

Attacks on Health Care

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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

Ethiopia

30 November 2023: In Delanta Primary hospital, Wegel Tena town, Delanta woreda, South Wollo zone, Amhara region, an ambulance was set on fire following heavy shelling of an unidentified origin, killing the driver, laboratory technician and three local residents who were working in the area at the time and injuring a hospital manager. **Sources:** [Amhara America](#) and [Amharic VOA](#)

Nigeria

10 December 2023: In Zurmi LGA, Zamfara state, renewed armed clashes prompted MSF to withdraw its staff from Zurmi Hospital until security improves. Patients inside the facility have refused to leave out of fear, whilst persons in need of health care have been unable to reach it. **Sources:** [HumAngle](#) and [Premium Times](#)

21 December 2023: In Otukpo town, Ogbadibo LGA, Benue state, a doctor and his son were among an unspecified number of travellers on board about six vehicles who were kidnapped by gunmen while en route to Enugu. The doctor and son were reported as freed on 25 December after the payment of ransom. **Source:** [Sahara Reporters](#)

Sudan

Past incident reports: [13-26 December](#); [29 November-12 December](#); [15-28 November](#); [All](#)
2022 Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC) Factsheets: [Arabic](#) and [English](#)

Asia

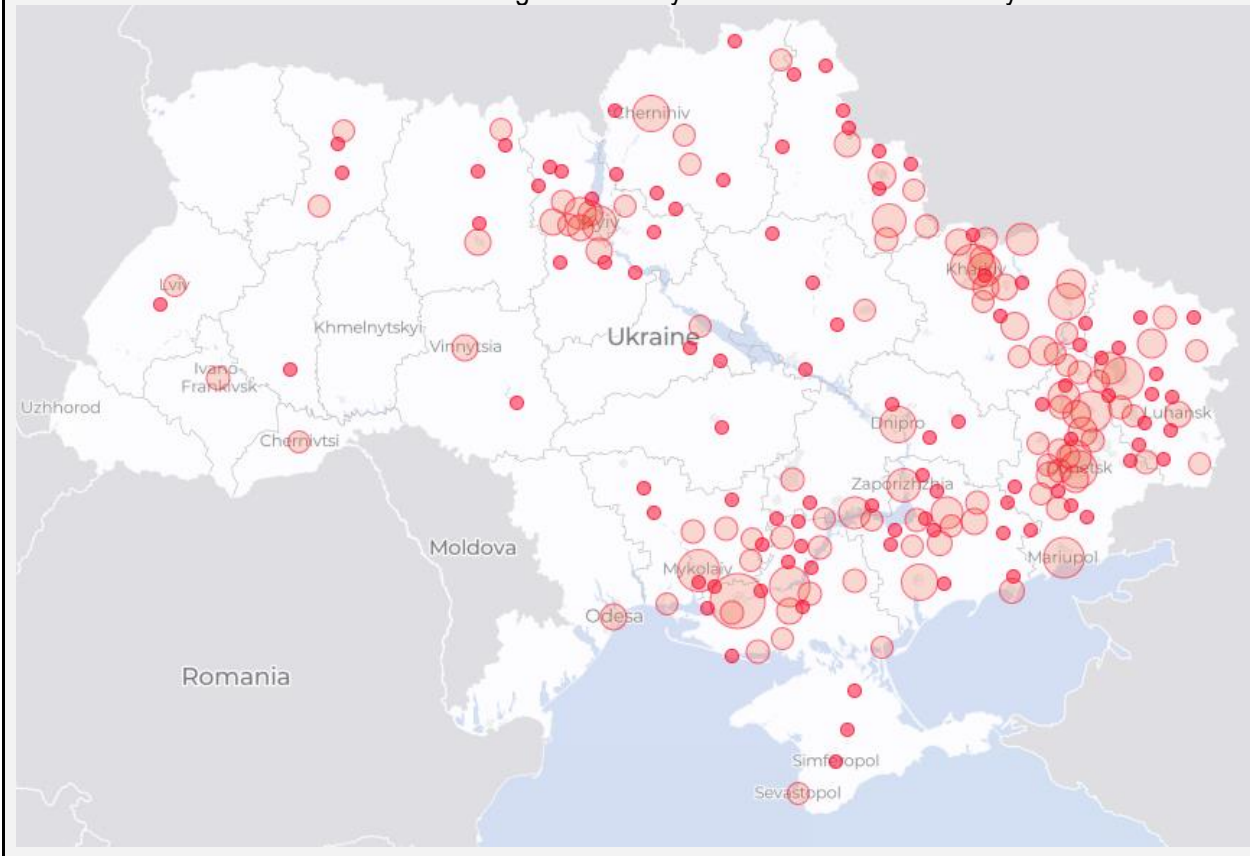
Myanmar

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Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC) Factsheets: [2022](#); [2021](#); [2020](#)

Europe

Ukraine

🔊 At least 1208 attacks on Ukraine's health care system have been documented between 24 February 2022 and 01 October 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.



Middle East and North Africa

Occupied Palestinian Territories

Past incident reports: [26 December-01 January 2024](#); [19-25 December](#); [12-18 December](#); [All 2022](#) Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC) factsheets: [Arabic](#) and [English](#)

Syrian Arab Republic

23 December 2023: In Qamishli city, sub-district and district, Al Hasakah governorate, Turkish airstrikes hit a construction centre near the COVID-19 Hospital. **Source:** [SOHR](#)

25-26 December 2023: In Qamishli city, sub-district and district, Al Hasakah governorate, Turkish airstrikes hit a construction centre near the COVID-19 Hospital. **Source:** [SOHR](#)

27 December 2023: In Tel Tamer countryside, Al Hasakah governorate, Turkish forces and their proxies intensified their bombardment on SDF-held areas, targeting infrastructure, health care centres, clinics, hospitals, factories, and mills and bakeries, causing the death or injury of 20 people. **Source:** [SOHR](#)

The Americas

Haiti

12 December 2023: In Turgeau neighbourhood, Port-au-Prince, a dozen armed men blocked a convoy of two MSF ambulances as it was leaving the MSF Emergency Centre. They beat on the

hood of one of the vehicles and fired shots in the air. After inspecting it, they ordered one ambulance to return to the Emergency Centre. They then looked inside the other ambulance, from where they forced out a patient, beat him, and fatally shot him. In response, MSF has suspended all activities in the facility temporarily. **Source:** [MSF](#)

As reported on 22 December 2023: In Belo locality, Kenscoff commune, Ouest department, a doctor was kidnapped by armed individuals on 21 November. **Sources:** [Haiti News 2000](#) and [Radio Télé Galaxie](#)

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