

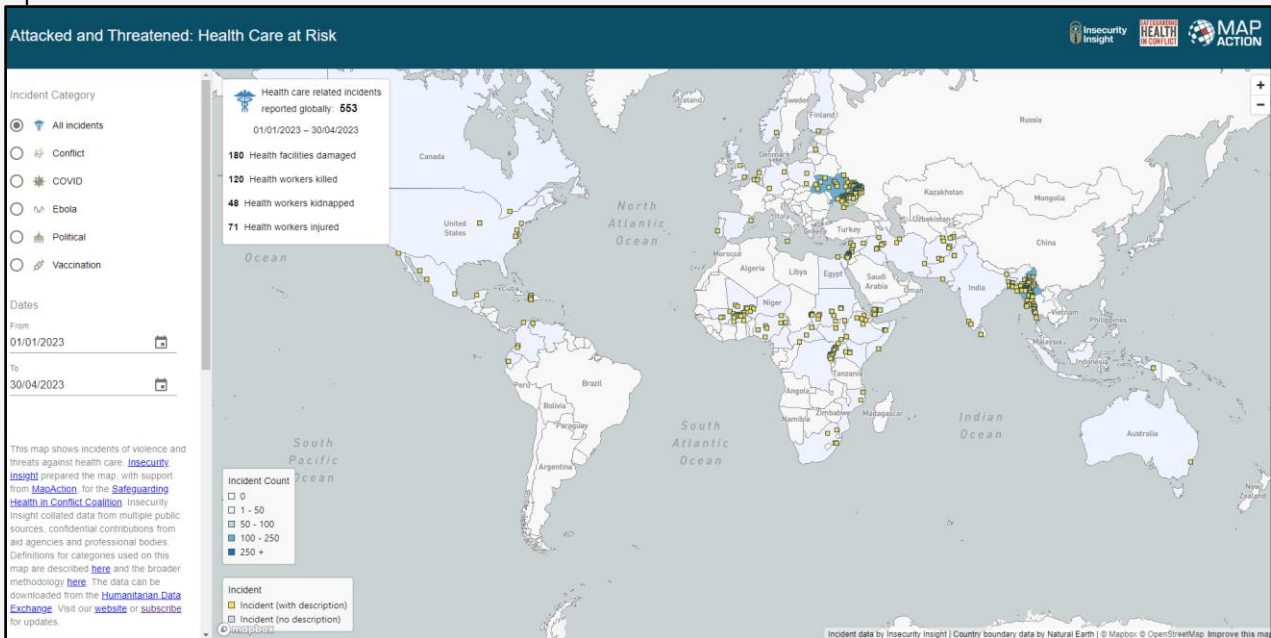
Attacks on Health Care

Bi-Monthly News Brief

19 April-02
May 2023

553 incidents of violence against or obstruction of health care between January-April 2023

Insecurity Insight has identified 553 global incidents of violence against or obstruction of health care between January-April 2023. At least 120 health workers have been killed and 48 kidnapped. Explore [this](#) interactive map to see where incidents were reported, who the perpetrators were and the weapons used. Access the 2016-2023 dataset on [HDX](#). Registered HDX user? Follow us for the latest dataset updates. The map and the dataset does not yet include incidents reported in this News Brief.



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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

05 April 2023: In Southwest region, MSF suspended its medical humanitarian activities amid calls for the release of four staff members who have been detained since 27 December 2021 when they were arrested at the Nguti checkpoint whilst transporting a patient with gunshot wounds in an ambulance. **Source:** [MSF](#)



Mali

25 April 2023: On the road between Gao city and Bara commune, Ansongo cercle, Gao region, a health worker and her driver were kidnapped by an unidentified armed group. Both were released later in the evening. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Nigeria

26 April 2023: In Ngala town and LGA, Borno state, unidentified perpetrators invaded the guest house of three staff members and two contracted security guards of the NGO Family Health International 360, abducting them. **Sources:** [HumAngle](#) and [Zagazola](#)

Somalia

19 April 2023: In the Jungal neighbourhood, Mogadishu - Yaqshid, Banadir region, a health worker was shot and killed by unidentified gunmen. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

South Sudan

25 April 2023: In Butagok payam, Awerial county, Lakes State, a midwife was tortured and beaten by South Sudan People's Defense Force (SSPDF) soldiers for inadvertently crossing a checkpoint marked by ashes on the ground. **Source:** [Radio Tamazuj](#)

Sudan

Attacks on Health Data in Sudan

Since fighting started between SAF and RSF, hundreds of civilians have been killed and many others injured. The violence has impacted health workers, hospitals, ambulances and patients. At least 39 attacks on Sudan's health care system have been documented by Insecurity Insight between 15-26 April. Health facilities have been damaged in shelling and arson attacks, vital medical supplies looted, health workers killed, injured and arrested, and patients deliberately obstructed from accessing health care. Access the data on [HDX](#).

This [document](#) includes incidents Insecurity Insight has identified between 19-26 April, including armed conflict related incidents as well as political violence related incidents. Past incident reports: [15-19 April](#).

Asia

Myanmar

Attacks on Health Data in Myanmar

At least 100 attacks on Myanmar's health care system have been documented between January-April 2023.

This [document](#) includes incidents Insecurity Insight has identified between 19 April-02 May 2023.

Past incident reports: [04-18 April](#); [22 March-04 April](#); [08-21 March](#); [22 February-07](#); [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. Access the data on [HDX](#).

Europe

Ukraine

Attacks on Health Data in Ukraine

At least 889 attacks on Ukraine's health care system have been documented between 24 February 2022 and 07 April 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. Read the [report](#).

Middle East North Africa

Occupied Palestinian Territories

28 April 2023: In Al Mughhayyir village, Ramallah/al-Bireh governorate, Israeli soldiers targeted an ambulance during confrontations with Palestinian protesters, causing damage to the back door.

Source: [Quds News Network](#)

Syrian Arab Republic

26 April 2023: In Damascus city, a woman and her son were arrested by Syrian regime forces in Al Muwasa Hospital to force her husband to surrender himself. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Yemen

21 April 2023: In Hajar, Ad Dali governorate, an armed Houthi drone dropped a mortar shell on the premises of a rural medical clinic, damaging the clinic's building. The clinic was previously targeted on 13 March. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

The Americas

Colombia

25 April 2023: In rural Cienaga de Oro municipality, Cordoba department, a female health worker was shot and killed by unidentified armed individuals. One suspect, a member of the Gulf Clan, was arrested on 27 April. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Haiti

21 April 2023: In Cite Soleil neighbourhood, Port-au-Prince, rampant fighting hindered the ability of MSF teams to access the Brooklyn neighbourhood in order to pick up seriously wounded people, or to procure oxygen supplies for the Tabarre Hospital. **Source:** [MSF](#)

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 20 April 2023.

