

Attacks on Health Care

Bi-Monthly News Brief

**22 March-
04 April
2023**

Please share with your internal and external networks!

We like to let you know about three hybrid events taking place during the Humanitarian Networks and Partnership Week (HNPW) 2023 that you may be interesting in:

Tuesday 18 April 2023 at 15:00 to 16:30 CEST

Data for decision making: How the humanitarian sector could be better served through collaboration and joint standards

Humanitarian Outcomes and Insecurity Insight are hosting this panel discussion which will look at what is available in terms of live data on humanitarian needs, operational, and security conditions. Rohini Haar, Berkeley will join us to discuss ideas of how to strengthen data to protect healthcare in [conflict zones](#). Register [here](#)

Tuesday 25 April at 16:00 to 17:30 CEST

Keeping Last Mile of Delivery Safe for All: Evidence based SRM for national frontline health staff

Insecurity Insight, IRC, and Ground Truth Solutions are hosting this panel discussion which will look at:

- What are the trends we're seeing when it comes to violence against health staff?
- Why does it matter, what do we know about the impact of such violence?
- What works to keep national health staff safe? What role does community acceptance play? What role can operational health organizations play? Register [here](#)

Wednesday 26 April at 16.00 to 17.00 CEST

Does the Triple Nexus Compromise Security Risk Management in Fragile Contexts?

GISF, Insecurity Insight and World Vision, are hosting this event which explores the challenges and opportunities that the Triple Nexus programming poses for Security Risk Management among implementing partners.

- Are agencies putting community acceptance at risk when they actively deliver on all three objectives?
- What does this mean for frontline aid and health workers' security?
- What are the potential dangers in the [Roadmap for the Global Health for Peace Initiative](#)?

Case studies from DR Congo and Ethiopia will be used to highlight some of the practical concerns and help identify solutions of how humanitarian and development agencies can work hand in hand on sensitive issues. Register [here](#)

Past News Brief editions: [08-21 March](#); [22 February-07 March](#); [08-21 February](#); [25 January-07 February](#); [All](#).

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

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

03 April 2023: In Sirgui locality, Boussouma department, Sanmatenga province, a medical officer and several civilians were killed in an attack on the area by armed men which displaced an unidentified number of people. **Source:** [Minute](#)

Ethiopia

21 March 2023: In Kobo town, Semien Wollo zone, Amhara region, Fano militiamen stole a convoy loaded with medical supplies en route to Tigray's Mekelle city. **Source:** [Sahan Research](#)

Mali

21 March 2023: In Bamako, a nurse was attacked and beaten by a gendarmerie captain at a hospital. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Niger

21 March 2023: In Danga Zaouni town, Tillaberi region, a health centre and town hall were searched by suspected IS Sahel militants. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Nigeria

17 March 2023: In Adunu community, Munya and Paikoro LGAs, Niger state, gunmen killed a male medical practitioner during an assault on the Munya and Paikoro LGAs. More than 40 people, including women and children, were kidnapped. Ransoms ranging between NGN10,000 and NGN20,000 were demanded for the release of each victim. **Source:** [Premium Times](#)

South Sudan

29 March 2023: In Lopit West area, Lafon county, Eastern Equatoria state, a medical officer in charge of Longiro Health Centre was killed by a colleague at the health centre. **Source:** [Radio Tamazui](#)

Asia

Myanmar

In Myanmar's worsening conflict, health workers deliver care and dodge death

Insecurity Insight Director Christina Wille was quoted in a report by The New Humanitarian. Our data shows that in Myanmar from February 2021 to September 2022, 750 health workers were arrested, hospitals were raided on 140 occasions, and 56 health workers were killed. "These are not isolated incidents," commented Christina Wille. "They're very much part of what's going on and what's tearing Myanmar apart at the moment. Read the article [here](#).

For details on reported incidents between 22 March-04 April 2023, please see this [document](#).

Past incident reports: [08-21 March](#); [22 February-07 March](#); [08-21 February](#); [11-24 January](#); [All](#).

Analysis reports: [April-September 2022](#); [1 February 2021-10 January 2022](#); [1 January- 31 March 2022](#).

Join our [Myanmar](#) mailing list for regular updates.

Pakistan

30 March 2023: In Karachi city, Sindh province, unidentified armed men fired on the vehicle of a Hindu doctor killing him and injuring a female doctor. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Europe

Ukraine

Attacks on Health Data in Ukraine

At least 822 attacks on Ukraine's health care system have been documented between 24 February 2022 and 21 March 2023. Explore this [interactive map](#) (available in English and Ukrainian) to see incidents where health facilities were damaged or destroyed in Ukraine since February 2022. Report the [report](#).

Middle East North Africa

Iran

Occupied Palestinian Territories

21 March 2023: In the Qaddura Refugee Camp, West Bank, Israeli soldiers fired teargas canisters at a medical compound, affecting patients inside the cardiology, cardiothoracic and paediatric wards during a raid on the camp by Israeli soldiers. **Source:** [The New Arab](#)

27 March 2023: In Huwara town, Nablus governorate, West Bank, two PRCS ambulances and their crews were attacked while on duty by Israeli settlers with stones and live ammunition, smashing one windshield and a side window. Shots were fired at the second ambulance, while insults were made towards staff. **Source:** [Twitter](#)

27 March 2023: In Huwara town, Nablus governorate, West Bank, Israeli forces and settlers prevented PRCS emergency teams from accessing wounded Palestinians following the Israeli army and settlers' attacks in the town, delaying three ambulances and denying two others access to the wounded. **Source:** [Twitter](#)

30 March 2023: In Tulkarem city, a PRCS ambulance was used by Israeli forces as a shield during a road in the city. The ambulance's windshield was smashed and the vehicle's body damaged. **Source:** [Twitter](#)

The Americas

Haiti

Around 23 March 2023: In Cap-Haitien, Nord department, masked gang members entered the Justinien Hospital and attacked health workers. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

30 March 2023: In Port-au-Prince, Ouest department, a doctor was kidnapped from his private clinic in a gang-related incident. **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.

Europe

Malta

24 March 2023: Around 4,000 nurses and midwives of all public hospitals went on a strike upon the call of the Malta Union of Midwives and Nurses, affecting treatment appointments, outpatient services, and casualty performance. **Source:** [Malta Today](#)

This Bi-Monthly News Brief comprises threats and violence as well as protests and other events affecting the delivery of and access to health care. It is part of the Attacks on Health Care project by Insecurity Insight. It is prepared from information available in local, national and international news outlets and online databases. The incidents reported are not a complete nor a representative list of all events that affected the provision of health care and have not been independently verified. All decisions made, on the basis of, or with consideration to, such information remains the responsibility of their respective organisations.

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¹ Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) [database attribution policy](#). Accessed 06 April 2023.

