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2026 DAKAR YOUTH GAMES

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WORLDWIDE REACH.
HUMAN TOUCH.

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The 4th edition of the Summer Youth Games will be held in Dakar, Senegal, in 2026. This marks the first time a global multi-sport event of this scale will take place in Africa.

As Dakar prepares to welcome the Youth Games, the city will be buzzing with activity and international attention. For many **organisations unfamiliar with the local environment**, this dynamic atmosphere brings both opportunity and complexity. Ensuring **top-tier health and security measures** will be essential to navigate the unique challenges of the region and to **safeguard teams, staff, and operations** throughout the event.



THE RISK

LANDSCAPE OF SENEGAL

Health

An acceptable standard of care is available from selected providers, particularly in private clinics located in the capital city of Dakar.

However, the quality of care may be suitable for only certain medical conditions, as **more complex or specialised care may require international evacuation**. In other regions of the country, the standard of medical care is generally lower.



French is the primary language of most doctors.



Health Checks

- Yellow fever vaccination is required for entry in Senegal for those arriving from a country with a risk of yellow fever transmission.
- Vaccinations for diseases such as typhoid, polio and measles are recommended for travellers.
- There is also a **risk of malaria** across the country. We recommend the ABCDE prevention method.

A comprehensive list of recommended vaccinations is available to our Workforce Resilience subscribers on their portal.

THE RISK

LANDSCAPE OF SENEGAL

Security

Crime levels in Senegal are relatively low. However, we recommend taking sensible precautions against pickpocketing, petty theft and street crime, especially in Dakar.



Political protests, street demonstrations and strikes are frequent in Dakar for various socio-economic or political issues. With the **possibility of violence breaking out over political grievances** in the country, we recommend avoiding gatherings or rallies.

Saly being a coastal resort known for its beaches and tourist infrastructure means **crime often targets visitors**.



Travel Tips

- Road conditions in Senegal can vary greatly.
Some roads are in poor condition and livestock and pedestrians walking on the streets are hazards.
- We **do not recommend self-driving** unless familiar with local conditions.
- Undertake overland travel outside major urban areas in daylight and with adequate journey management plan.

OUR REGIONAL AND IN-COUNTRY EXPERTISE

Present in Africa since 1994, International SOS has been unrivalled in the **acquisition and sharing of its local knowledge and experience**. We understand the challenges the continent presents to employers and lead the way in keeping your workforce healthy and safe.

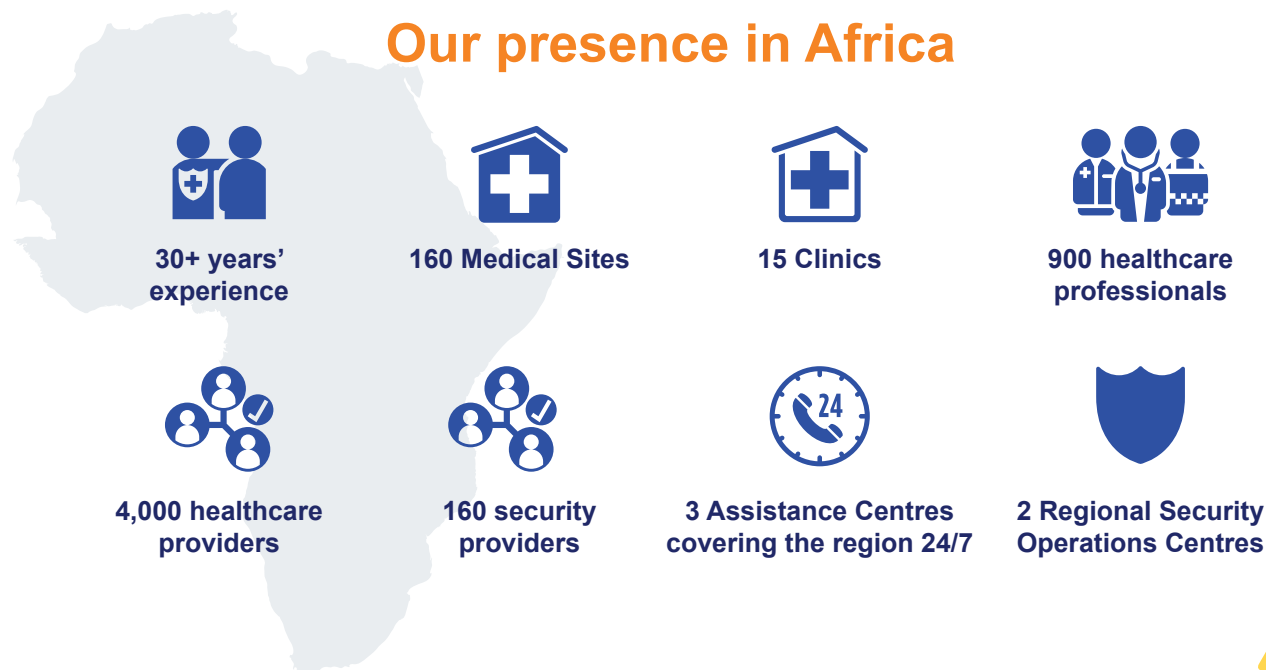
We have built **strategic relationships with local providers** and developed first-hand experience on the ground, giving us an unrivalled advantage.

In Senegal, we have **partnered with local healthcare provider SOS Medecin since 1997** to offer quality in-country service. They provide extensive experience in **emergency medical services with 24/7 support** and care through ambulance transfers, nursing, and sanitary evacuation.

While they employ the Senegalese medical staff to be assigned on our clients' projects, **International SOS reviews the profiles to ensure adequacy and compliance** with the overall project plan, manages the onboarding of the medical personnel and ensures clinical governance.



Our presence in Africa



OUR SUPPORT

BEFORE THE EVENT

- **Event Safe Support**

A comprehensive medical and security service for planning and delivering safer events, including travel policy reviews, site and accommodation reviews, risk assessments, security and medical support at the event.

- **Health and Security Evacuation Plan**

A detailed evacuation plan in case of a medical emergency or a security incident.

- **Security Risk Assessment**

A review of the security risk landscape, with a detailed report of risks that might affect your people, along with recommended mitigation measures.

- **Webinars & Briefing Sessions**

Online or in-person pre-travel training with your teams about potential risks and mitigation measures.

- **Security Escalation Planning & Crisis Management Training**

Framework and guidance to prepare and enable robust decision-making during a crisis. This also includes local evacuation plans with detailed actions and options for the safe relocation of your people. Our crisis management experts can also support your leadership with crisis management training.

- **Health and Security Consulting**

A health or security advisor to review your plans and provide customised solutions based on findings and on-the-ground data.

- **Site Health Review**

An assessment of health challenges that could impact your people, supported by a comprehensive analysis and practical strategies to ensure safety and promote wellbeing.

- **Accommodation Security Review**

Assessment of the safety and security of employee accommodations to reduce the risk of accidents and incidents.



OUR SUPPORT DURING THE EVENT

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- **On-Site Medical and Security Support**

Team of healthcare professionals (including certified doctors and nurses), access to ground ambulance services, and security advisors at the venue for on-the-ground support.

- **In-Person Briefings**

In-person sessions with our health and security experts for advice and guidance.

- **Medical and Security Support for your Partners and VIPs**

High-quality medical and security escort for VIPs, ensuring their requests are processed without delay and beyond standard insurance benefits.

- **24/7 Health and Security Assistance**

Dedicated 24/7 phone line for health and security advice and support for each organisation.



CASE STUDY

EXECUTIVE EVENT SAFETY IN SENEGAL

Challenges

A respected **global energy company**, known for its operational excellence and strong leadership, was preparing to host a **critical international board meeting in Senegal**.

With senior executives travelling abroad, the organisation needed **reliable medical support** throughout the high-stakes event. The presence of high-profile attendees, age-related health sensitivities, and an off-site excursion heightened the need for **swift emergency preparedness and seamless on-the-ground coordination**.

International SOS' Solution

International SOS implemented a **tailored EventSafe plan** to deliver comprehensive, end-to-end medical support.

Key elements included:

- A **dedicated health coordinator** providing remote oversight and managing local logistics.
- **On-site paramedics** deployed to accompany the off-site excursion.
- A stationed **ground ambulance at the venue**, ready for immediate emergency response.
- Discreet integration of all medical measures to maintain the event's professional atmosphere.

This cohesive approach ensured all medical measures were discreetly in place and ready to activate at a moment's notice.

Impact

The event concluded without any health incidents, allowing uninterrupted strategic discussions.

The proactive medical planning:

- **Reduced** potential emergency-related **costs**.
- Reinforced the organisation's reputation as a responsible employer committed to Duty of Care.
- **Boosted executive confidence** in future off-site engagements.
- Enhanced leadership trust in the company's ability to safeguard wellbeing while maintaining operational resilience.



CASE STUDY

SUPPORTING OUR CLIENT THROUGH A WAVE OF UNREST IN SENEGAL

Challenges

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, a **large offshore drilling company**, 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.

International SOS' 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.



SPORT EVENTS

we have supported



Football

- 2010** South Africa
- 2012** Poland and Ukraine
- 2014** Brazil
- 2018** Russia – Sochi
- 2022** Qatar
- 2023** Australia and New Zealand



Other games

- 2012** United Kingdom
- 2014** Russia
- 2016** Brazil – Rio
- 2018** South Korea
- 2021** Japan – Tokyo
- 2024** France - Paris

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