

Attacks on Ebola Response

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Latest available safety, security and access information on reported attacks on health care in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Throughout August 2019: In Goma city, North Kivu province, medics are reportedly continuing to encounter increasing attacks and resistance among local communities. The Governor of North Kivu announced, however, that those who spread misinformation to hamper relief efforts will face arrest. **Sources:** [AP](#) and [Reuters](#)

26 August 2019: In Walikale, North Kivu province, the body of a murdered doctor was found. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

13 August 2019 (DOA): In Mbau town, North Kivu province, Ebola-related activities operations in the area were suspended after suspected ADF elements attacked and killed under unspecified circumstances six people, including one civil society leader. **Source:** [CIDRAP](#)

08 August 2019: Update: Local authorities arrested three Congolese doctors over the killing of a Cameroonian WHO doctor in the town of Butembo (North Kivu) last April. **Source:** [BBC](#)

06 August 2019: Near Lambo Katenga village, roughly 150km N of Kalemie, Tanganyika province, a group of 15 local Mai Mai militants ambushed the local Red Cross Committee's president and other civilians. The perpetrators beat all the victims, tied them up, and robbed them of their valuables. Two civilians were injured. **Source:** [AWSD](#)²

03 August 2019: Near Butembo, Palatalisa, North Kivu province, an unidentified armed group attacked Ebola Response Team convoy with firearms, damaging several vehicles. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

21 July 2019: In Vuhesi, North Kivu province, unidentified perpetrators set ablaze an Ebola Treatment Centre. **Source:** [Africa News](#)

17 July 2019: In Butembo North Kivu province, unidentified gunmen reportedly killed one Ebola health worker. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

15 July 2019: Near Isale, Beni district, North Kivu province, unidentified armed men reportedly attacked the house of a health worker, severely injuring the man's wife with machete and threatening the health worker. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

13-14 July 2019: In Mukulia village, North Kivu province, unidentified attackers killed two national Ebola health workers. The victims had been receiving threats since last December, and one had already been previously attacked on an unspecified date. **Sources:** [AWSD](#)², [Reuters](#), [The New Humanitarian](#) and [VOA News](#)

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The project supports organisations and health providers with information, analysis and practical recommendations on how to mitigate the impact of attacks on health care to ensure staff safety and better health outcomes.

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² The AWSD database does not include the names of individual victims or the agencies affected by an incident. This is done in consideration of the victims and their names publicised in this format and to afford equal respect to the many victims for whom this information is not available.