



PREPARING FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

SENEGAL 2024



The upcoming presidential election in Senegal will be an unpredictable and challenging period for businesses operating in the country. Timely decision-making with the correct information and support is critical. Here is how International SOS can help you prepare for any election.

CAUSES AND TRIGGERS FOR AN ESCALATION

BEFORE THE POLLS

- **PROTESTS** due to perceived practicality of electoral laws, rallies, and term politics etc.
- **COMMENTS OR SPEECHES** by politicians that incite violence along religious or ethnic lines
- **ARRESTS OR INCIDENTS** targeting members of the opposition parties or media
- **ATTEMPTS TO AMEND** the Constitution by the ruling party/incumbent president
- **ATTACKS** on election rallies or politically-motivated violence targeting opposition politicians
- **POSTPONEMENT** of elections during emergency situations or political transitions

DURING THE POLLS

- **INTIMIDATION** or widespread **ELECTORAL IRREGULARITIES** are reported at the polls
- In Presidential elections, **VIOLENCE** is generally more likely to occur during the second round or after election results
- **COMMUNICATION SHUTDOWNS**, which could be perceived as an attempt to curb the organisation of protests
- **LOGISTICAL ISSUES** that might limit access of voting material to polling stations

AFTER THE POLLS

- Candidates **PROCLAIM THEMSELVES VICTORS** before the announcement of official results
- Party/ies **CHALLENGE OFFICIAL RESULTS**
- **ARREST** of opposition leaders/targeting of political HQs
- **DELAYS IN DECLARING** official results due to logistic issues

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ELECTION PREPAREDNESS



PLAN

Build organisational and employee resilience

- Understand the risks specific to your staff and organisation
- Identify sources of accurate and reliable information
- Conduct site, accommodation and itinerary-specific assessments
- Develop journey management plans
- Establish, train and test your crisis management team
- Review and revise policies and procedures
- Identify escalatory triggers
- Train your workforce on preparedness and response



OBSERVE

Monitor the situation

- Maintain situational awareness
- Verify information before sharing it
- Consult local contacts
- Monitor the situation and triggers closely



RESPOND

Activate escalation management and evacuation protocols

- Activate crisis management team
- Execute crisis management plans
- Evacuate, relocate or institute 'stand fast' plans
- Account for personnel
- Communicate updates
- Seek assistance

IS YOUR ORGANISATION READY FOR THE ELECTIONS?

Organisations should adopt strategies to mitigate the risks for their mobile workforce ahead, during and following the elections.

- How will the elections affect your operations or workforce?
- Are election-related scenarios included in your emergency preparedness plans?
- Does your staff know what to do during an emergency?
- When was the last time your crisis management team was trained or tested?

If you have any doubts on your organisation's level of preparedness, contact us: communications-africa@internationalsos.com

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CASE STUDY

SUPPORTING OUR CLIENT THROUGH A WAVE OF UNREST IN SENEGAL

OVERVIEW

During widespread demonstrations in Senegal, International SOS assisted a large offshore drilling company with keeping their workforce safe and their activities running in the country.

PROBLEM

In 2021, Senegal was rocked by a wave of unrest with days of demonstrations across the country. These incidents were affecting areas close to our client's offices and turned into fatal unrest – supermarkets and fuel stations were looted, and the motorway to the international airport was blocked. Our client wanted to ensure the security of its personnel and the safe continuity of its activities in the country.

The client's Director of Global Security who oversees many of the company's sites across the world needed a reliable security advisor with both local expertise and an understanding of the oil and gas industry's security standards.

SOLUTION

Our security experts for the region defined a precise escalation matrix for our client, with a list of potential events and incidents that might interrupt their activities and cause harm to their workforce, along with a list of actions that would need to be taken. The client was further reassured through the setting up of a security evacuation plan for their workforce in case of an escalation in tensions across the country.

IMPACT

By partnering with International SOS on a bespoke security solution, the client's Director of Global Security was able to focus on strategic security projects for the company while ensuring that the plan provided met with the global standards of the oil and gas industry and included local expertise of the security environment. Our client was able to keep their workforce safe and maintain their operations.

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