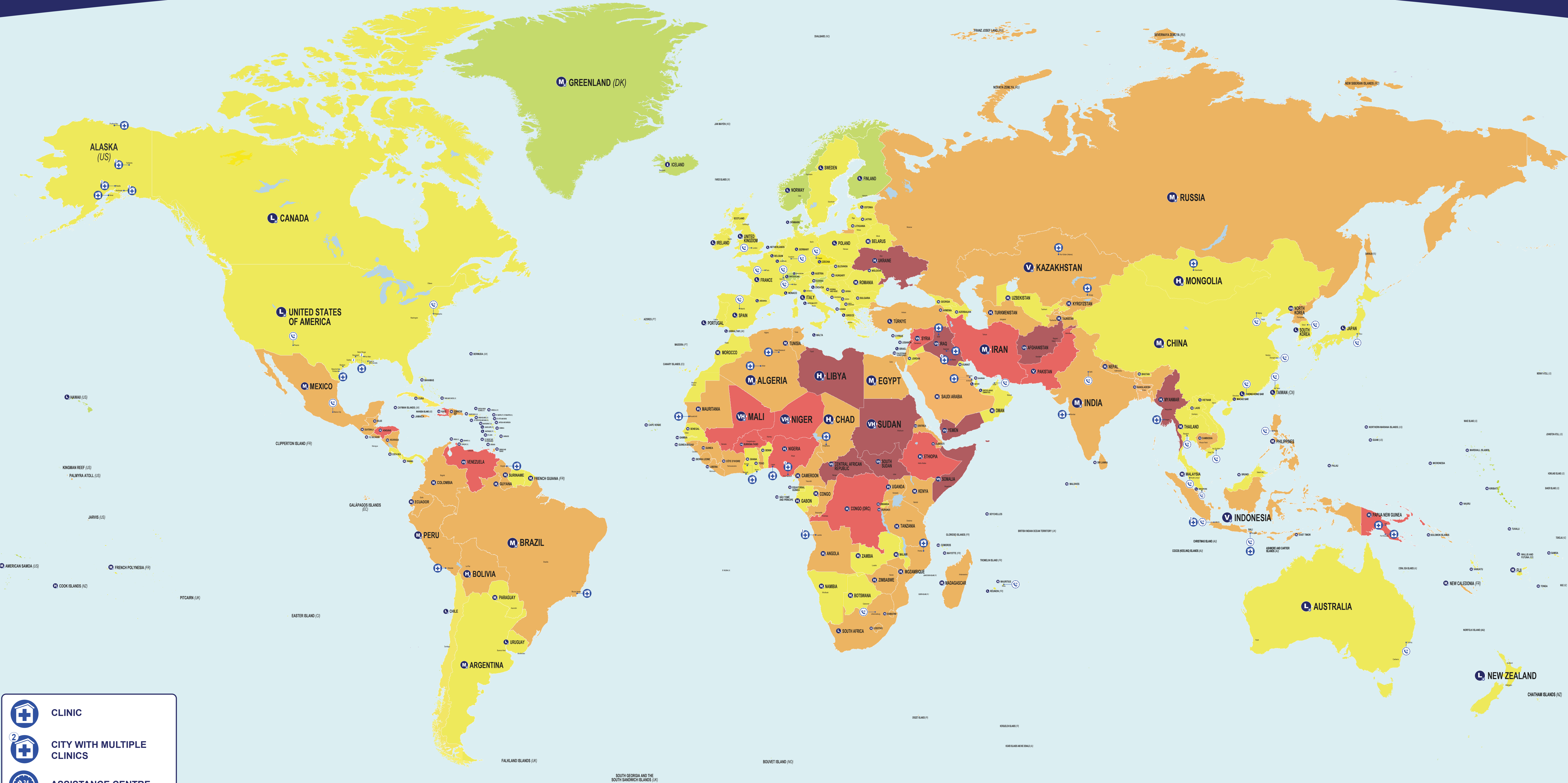


RISK MAP 2026

Global security & health risks



CLINIC

CITY WITH MULTIPLE CLINICS

ASSISTANCE CENTRE

SECURITY RISK RATING DEFINITIONS

Security risk ratings reflect the risk to employees from criminal activity, political violence (including terrorism, insurgency, and war) and social unrest (including, sectarian, communal and ethnic violence) as well as violent and petty crime. Other factors, such as the robustness of the transport infrastructure, the state of industrial relations, the effectiveness of the security and emergency services and the country's vulnerability to natural hazards are also evaluated. A single security risk rating is assigned per location. However, risks can vary greatly within a country's borders and so more granular ratings are available, as well as details of the primary risk factors influencing these ratings.

These ratings are updated annually and represented on the openly accessible International SOS Risk Map.[1] All clients with access to Quantum can view live risk rating updates to a city risk rating level. Our risk ratings are proprietary, developed over many years, and based on access to information that is not publicly available.

MEDICAL RISK RATING DEFINITIONS

Medical risk ratings are determined using a proprietary algorithm with over 20 internal and external data points, and the first-hand knowledge of our expert medical professionals worldwide. The selected data points reflect a range of health risks and mitigating factors, including, but not limited to: access to and standard of emergency services, outpatient and inpatient medical care, medical evaluation data, quality of pharmaceutical supplies, infectious disease risks, access to improved water and sanitation, environmental risk factors, security risk rating, and cultural, language or administrative barriers.

The medical landscape can vary widely within countries. For example, major cities may have better access to quality medical care, whereas remote or rural locations may have limited availability of health facilities and specialist care. An overall single rating is given at a country level and members also have access to detailed ratings for selected cities within countries.

INSIGNIFICANT SECURITY RISK

Rates of violent crime are very low. There is no significant political conflict or civil unrest is uncommon. If terrorism is a threat, groups have limited operational capabilities, and acts of terrorism are rare. Security and emergency services are effective and infrastructure is sound. Transport services are of a high standard with good safety records and only occasional travel disruption. Industrial action affecting essential services is rare.

LOW SECURITY RISK

Violent crime rates are low and racial, sectarian or political conflict or civil unrest is uncommon. If terrorism is a threat, groups have limited operational capabilities, and acts of terrorism are rare. Security and emergency services are effective and infrastructure is sound. Industrial action and transport disruption are infrequent.

MEDIUM SECURITY RISK

Periodic political unrest, violent protests, insurgency and/or sporadic acts of terrorism occur. Travellers and international assignees may face risk from communal, sectarian or racial violence and violent crime. Capacity of security and emergency services and infrastructure varies. Industrial action can disrupt travel.

HIGH SECURITY RISK

Protests are frequently violent and may target or disrupt foreigners; they may be exacerbated by governance issues, including security or law and order capacity. Violent crime and terrorism poses significant direct or incidental risks to travellers and international assignees. Communal, sectarian or racial violence is common and foreigners may be directly targeted. Certain parts of the country are inaccessible or off-limits to the traveller.

EXTREME SECURITY RISK

Government control and law and order may be minimal or non-existent across large areas. Serious threat of violent attacks by armed groups targeting travellers and international assignees. Government and transport services are barely functional. Large parts of the country are inaccessible to foreigners.

L LOW MEDICAL RISK

Quality medical care is available throughout the country. Specialist care, emergency and dental services, and quality prescription drugs are widely available. Low risk of infectious diseases.

M MEDIUM MEDICAL RISK

Quality medical care is available from selected providers. Reliable emergency services, limited specialist and dental care are usually available. Some risk of food or water-borne diseases. Potentially life-threatening infectious diseases such as malaria and typhoid may be present.

V VARIABLE MEDICAL RISK

Significant variation of travel medical risk: Quality medical care, emergency services, and dental care is available from selected providers in major cities, including prescription drugs. Elsewhere: availability of these services may be limited. Similarly, exposure to food, water-borne or potentially life-threatening infectious diseases may vary.

H HIGH MEDICAL RISK

Basic emergency services, medical and dental care may be available. Specialist care is limited even in major cities. A wide range of quality prescription drugs may not be available. Food and water-borne infections are common. Potentially life-threatening infectious diseases such as malaria, typhoid and cholera may persistently pose a threat.

VH VERY HIGH MEDICAL RISK

Healthcare is almost non-existent or severely overtaxed. There may be very limited or no primary care, emergency care or dental services. Quality prescription drugs are frequently unavailable. Food and water-borne infections are common. Potentially life-threatening infectious diseases such as malaria and cholera may be persistently present and large outbreaks may occur.