

Attacks on Health Care

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Handbook Security Risk Management for Health Care Services

The SR4H handbook (available in [English](#) and [French](#)) provides guidance on how to implement a range of actions intended to promote respectful and violence-free environments and prepare individuals or organisations to face and respond appropriately to violent incidents, also dealing with the aftermath of such events. It was developed to assist health services in middle- and low-income contexts affected by situations of insecurity or war. This handbook brings together some of the best practices on security risk management and proposes a framework adapted for health care providers working with limited resources. The objective of this handbook is to promote an approach that considers the safety and security of health professionals while ensuring patients' access to 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

Burundi

18 July 2024: In Rugombo town, Cibitoke province, a nurse was arrested by two National Intelligence Service (SNR) officers. His whereabouts remain unknown. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Democratic Republic of the Congo

25 July 2024: In Lubero town, North Kivu Province, a nurse was killed inside Kasingri Health Centre by two armed men dressed in military uniform at around 20:30. **Sources:** [La Prunelle](#) and [Wiki Rumours](#)

Ethiopia

19 July 2024: In Hosaena town, Hadiya zone, Central Ethiopia state, health workers from Shone Primary Hospital were assaulted by police while they were travelling on two buses on their way to protest the non-payment of their salary. Over 300 hospital workers started a strike on 19 July 2024 due to the non-payment of their salaries for two months. **Sources:** [ACLED](#)¹ and [Addis Standard](#)

Niger

20 July 2024: About 5km from N'Guimi, Diffa region, an ambulance was attacked by armed militants. The driver was killed and three other people, possibly health workers, were kidnapped. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Nigeria

19 July 2024: In Tafa LGA, Niger state, a doctor, his daughter and two others, were kidnapped by members of a Niger militia. **Source:** [Daily Trust](#)

South Sudan

30 July 2024: Along the Yei-Maridi Road, Central Equatoria state, two aid workers were kidnapped by armed men while transporting medical supplies. **Source:** [AWS²](#)

Sudan

Past incident briefs: [10-23 July](#); [26 June-09 July](#); [12-25 June](#); [29 May-11 June](#); [15-28 May](#); [01-14 May](#); [All](#)
SHCC factsheets (EN): [2023](#); [2022](#); [2021](#). (AR): 2023 coming soon; [2022](#); [2021](#)

Asia

Myanmar

Insecurity Insight identified **180 attacks on Myanmar's health care system between 01 January-23 July 2024**. Health facilities were damaged 88 times, mostly by explosive weapons including air and drone strikes, and mortar shells. When explosive weapons are used in populated areas, they often have wide-area effects and cause death and destruction beyond the intended target, resulting in reverberating adverse effects on the health sector.

Explore this [interactive map](#) to see where incidents happened. Access the data on [HDX](#). Numbers may change if or when further information is made available.

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Incident reports: [24 July-06 August](#); [10-23 July](#); [26 June-09 July](#); [12-25 June](#); [29 May-11 June](#); [All](#)

SHCC factsheets (EN): [2023](#); [2022](#); [2021](#); [2020](#). 2023 factsheet coming soon in Burmese.



Pakistan

08 August 2024: In Mohmand district, a doctor who works in the District Hospital Khar was shot and killed by unidentified perpetrators. **Source:** [Arab News](#)

Europe

Ukraine

Since the onset of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, there have been **1474 attacks** on the country's health care facilities, workers, and medical infrastructure:

- Hospitals and clinics have been damaged or destroyed 760 times
- 212 health workers have been killed
- 101 attacks that impacted a hospital's access to energy or water supply systems
- 81 attacks on services that provide health care to children
- 62 attacks on services provided for women during pregnancy, childbirth and the postnatal period
- 32 occasions where a health facility was repurposed for nonmedical use, such as military bases and weapons storage facilities
- Access the data on [HDX](#). SHCC factsheets: [2023](#); [2022](#)



Middle East and North Africa

Libya

20 July 2024: In Tajoura city and district, Tripoli governorate, a hospital was attacked by an unidentified armed group who forced the medical staff to treat a wounded member of their group.

Source: [ACLED](#)¹

Occupied Palestinian Territory

Insecurity Insight identified 1354 attacks on health care in the occupied Palestinian territory (oPt) between 07 October 2023 and 27 July 2024. Health facilities were damaged at least 238 times, 241 health workers killed and 337 arrested. Download the [data](#). Please [get in touch](#) if you are interested in curated datasets. Explore this [interactive map](#) to see where incidents happened.

Incident reports: [30 July-12 August](#); [16-29 July](#); [02-15 July](#); [18 June-01 July](#); [04-17 June](#); [All](#)
SHCC Factsheets (EN): [2023](#); [2022](#); [2021](#). (AR) [2022](#); [2021](#)

Syrian Arab Republic

01 August 2024: On Masad Road, As Sweida governorate, a pharmacist was shot and injured by gunmen who opened fire at him inside his pharmacy. **Source:** [SOHR](#)

The Americas

Haiti

29 July 2024: In Champs-de-Mars neighbourhood, Port-au-Prince, Ouest department, the building of the State University of Haiti Hospital (HUEH), also known as General Hospital, was targeted by gunfire from members of the Viv Ansanm gang as government members were leaving the hospital premises **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

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¹ Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) [database attribution policy](#). Accessed 08 August 2024

