SHCC Attacks on Health Care
The section aligns with the definition of attacks on health care used by the Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC).

Africa

Cameroon
15 February 2020: In Mandoussa village, Mayo-Sava department, Extreme-North province, a health centre and a school were burnt down during an attack by Boko Haram militants. Source: Sembe TV

19 February 2020: In Bamenda town, Mezam division, North-Ouest province, military forces shot and killed a suspected Ambazonian separatist at the entrance of a private hospital. According to the Ministry of Defence, the soldier who opened fire on the victim was arrested. Sources: Cameroun24 and Blasting News France

Democratic Republic of the Congo
31 January – 01 February 2020: In Mambasa town, Ituri province, Mai-Mai militiamen stormed the Biakato Hospital and fired shots, causing substantial material damage. Source: Radio Okapi

01 February 2020: In Biakato, Mambasa territory, Ituri province, the office of coordination on Ebola was attacked by Mai-Mai militiamen. No casualties were reported. Source: WHO

02 February 2020: In Vulese village, Babila-Babombi area, Mambasa territory, Ituri province, a machete-wielding ADF militia killed a Red Cross paramedic, his wife and son. Source: Actualité

Community Resistance and Mistrust in the DRC
These recommendations focus on a strategy to gain the acceptance of community members to enable response actors, including healthcare workers, to effectively address identified security challenges. 2019-20

Report: Community Resistance and Mistrust Security Challenge
Source: Open-source, key informant interviews, and verified partner-agency submissions

Mali
18 February 2020: Between Ansongo and Gao, Gao region, an ambulance transporting a patient was fired at by unknown gunmen on a motorbike. No injuries were reported. Source: Studio Tamani

Mozambique
06 February 2020: In Mahate village, Quissanga district, Cabo Delgado province, a health centre was burned down by unidentified militants in...
a series of attacks in villages nearby. Source: Garda24

Somalia
02 February 2020: In Belet Xaawo, Belet Xaawo district, Gedo region, three aid workers, including a female doctor, a driver and a female aid worker, were abducted by Al Shabaab militants while delivering medical supplies in rural areas. Source: Garowe Online

Asia

Bangladesh
14 February 2020: In Dhaka city, a senior doctor was killed by unidentified perpetrators at Matuail Friendship Hospital. Source: The Independent Bangladesh

Pakistan
18 February 2020: Around Dera Ismail Khan city, Tehsil district and province, a roadside IED hit a police van monitoring a polio vaccination team, killing a police officer and wounding two others. Source: France 24

The Philippines
03 February 2020: In Barangay Walled City, Jolo, Sulu, a doctor was abducted from his home. Abu Sayyaf militants are suspected to be behind the kidnapping, possibly to bring the doctor to treat wounded rebels. Sources: Philstar, Mindanews, Manila Times and GMA Network

Europe

Ukraine
20 February 2020: In Novi Sanzhary settlement and district, Poltava oblast, protesters fearful and angry about Coronavirus attacked a convoy of buses carrying 72 people, including Ukrainians, who were on their way to a medical centre where they would be monitored for 14 days, following their evacuation from the Chinese city of Wuhan. Nine police officers and one civilian were injured. Source: CNN

Middle East and North Africa

Syrian Arab Republic
01 February 2020: In Tafas town, Dara’a governorate, a male gynaecologist was shot dead at his clinic by unidentified gunmen. Sources: Liveuamap, SOHR and SNHR

01 February 2020: In Hour village, Aleppo governorate, Russian warplanes fired missiles on al Huda Surgical Hospital, damaging its building and equipment. Source: SNHR

04 February 2020: In Taftanaz town, Idlib governorate, a barrel bomb of unidentified origin detonated 50 metres away from the UOSSM-supported Al Hikma Hospital, causing damage to it and forcing it to close. Source: UOSSM

04 February 2020: In Taftanaz town, Idlib governorate, bombing from an unknown source struck 300 metres away from the Al Nour Hospital, causing minor damage to it and forcing it to close. The same hospital was then hit almost an hour later. Source: UOSSM

05 February 2020: In Sarmin town, Idlib governorate, unidentified perpetrators attacked Sarmin Hospital and Sarmin Primary Health Care Centre causing major structural damage and forcing them to close. Source: SNHR and UOSSM

06 February 2020: In Anadan city, Aleppo governorate, Syrian regime artillery shelled a medical dispensary,
damaging the building. Source: SNHR

06 February 2020: In Idlib city and governorate, Russian warplanes bombed a clearly marked ambulance, killing three paramedics on board as they were heading to assist victims of airstrikes. Sources: SNHR, Airwars and UOSSM

06 February 2020: In Idlib city and governorate, a health worker was killed in a bombing by Russian warplanes. Source: Airwars

09 February 2020: In Ma‘aret al Na‘san village, Idlib governorate, Syrian and Russian warplanes fired missiles at Ma‘ara al Muhdath School and Ma‘ara dispensary, causing unspecified amounts of damage to the buildings. Source: SNHR

10 February 2020: In Maarata al-Numan city, Idlib governorate, unidentified perpetrators bombed a Syria Relief primary health centre, forcing it to close. Source: TNH

11 February 2020: In Kafr Ta‘al village, Aleppo governorate, a medical dispensary and its equipment was damaged by machine guns fired from Syrian regime warplanes. Source: SNHR

15 February 2020: In Tqadd village, Aleppo governorate, Russian warplanes fired missiles near Lindau Medical Center, damaging the building and the equipment contained inside. Source: SNHR

15 February 2020: In al Sahhara village, Aleppo governorate, a Syrian Civil Defense (SCD) member was injured by missiles fired by Russian warplanes while he was aiding victims of previous bombing by the same forces on the village. Source: SNHR

17 February 2020: In Darat Izza town, Aleppo governorate, airstrikes of unidentified origin significantly damaged the Al Kinana Hospital. Sources: Airwars, Reuters, SNHR I, SNHR II and UOSSM

17 February 2020: In Darat Izza town, Aleppo governorate, airstrikes of unidentified origin hit the Al Fardous Maternity and Children’s Hospital, causing significant damage to its building, and injuring two health workers. Sources: Airwars, Reuters, SNHR I, SNHR II and UOSSM

18 February 2020: In Ma‘aret Al Na‘san village, Idlib governorate, a male pharmacist was killed in a Russian or Syrian airstrike. Source: Airwars

20 February 2020: In Qmainas village, Idlib governorate, Russian warplanes hit an ambulance, rendering it unusable. Source: SNHR

20 February 2020: In Maarata al-Numan city, Idlib governorate, an airstrike of unidentified origin hit a Syria Relief primary health centre that had been closed since an earlier bombing on February 10, killing the health centre’s manager. Source: TNH

21 February 2020: In Sarmin city, Idlib governorate, Syrian regime warplanes fired missiles on an SCD building for women, partially destroying the building and damaging furniture. Source: SNHR

As reported on 23 February 2020: In Hawayij Thiban, Deir-ez-Zour governorate, a body of a doctor who disappeared a few days earlier was found with gunshot marks. Source: Liveuamap

23 February 2020: In Bsamis village, Idlib governorate, Russian warplanes carried out four air strikes near an SCD centre, damaging the building and equipment. Source: SNHR
23 February 2020: In Balyoun village, Idlib governorate, Russian warplanes fired missiles on a Children’s and Women’s Hospital, destroying the building. Source: SNHR

25 February 2020: In Idlib city and governorate, Syrian regime warplanes fired missiles near al Muhafaza Hospital, damaging the building and equipment contained within. Source: SNHR

25 February 2020: In Idlib city and governorate, airstrikes and ground attacks of unidentified origin struck the Idlib Central Hospital, injuring three nurses and a doctor, and heavily damaging the facility. The same hospital, which served 11,500 patients monthly, was forced to shut. Source: UOSSM

26 February 2020: In Idlib city and governorate, Syrian regime artillery fired shells near Shafaq Hospital, damaging its building and equipment. Source: SNHR

27 February 2020: In Ariha city, Idlib governorate, two SCD members were injured in a shelling by Syrian regime forces’ missile launcher near their SCD vehicle while they were turning from a site of previous bombing by Syrian-Russian alliance forces on the city. Source: SNHR

Yemen
13 February 2020: In Al Hali district, Al Hudaydah governorate, airstrikes of unidentified origin hit a water project facility in the Kilo 16 area. Source: CIMP

15 February 2020: In Yashbum area, As Said, Shabwah governorate, a doctor was reportedly killed by an unidentified armed group inside his clinic. Source: ACLED

Global Health Insecurity
These events go beyond the definition used by the SHCC to cover a wider range of events that affect the provision of health care including events perpetrated by patients or relatives of patients, private individuals and criminals as well as significant strike action or protests by health care personnel.

Africa
Uganda
09 February 2020 (DOA): In Bullisa district, Western region, more than 100 health workers deployed to manage various Ebola screening centres across Butiaba, Somiohave, Walukuba and Wanseko settlements abandoned their duty stations, citing non-payment. Sources: All Africa and Authentic African

The Americas
Mexico
24 February 2020: In Santa Ana Xalmimilulco, Puebla state, the body of three medical students (one female, and two of them Colombians) and of an uber driver were found with signs of torture and gunshots. Sources: Linea Directa Portal and Infoabae

Notes
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# WHO SSA reported incidents: February 2020

This table shows the number of incidents reported by the WHO Surveillance System for Attacks on Health Care (SSA) in countries monitored by the Safeguarding Health Care in Conflict Coalition (SHCC). Incidents are broken down by attack type.

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