

Attacks on Health Care

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World Health Worker Week 2024

For **World Health Worker Week** (WHWW), April 1 - 7, join Insecurity Insight - together, we must raise awareness of attacks on health workers in conflict and call for urgent action from policymakers to prevent future attacks and hold perpetrators accountable. On 3 April, SHCC chair Len Rubenstein will be speaking during the 'Supporting and Safeguarding Health Workers Globally' event. Register [here](#).



Humanitarian Network and Practice Week 2024

Ensuring access to health care through community support and better security risk management for hospitals in the DRC.

The panel will discuss the learning from an operational approach to analysing the risk, and assessing the impact of, an attack against the health system on health service delivery, staff and affected communities. While the discussion focuses on the situation in DRC, the findings can be relevant to other countries facing similar violations of the right to health. Find out more and [register](#) for the online event to be held on 3 May at 15.00-16.30 CET online. The event will be in French with translation into English.

Semaine 2024 du réseau et des pratiques humanitaires

Garantir l'accès aux soins de santé grâce au soutien de la communauté et à une meilleure gestion des risques sécuritaires pour les hôpitaux en RDC.

Le panel discutera des conclusions tirées d'une approche opérationnelle de l'analyse du risque et de l'évaluation de l'impact d'une attaque contre le système de santé sur la prestation des services de santé, le personnel et les communautés touchées. Bien que la discussion se concentre sur la situation en RDC, les conclusions peuvent être pertinentes pour d'autres pays confrontés à des violations similaires du droit à la santé. Pour en savoir [plus](#) et s'inscrire à l'événement en ligne qui se tiendra le 3 mai de 15h00 à 16h30 CET. L'événement se déroulera en français avec une traduction en anglais.



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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

Burkina Faso

09 March 2024: In Pahin village, Bale province, Boucle du Mouhoun region, a pharmacy, houses and motorcycles were looted by JNIM militants. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Democratic Republic of the Congo

06 March 2024: In Bahema-North locality, Djugu territory, Ituri province, the MSF-supported Drodro General Referral Hospital was attacked by CODECO militia during the night. The hospital, pharmacy and a health centre were looted, a patient killed and nursing staff and patients fled the premises.

Sources: [Personal Communication](#), [MSF](#), and [UN News](#)

07 March 2024: In Kibirizi locality, Rutshuru territory, North Kivu province, Kibirizi Hospital was shot at during fighting between M23 rebels and the Rwandan army in the morning. **Source:** [Actu30](#)

13 March 2024: On Lake Kivu, Kalehe territory, South Kivu province, a Congolese boat transporting civilians and medical supplies was fired at by M23 shelling. **Sources:** [ACLED](#) and [Personal Communication](#)

14 March 2024: In Digba locality, Ango territory, Bas-Haute province, a health centre and 35 houses were looted by an unidentified armed group. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Ethiopia

As reported on 20 February 2024: In Kumer camp, Amhara region, an ambulance belonging to the camp was stolen by unidentified perpetrators. As a result there is now way to treat critical cases in the camp, especially pregnant women. **Source:** [Radio Dabanga](#)

Nigeria

12 March 2024: In Ituku Ozalla, Agwu LGA, Enugu state, the deputy director of nursing services at the University of Nigeria Teaching Hospital and two other persons, including a security guard were kidnapped by an unidentified armed group on the facility premises while en route to work to set up the surgical theatre in the morning. A N10 million ransom demand was made by the kidnappers. The security guard was later rescued by the police. **Source:** [The Nation](#)

Sudan

Past incident briefs: [06-19 March](#); [21 February-05 March](#); [07-20 February](#); [24 January-06 February](#); [All](#)

2022 Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC) Factsheets: [Arabic](#) and [English](#)

Asia

Myanmar

Insecurity Insight has identified at least 50 attacks on Myanmar's health care system between 01 January-20 February 2024. Health facilities were damaged at least 24 times, often by air-delivered explosive weapons. Incidents were frequently recorded in Rakhine state and neighbouring Magway and Sagaing regions. Explore this [interactive map](#) to see where incidents happened. Access the data on [HDX](#). Please [get in touch](#) if you are interested in curated datasets.

Past incident reports: [06-19 March](#); [21 February-05 March](#); [07-20 February](#); [24 January-06 February](#); [All](#)
Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC) Factsheets: [2022](#); [2021](#); [2020](#)

Europe

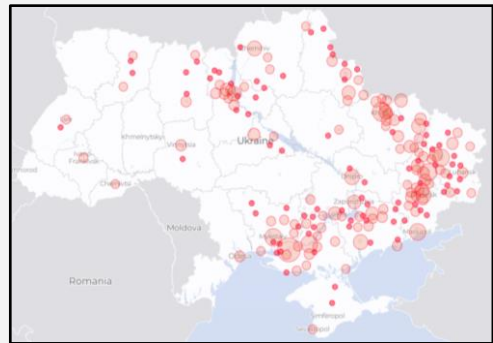
Russian Federation

08 March 2024: In Rostov-on-Don city, Rostov oblast federal subject, a maternity hospital was converted into a military hospital. **Sources:** [RBC](#) and [Real Gazeta](#)

Ukraine

Since the onset of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, there have been [1351 attacks](#) on the country's health care facilities, workers, and medical infrastructure:

- 199 health workers have been killed
- Hospitals and clinics have been damaged or destroyed 708 times
- 58 attacks on services provided for women during pregnancy, childbirth and the postnatal period
- 78 attacks on services that provide health care to children
- 83 attacks that impacted a hospital's access to energy or water supply systems
- 32 occasions where a health facility was repurposed for nonmedical use, such as military bases and weapons storage facilities



Explore this [interactive map](#) (available in English and Ukrainian) to see where incidents took place between 24 February 2022 and 31 January 2024. **Now updated with four new categories including attacks on maternal and child care services, military use of health facilities and attacks impacting energy and water supplies.**

Middle East and North Africa

Egypt

As reported on 18 March 2024: In Al-Rish city, Sinai governorate, Israeli authorities rejected a delivery of international aid including oxygen, incubators, water and sanitation gear from entering Gaza. The aid, which originates from many humanitarian organisations, was rejected due to unpredictable and chaotic approval, scanning and inspection by Israeli authorities. The reasons for the recent rejection is unclear and the aid is stockpiled in the city. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

Lebanon

04 March 2024: In Al Ouwayni neighbourhood, Marjayoun district, Al Nabatieh governorate, a medical centre was hit in an Israeli airstrike, killing three health workers affiliated with Hezbollah. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Syrian Arab Republic

07 March 2024: In Azaz countryside and district, Aleppo governorate, rockets fired from the deployment location of government and Kurdish forces hit the vicinity of the Azaz National Hospital. No casualties were reported. **Source:** [SOHR](#)

A Disturbing Trend: Over 1000 Attacks on health Care in the oPt since 07 October 2023

Today marks the grim milestone of over 1000 recorded attacks on health care in the occupied Palestinian territories (oPt), five months into Israel's assault on Gaza following attacks by Hamas-affiliated militant groups from Gaza into southern Israel on 07 October 2023. This equates to approximately five attacks per day with the vast majority of incidents perpetrated by Israeli Defence Forces (IDF). In the last six months the oPt has become the third conflict to report over 1000 attacks on health care. Last August, 18 months after Russia's full-scale invasion on [Ukraine](#) in February 2022, over 1,000 attacks were recorded. A few months later in November, this horrific milestone was reached in [Myanmar](#), 30 months after the military coup in February 2021. Five months into Israel's assault on Gaza, [1014 attacks](#) on health care have been identified by Insecurity Insight. [Read more](#). Explore this [interactive map](#) to see where incidents happened. Access the data on [HDX](#).

Past incident reports: [19-25 March](#); [12-18 March](#); [05-11 March](#); [27 February-04 March](#); [20-26 February](#); [All 2022 Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition \(SHCC\) factsheets](#): [Arabic](#) and [English](#)

The Americas

Haiti

As reported on 05 March 2024: In Port-au-Prince, in the midst of escalated unrest fuelled by the escape of around 4,700 inmates from a major prison, operations at the largest public hospital and its mobile clinics in several sites were suspended. At the same time, MSF re-opened its Turgeau emergency centre, and opened its new Carrefour hospital, though ambulances have been prevented from transporting patients due to insecurity and improvised roadblocks. **Sources:** [Bukvy](#), [New Age I](#) and [New Age II](#)

05 March 2024: In Frecineau village, Artibonite department, a hospital was entered by suspected affiliates of the Jean-Denis Gang armed with guns following an altercation between two individuals over the funeral of a voodoo priest's relative. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Between 09 and 10 March 2024: In Marin 12, Croix-des-Bouquets commune, Port-au-Prince, Saint-Camille Hospital has been operating at minimum capacity following an attack that occurred during the night by armed bandits. **Source:** [OCHA](#)

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¹ Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) [database attribution policy](#). Accessed 23 March 2024.

