

Attacks on Health Care

Bi-Monthly News Brief

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Insecurity Insight at HNPW 2024

Ensuring Access to Health Care Through Community Support and Better SRM in the DRC

This session 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.

03 May at 15.00-16.30 CET. Virtual session in French with translation into English. Register [here](#)

This new study looks at the impact of violence against health care on maternal and children's health care in Eastern DRC. Available in [English](#) and [French](#).

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.

Are We Prepared for the Unpredictable?

This session will delve into the critical aspects of security planning and Security Risk Management, map out the current challenges, and explore strategies that enable organisations and health providers to cope with the changing situations.

06 May 2024, 14:00-15:30 CET. Virtual and in-person session at CICG Geneva Plenary B. Register [here](#).

How Does Security Analysis Optimise Humanitarian Operations?

This session will explore how security analysis and information enable humanitarian delivery, based on a comprehensive conversation from security analysts, emergency practitioners and other stakeholders in the humanitarian and health community.

03 May 2024, 14:00-15:30 CET. Virtual session. Register [here](#).



A Leading Edge Programme Event

Strategic Insights:

How Security Analysis Optimizes Humanitarian Operations

Fri, 3 May
14:00 - 15:30 CEST
Virtual Session

Our Panellists:

- ✓ UNHCR Senior Field Security Officer, Eric Le Guen
- ✓ WFP Security Director, David Kaithud
- ✓ UNICEF Deputy Principal Security Coordinator, Anne Carlson
- ✓ INSO Director of Analysis & Research, Michael Walker
- ✓ UNDSS DFO Senior Threat & Risk Assessment Officer, Gary Ermutu
- ✓ Insecurity Insight Director, Christina Wille

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THE IMPACT OF VIOLENCE AGAINST HEALTH CARE ON THE HEALTH OF CHILDREN AND MOTHERS

A CASE STUDY IN THREE HEALTH ZONES IN EASTERN DRC



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Adaptive Security Planning and Security Risk Management:

Are we prepared for the unpredictable?

Mon, 6 May
14:00 - 15:30 CEST
at CIGG Geneva

Our Panellists:

- ✓ UNHCR Senior Field Security Officer, Anne Dorian
- ✓ UNICEF Principal Security Coordinator, Paul Farrell
- ✓ UNHWA Director of Department of Security Risk Management, Brian Baker
- ✓ UNDSS DFO Chief Operational Resilience Service, Martin Laffey
- ✓ Mercy Corps Senior Director of Global Security, Steve Gordon
- ✓ INSO Global Safety & Risk Manager, Panagiotis Olympiou
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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

South Sudan

04 April 2024: In Fangak County, Jonglei state, a doctor was shot and killed by an unidentified armed group in his compound. **Source:** [The City Review](#)

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 82 attacks on Myanmar's health care system between 01 January-31 March 2024. In these incidents, 43 health facilities have been damaged 43 times, often by explosive weapons. These attacks undermine health care providers' ability to effectively meet patient needs, maintain safe staffing levels and impact the population's access to health care. Numbers may change if or when further information is made available.

Explore this [interactive map](#) to see where incidents happened.

Past incident reports: [03-16 April](#); [20 March-02 April](#); [06-19 March](#); [21 February-05 March](#); [07-20 February](#); [All](#)

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

Europe

Ukraine

Since the onset of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, there have been [1382 attacks](#) on the country's health care facilities, workers, and medical infrastructure:

- 193 health workers have been killed
- Hospitals and clinics have been damaged or destroyed 718 times
- 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 21 February 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

Lebanon

01 April 2024: In Meiss El Jabal village, Marjeyoun district, Nabatieh governorate, Israeli forces fired ammunition at the village, injuring a health worker. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

06 April 2025: In Aita ech Chaab town, Bint Jbeil district, Nabatieh governorate, Israeli warplanes conducted airstrikes in the area, killing a Lebanese Civil Defense paramedic. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Occupied Palestinian Territories

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: [02-08 April](#); [26 March-01 April](#); [19-25 March](#); [12-18 March](#); [05-11 March](#); [All](#)

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

Syrian Arab Republic

12 April 2024: In Marae town, Aleppo governorate, a Hamza Division member shot at an ambulance. The ambulance department at Marae hospital has suspended its work until further notice in protest. **Source:** [SOHR](#)

The Americas

Haiti

10 April 2024: In Champ-de-Mars neighbourhood, Port-au-Prince city, Ouest department, a health worker was reportedly killed during clashes occurred between police forces and members of armed groups near the Haiti State University Hospital. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

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. This document is part of the Attacks on Health Care project by Insecurity Insight. It is funded and supported by the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) of the UK government through the RIAH project at the Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute at the University of Manchester, by the generous support of the American people through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and by the Tides Foundation. The opinions expressed in it do not reflect in any way the position of the UK government, USAID, the U.S. Government or the Tides Foundation who are not responsible for the content expressed in this document.

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¹ Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) [database attribution policy](#). Accessed 18 April 2024.

