

Attacks on Health Care

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Global Map On Attacks On Health Care

Explore our [Attacked and Threatened: Health Care at Risk](#) interactive global map to see incidents where health workers were killed, kidnapped or injured and incidents where health facilities were damaged or destroyed since 2016. Includes details on who the perpetrators were and the weapons used. Access the dataset on [HDX](#). Registered HDX user? Follow us for the latest dataset updates. The dataset does not yet include incidents reported in this News Brief.

Attacked and Threatened: Health Care at Risk



Incident Category

- ☒ All Incidents
- ☐ Conflict
- ☐ COVID
- ☐ Ebola
- ☐ Political
- ☐ Vaccination

Dates

From

01/01/2000

To

31/12/2022

This map shows incidents of violence and threats against health care. [Insecurity Insight](#) prepared the map, with support from [MapAction](#) for the [Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition](#). Insecurity Insight collated data from multiple public sources, confidential contributions from aid agencies and professional bodies. Definitions for categories used on this map are described [here](#) and the broader methodology [here](#). The data can be downloaded from the [Humanitarian Data Exchange](#). Visit our [website](#) or [subscribe](#) for updates.

Health care related incidents reported globally: 9173

01/01/2000 – 31/12/2022

6113 Health facilities damaged

1632 Health workers killed

1384 Health workers kidnapped

2701 Health workers injured

Incident Count

0

1 - 50

50 - 100

100 - 250

250 +

Incident

Incident (with description)

Incident (no description)

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

Burkina Faso

15 November 2022: At the Youba IDP camp, between Ouahigouya and Youba, Yatenga province, Nord region, a health centre and school building were ransacked and supplies taken during an overnight attack by suspected JNIM militants. **Sources:** [ACLED](#)¹ and [OCHA](#)

Democratic Republic of the Congo

09 November 2022: In Kabasha area, North Kivu province, ADF militants looted two pharmacies and ransacked a health centre, before burning it down as part of a wider attack on the area during which two people were killed and 50 others kidnapped. **Source:** [Wiki Rumours](#)



Insecurity Insight – Monitoring incidents around the world affecting aid, health care, education, and protection.

Mali

16 November 2022: Between Bandiagara and Bankass, Mopti region, a Malian INGO aid worker, a health worker, and a driver were kidnapped by suspected JNIM militants. The driver was later released. **Source:** [ACLED¹](#)

Nigeria

03 November 2022: In Fakai village, Shinkafi LGA, Zamfara state, a vaccinator was killed by suspected bandits led by Bello Turji. The incident followed the bandit group's decision to prohibit the presence of the Nigerian Government in the area. **Source:** [Eons Intelligence](#)

10 November 2022: In Bisichi, Jos South LGA, Plateau state, a doctor and a pastor were kidnapped by gunmen while travelling from Mangu to Jos. The gunmen left the doctor's wife along with two other children in the car. **Source:** [National News Lead](#)

17 November 2022: In Damboa LGA, Borno state, a female Médecins du Monde aid worker was fatally stabbed and a co-pilot shot and wounded when a Nigerian soldier under the influence of alcohol opened fire at a UN helicopter. **Sources:** [HumAngle I](#), [HumAngle II](#), [Médecins du Monde](#), [Nigeria INGO Forum](#), [Voice of America](#) and [Zagazola](#)

18 November 2022: In Ikomita area, Calabar, Cross River State, two doctors and four other civilians were kidnapped on the Ekomita-Uyanga axis of the Calabar Ikom highway by gunmen who demanded a ransom of N100m. In response to their kidnapping, the Nigerian Medical Association (NMA), Cross River State chapter, embarked on an indefinite strike. The victims were eventually released around the Uyanga rubber plantations on 22 November. **Sources:** [Eons Intelligence](#), [Prime Star News I](#) and [Prime Star News II](#)

22 November 2022: In Zaki Biam town, Ukum LGA, Benue State, the medical director of the Hope and Maternity Clinic was kidnapped from his house by gunmen. **Source:** [Newspot Nigeria](#)

Sudan

09 November 2022: In Juguma locality, Central Darfur state, humanitarian organisations were forced to evacuate their staff from Juguma locality and to suspend operations in villages surrounding Bindisi town amidst insecurity caused by clashes between members of the Messiria tribe and the Awlad Rashid clan of the Rizeigat tribe. The event limited the delivery of health, nutrition, water, sanitation, and hygiene services to about 30,000 people, including 8,000 IDPs. **Source:** [Radio Dabanga](#)

16 November 2022: Near Jagoma IDP camp, Bendasi locality, Central Darfur state, a vehicle carrying medicine was shot at by militiamen. **Source:** [ACLED¹](#)

Asia

Attacks on Health Data in Myanmar

For details on reported incidents between 16-29 November 2022, please see this [document](#).

Past editions: [02-15 November](#). Analysis reports: [May 2022 Update](#); [SHCC 2021 Myanmar Factsheet](#)

Explore our [Attacked and Threatened: Health Care at Risk](#) interactive global map to see documented incidents in Myanmar since 2016. Includes details on perpetrators and the weapons used. Access the dataset on [HDX](#).

Pakistan

As reported on 13 November 2022: In Qasim Gabo Goth area, Karachi city and division, Sindh province, a doctor was shot and killed near his clinic by two gunmen in a white car. **Source:** [Ary](#)

Europe

Attacks on Health Data in Ukraine

The 01 January 2016-30 November 2022 data on incidents of violence against or obstruction of health care in Ukraine is now available for download on [HDX](#) or to explore on our [interactive map](#). Our data includes available information on who the perpetrators were and what weapons were used. We are currently carrying out a verification process against other sources.

Middle East North Africa

Occupied Palestinian Territories

23 November 2022: In an undisclosed location, health transport with health workers and patients onboard was obstructed from delivering health care. **Source:** [WHOSSA](#)²

23 November 2022: In an undisclosed location, health transport with health workers and patients onboard was obstructed from delivering health care. **Source:** [WHOSSA](#)²

28 November 2022: In an undisclosed location, health transport with health workers and patients onboard was obstructed from delivering health care. **Source:** [WHOSSA](#)²

Syrian Arab Republic

12 November 2022: In Tayyana town, Deir ez Zor governorate, a doctor and his brother were detained by Syrian Defense Forces (SDF). **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

20 November 2022: In Takl Bakl village, Hasakah governorate, a male health worker and 11 civilians were killed in a double-tap airstrike allegedly by Turkish forces. The health worker was killed during the second airstrike, after civilians and the healthcare worker visited the site following the first airstrike on a local powerstation. **Source:** [Airwars](#)

20 November 2022: In Mestenur area, Hasakah governorate, a medical building used as a COVID-19 centre was destroyed by a suspected Turkish airstrike. **Source:** [Airwars](#)

The Americas

Haiti

11 November 2022: In Port-au-Prince, Ouest department, the home of a doctor was attacked by members of the Grand-Ravine Gang, the Base 5 Secondes Gang, and the Ti-Makak gang amid clashes against police officers in the area. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Honduras

14 November 2022: In La Ceiba, Atlantida, a doctor was shot and wounded while he was driving his car by two armed men. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Global Health Insecurity

These events affect the provision of health care but are not directly conflict related. These include events perpetrated by patients, relatives of patients, private individuals and criminals as well as significant strike action or protests by health care personnel.

Africa

South Africa

07 November 2022: In Ndwedwe town, Ilembe district, KwaZulu-Natal province, three vehicles, including an ambulance, were hijacked by unidentified perpetrators. The vehicles were later abandoned and a 32-year-old suspect has since been arrested. **Source:** [IOL](#)

Asia

India

As reported on 31 October 2022: In Kerala state, a patient attacked a doctor at a general hospital following a diagnosis that required admittance to the hospital. **Source:** [Medical Dialogues](#)

As reported on 31 October 2022: On Sant Avenue, Amritsar city and district, Punjab state, two armed people disguised as patients entered a clinic and stole cash and gold jewellery belonging to a female doctor. **Source:** [Medical Dialogues](#)

04 November 2022: In Faridkot district, Punjab state, a group of people wielding sticks and sharp-edged weapons entered the Punjab Medical Hospital and attacked patients undergoing treatment for injuries sustained during an earlier scuffle with the perpetrators outside the hospital. **Source:** [Daily Hunt](#)

Pakistan

11 November 2022: In Karachi city and division, Sindh province, police used water cannons, teargas and batons against protesting health workers, as they marched towards the Chief Minister's house during a protest. 70 protesters, including community health workers, nurses, paramedics and doctors, were arrested. A representative of the Young Doctors Association warned that if arrestees are not released, emergency services at hospitals across Sindh would be shut the next day. All women were released on 12 November, but 12 doctors and paramedics remained in custody until the next day. **Sources:** [Dawn](#), [Public Services International](#) and [The News](#)

The Americas

United States of America

As reported on 04 November 2022: In Grand Junction municipality, Mesa County seat, Colorado state, an ICU nurse at the Saint Mary's Medical Centre has been arrested for sexually abusing and recording unconscious patients who were supposed to be under his care. **Sources:** [New York Post](#) and [The Blaze](#)

¹ Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) [database attribution policy](#). Accessed 30 November 2022.

² WHOSSA accessed 30 November 2022.

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