021	A contractor vehicle was involved in a road accident with a third party vehicle that resulted in the death of a contract worker.
India Infrastructure Fund II	Bangalore Elevated Private Limited	1	0	28 May 2021	A contractor vehicle was involved in a road accident with a third party vehicle that resulted in the death of a contract worker.
Inspired Evolution Fund II	d.light	1	0	18 September 2021	An employee was killed in a road accident involving a motorcycle, which belonged to the contracted driver, and a third party vehicle.
Inspired Evolution Fund II	d.light	1	0	13 June 2021	An employee was killed in a road accident involving a company vehicle, which was allocated to the employee, and a third party vehicle.
Neoma Africa Fund III	Nairobi Java House Limited	0	1	08 May 2021	A 12 year old pedestrian was fatally struck by a delivery vehicle.
Neoma South East Asia Fund II	Swift Haulage Sdn Bhd	0	1	24 November 2021	A company vehicle was involved in a road accident with a third party vehicle. A member of the public was killed as a result of the accident.
Neoma South East Asia Fund II	Swift Haulage Sdn Bhd	1	0	21 November 2021	An employee had a fatal heart attack while driving a company vehicle. No other parties were injured.
Neoma South East Asia Fund II	Swift Haulage Sdn Bhd	0	1	02 November 2021	A company vehicle was involved in a road accident with a motorbike. A member of the public were killed as a result of the accident.
Neoma South East Asia Fund II	Swift Haulage Sdn Bhd	1	0	26 August 2021	An employee was killed when the vehicle drove off the road and caught fire.
Neoma South East Asia Fund II	Swift Haulage Sdn Bhd	0	1	02 July 2021	A member of the public was killed when a company vehicle fatally struck a cyclist.
Neoma South East Asia Fund II	Swift Haulage Sdn Bhd	0	1	21 June 2021	A member of the public was killed when a company vehicle fatally struck a cyclist.
Neoma South East Asia Fund II	Swift Haulage Sdn Bhd	0	1	25 May 2021	A company vehicle was involved in a road accident with a motorbike. A member of the public were killed as a result of the accident.
Neoma South East Asia Fund II	Swift Haulage Sdn Bhd	0	1	28 April 2021	A company vehicle was involved in a road accident with a motorbike. A member of the public were killed as a result of the accident.
Neoma South East Asia Fund II	Swift Haulage Sdn Bhd	0	1	30 March 2021	A pedestrian was killed in a road accident involving a company vehicle.
Neoma South East Asia Fund II	Swift Haulage Sdn Bhd	0	1	27 February 2021	A company vehicle was involved in a road accident with a motorbike. A member of the public was killed as a result of the accident.

Neoma South East Asia Fund II	Swift Haulage Sdn Bhd	0	1	31 January 2021	A member of the public was killed in a road accident involving a company vehicle.
Neoma South East Asia Fund II	Ninja Logistics	1	0	29 December 2021	An employee was killed in a collision with third party vehicles while riding a motorbike.
Neoma South East Asia Fund II	Ninja Logistics	0	2	09 November 2021	A company vehicle was involved in a road accident with a motorbike. Two members of the public were killed as a result of the accident.
Neoma South East Asia Fund II	Ninja Logistics	0	1	24 October 2021	A member of the public was killed in a road accident involving a company vehicle.
Neoma South East Asia Fund II	Ninja Logistics	0	1	16 October 2021	A pedestrian was killed in a road accident involving a company vehicle. The pedestrian was reportedly attempting to cross the road at night.
Neoma South East Asia Fund II	Ninja Logistics	0	1	04 September 2021	A member of the public was killed in a road accident involving a company vehicle.
Neoma South East Asia Fund II	Ninja Logistics	0	1	04 July 2021	A member of the public was killed in a road accident involving a company vehicle.
Neoma South East Asia Fund II	Ninja Logistics	1	0	11 May 2021	An employee was killed when the vehicle he was driving reversed off a cliff. The employee suffered from high blood pressure and was in poor health. It is believed that the driver had a health issue at the time of the incident.
Neoma South East Asia Fund II	Ninja Logistics	1	0	09 May 2021	An employee was killed in a multi-vehicle collision.
Neoma South East Asia Fund II	Ninja Logistics	0	1	12 April 2021	A company vehicle was involved in a road accident with a motorbike. A member of the public was killed as a result of the accident.
Neoma South East Asia Fund II	Ninja Logistics	0	1	07 April 2021	A company vehicle was involved in a road accident with a third party vehicle. A member of the public was killed as a result of the accident.
Neoma South East Asia Fund II	Ninja Logistics	1	0	04 April 2021	An employee was killed in a road accident involving a company vehicle and a third party vehicle.
Neoma South East Asia Fund II	Ninja Logistics	0	1	17 March 2021	A company vehicle was involved in a road accident with a third party vehicle. A member of the public was killed as a result of the accident.
Neoma South East Asia Fund II	Ninja Logistics	1	0	07 February 2021	An employee was killed in a road accident involving a company vehicle and a third party vehicle.
Neoma South East Asia Fund II	Ninja Logistics	0	1	05 February 2021	A company vehicle was involved in a road accident with a motorbike. A member of the public was killed as a result of the accident.
Neoma South East Asia Fund II	Ninja Logistics	1	0	27 January 2021	A contractor was killed when the ground underneath the vehicle collapsed, causing the vehicle to rollover.
Ninety One Private Equity Fund 2	SJL Magreb	1	0	05 August 2021	An employee was killed in a road accident after failing to apply the handbrake while parking.
Novastar Ventures Africa Fund II	Metro Africa Xpress	1	0	17 August 2021	An employee was killed in a road accident involving a third party vehicle.
Novastar Ventures Africa Fund II	Metro Africa Xpress	1	0	30 June 2021	An employee was killed in a road accident involving a third party vehicle.
Novastar Ventures Africa Fund II	Metro Africa Xpress	1	0	23 June 2021	An employee was killed in a road accident involving a third party vehicle.
Novastar Ventures East Africa Fund I LP	Sanergy Inc.	1	0	10 July 2021	A contractor was killed when the vehicle's brakes failed, causing the vehicle to drive off the road.
SilverStreet Private Equity Strategies SICAR	Crookes Brothers Limited	1	0	15 June 2021	A contractor was killed in a road accident involving a third party vehicle.
Takura II	Cailogistics and Lobels Holdings (Pvt) Ltd	0	2	03 November 2021	A contractor was involved in a head on collision that resulted in the death of two members of the public.
Takura II	Cailogistics and Lobels Holdings (Pvt) Ltd	3	0	14 April 2021	Three employees were killed in a head on collision. A third-party truck encroached into the oncoming lane, on a blind rise, resulting in a head-on collision with the Cailogistics vehicle.

TOTAL 41 49

* A single incident reported by more than one investee. Double counting removed.

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
Africa Renewable Energy Fund	Kikagati	1	0	28 February 2021	A contractor died in company accommodation from unknown non-work related causes.
African Infrastructure Investment Fund 2, ECP Africa Fund III and Ninety One Private Equity Fund 2*	IHS Holding Limited	1	0	02 June 2021	A contractor killed when struck in the head from a falling tower.
BII Direct Debt	Nachtigal Hydro Power Company SA	1	0	26 August 2021	An employee was killed in a collision between a loader and the victim, which led to his death.
BII Co-investment Equity / Meridiam Infrastructure Africa Fund*	Owendo Mineral Port	1	0	09 February 2021	A contractor was killed while working on a scissor lift that toppled over.
BII Direct Equity	WorldLink Communications Limited	1	0	04 August 2021	An employee received an electric shock while working on a utility pole and died after falling from height.
DI Frontier Fund 2	Cedate Limited (Eldosol)	1	0	22 February 2021	A contractor was killed when they fell from height.
India Agribusiness Fund II Limited	Parijat Industries (India) Private Limited	4	0	13 May 2021	Four employees were killed in a major fire and explosion caused by a malfunctioning steam valve.
India Infrastructure Fund II	ONGC Tripura Power Company Limited (OTPC)	1	0	20 August 2021	A contractor was electrocuted when he came in contact with an electrical cable while cutting vegetation.
Phatisa Food Fund 2	Rolfes Holdings Limited	1	0	05 November 2021	An employee was killed from inhaling a gaseous reaction while working with chemicals after failing to adhere to safe work procedures and wearing a COVID mask under their respirator, which led to the exposure.
TOTAL		12	0		

* A single incident reported by more than one investee. Double counting removed.

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
African Infrastructure Investment Fund 2, ECP Africa Fund III and Ninety One Private Equity Fund 2*	IHS Holding Limited	1	0	30 September 2021	A security guard employed by a third party contractor was fatally injured on the night shift.
African Infrastructure Investment Fund 2, ECP Africa Fund III and Ninety One Private Equity Fund 2*	IHS Holding Limited	1	0	28 March 2021	A contractor was killed when a group of armed men opened fire at the vehicle. The vehicle was on route to a site from a company warehouse in a high risk security area.
Ascent India Fund III	Radiant Cash Management Services	1	0	22 February 2021	During an armed robbery, an employee was shot by some miscreants and died enroute to the hospital.
Helios Investors II, Ninety One Africa Credit Opportunities Fund (Investec)	Helios Towers Africa	0	1	04 April 2021	A member of the public gained access to a company site and fell to their death while attempting to climb the tower.
Ninety One Africa Credit Opportunities Fund (Investec)	Mozaza Logistics (J&J Trucking)	9	0	19 April 2021	Nine employees were killed during an insurgent attack.
Novastar Ventures Africa Fund II	Metro Africa Xpress	1	0	29 June 2021	An employee was killed in an armed robbery and his motorbike was stolen.
Novastar Ventures Africa Fund II	Metro Africa Xpress	1	0	02 April 2021	An employee was killed in an armed robbery and his motorbike was stolen.
TOTAL		14	1		

* A single incident reported by more than one investee. Double counting removed.

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
CX Partners Fund II	Thalappakatti Hotels	1	0	28 May 2021	An employee living in company accommodation died after being diagnosed with Covid-19. The source of infection is unknown.
TOTAL		1	0		