

Attacks on Health Care

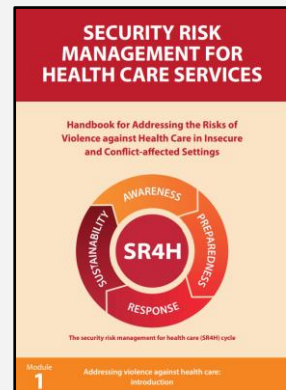
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Blog: Health workers and security: tailored solutions for unique challenges

Insecurity Insight recently published a new handbook on security risk management in the health sector. Christina Wille explains in this [blog](#) why this is so urgently needed...

Healthcare needs to be protected from violence. But too often, health workers find themselves targeted or under attack. To address this, [Insecurity Insight](#) recently published a new handbook - available in [Arabic](#), [English](#) and [French](#) - on security risk management, tailored specifically for the health sector. This handbook offers essential guidance for health programme managers and NGOs working with frontline healthcare partners. It also provides practical tools for improving security risk management in the health sector. For instance, by following this handbook, NGOs can strengthen partnership agreements and budgets to include security-related activities. This will allow them to foster safer, more resilient healthcare services. Critically, the handbook also empowers local partners. It provides them with guidance tailored to their unique challenges. In this way, it serves as a foundational tool for localising security risk management – making healthcare delivery safer and more sustainable for all. Read the full blog post [here](#)



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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

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Between 02 and 03 December 2024: In Bulenga IDP camp, Goma city, Lac-Vert district, North Kivu province, an NGO health centre was broken into and equipment stolen by armed men. **Source:** [La Prunelle](#)

Ethiopia

01 December 2024: In Dega Melza town, Ibnat woreda, South Gonder zone, Amhara region, a health centre was looted by ENDF soldiers who stole medical equipment and medications. **Source:** [Amhara War Updates](#)

02 December 2024: In Bilbala, North Wello, Amhara region, two health workers were injured in an ENDF drone strike. One civilian was also killed in the attack. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Mozambique

07 December 2024: In Muaguide village, Meluco district, Cabo Delgado province, a health centre was looted of medicine by unidentified perpetrators amid a wider attack on the village. **Source:** [Club of Mozambique](#)

Nigeria

26 November 2024: In Utagba Uno town, Ndokwa West, Delta state, a doctor was kidnapped from his clinic by an unidentified armed group. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Sudan

Incident briefs: [27 November-10 December](#); [13-26 November](#); [30 October-12 November](#); [16-29 October](#); [All](#)
SHCC factsheets (EN): [2023](#); [2022](#); [2021](#). (AR): [2023](#); [2022](#); [2021](#)

Asia

India

22 November 2024: In Langthabal Kunja Village, Imphal West district, Manipur, a medical officer was kidnapped for ransom by Kangleipak Communist Party-Military Council group members (KCP-MC cadres), amidst ongoing intercommunal violence. Manipur police rescued him on 24 November from a farmhouse in Lamdeng and arrested four people. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

06 December 2024: In Madded village, Bijapur district, Chhattisgarh state, a health worker was strangled and killed by the CPI (Communist Party of India: Maoist) over accusations of being a police informant. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Myanmar

Incident briefs: [27 November-10 December](#); [13-26 November](#); [30 October-12 November](#); [16-29 October](#); [All](#)
SHCC factsheets: [2023](#); [2022](#); [2021](#); [2020](#)

Europe

Ukraine

27 November 2024: In Dniprovskiy district, Kherson city, urban hromada, raion and oblast, a hospital was damaged during Russian forces shelling. Four shells hit the medical facility, destroying the facade of the building. Six more strikes were also made on the hospital grounds. **Source:** [Most](#)

28 November 2024: In Shostka urban hromada and raion, Sumy oblast, a school, hospital, water supply facilities, and residential buildings were damaged, and infrastructure facilities were destroyed as a result of a Russian missile strike. **Sources:** [Mykola Noga](#), [Lviv Media](#) and [Ukrinform](#)

29 November 2024: In Kyiv, an outpatient clinic was seriously damaged as a result of Russian drone strikes. Rescuers who arrived at the scene determined that the fall of UAV debris into an open area near the two-story building of the children's clinic caused damage to the exterior cladding of the facade, the building's entrance, and 27 windows and doors. Fragments from downed Russian targets injured and hospitalised a security guard. **Sources:** [News.LIVE I](#) and [News.LIVE II](#)

06 December 2024: In Antonivka, Khersonska province, two health workers were injured by a series of airstrikes and an ambulance was bombed by a Russian drone strike. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

10 December 2024: In Zaporizhia city, urban hromada, raion and oblast, two medical facilities, were destroyed in a Russian forces ballistic missile attack. Six health workers were injured and a female nurse was killed, and five remained missing under the rubble. **Sources:** [Babel](#), [Farvater Media](#), [Krymr](#), [Novokakhovska Urban Territorial Community](#), [New Voice](#), [Ostro](#), [OCHA News](#), [RAI-M](#), [RBC I](#), [RBC II](#), [State Emergency Service of Ukraine](#), [TrueUA](#), [TSN](#), [UAGolos](#), [United Nations](#), [WHO Ukraine](#), [ZN,UA I](#) and [ZN,UA II](#)

Health Care in the Dark: The Impacts of Russian Attacks on Energy in Ukraine

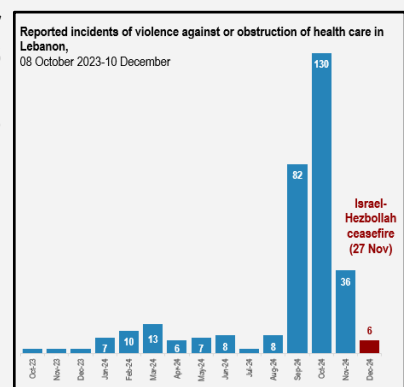
This new [report](#) from PHR and Truth Hounds documents how Russian attacks on the power grid have caused reverberating impacts on health care, including suffering and disruptions to the Ukrainian health system. The report uses an [incident dataset](#) developed by partner organizations including Insecurity Insight, eyeWitness to Atrocities, MIHR, PHR, and the UHC.

Middle East and North Africa

Lebanon

Insecurity Insight identified 315 incidents of violence against or obstruction of health care in Lebanon between 08 October 2023 and 26 November 2024. In these incidents, at least 258 health workers were killed, 213 injured and health facilities damaged 158 times. All of these reported 315 incidents were attributed to the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF).

Despite the 27 November [Israel-Hezbollah ceasefire](#), at least six attacks on health care attributed to Israeli forces have been reported. Six medics were killed, four injured and a women's and children's centre damaged by Israeli drone and plane strikes. In addition, an ambulance was driven over and destroyed by Israeli tanks (see below for incidents).



Explore the incidents on our [interactive map](#)¹. Access this data on [HDX](#). The dataset no longer includes event descriptions or geo-coordinates due to [HDX policy](#). Note: The dataset does not yet include incidents reported in this briefing. Data is updated every Monday. Numbers may change if or when further information is made available.

Incident briefs: [27 November-10 December](#); [13-26 November](#); [30 October-12 November](#); [16-29 October](#); [All](#)
Press Release: [Explosions and Airstrikes Devastate Lebanon's Health System](#)
Analysis report: [Attacks on Health Care in Lebanon 7 October 2023-30 June 2024](#)

Occupied Palestinian Territory

Insecurity Insight identified 2038 incidents of violence against or obstruction of access to health care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory between 07 October 2023 and 25 November 2024. In the Gaza Strip, where 1567 incidents were recorded, health facilities were damaged 279 times and 581 health workers killed. At least 355 incidents were reported in the West Bank and East Jerusalem. In these incidents, 92 health workers were arrested or detained by Israeli forces and 11 killed. Health facilities were raided by Israeli forces on at least 23 occasions.

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Syrian Arab Republic

27 November 2024: In Northwestern Syria, SAMS suspended operations in seven health facilities and evacuated nine international medical volunteers who provided 104 surgeries, 248 consultations, and trained 200+ local professionals due to escalating violence. **Source:** [SAMS](#)

27 November 2024: In Homs city and governorate, a Syrian Arab Red Crescent (SARC) volunteer was killed in suspected Israeli airstrikes that hit the Maabar Ad Dabousiyah border crossing with Lebanon. Several other SARC staff were injured. The attack also killed three people, left more than a dozen others injured, and damaged a number of SARC ambulances. Following this attack, all humanitarian operations at border crossings between Syria and Lebanon were suspended. **Sources:** [ACLED](#)¹, [OCHA News](#) and [United Nations](#)

As reported on 27 November 2024: Summary: In north-western Syria, services were no longer operational in at least 14 health facilities, primarily in areas along the front line, due to the fighting. **Sources:** [OCHA News](#) and [Personal Communication](#)

29 November 2024: In New Aleppo district, Aleppo city and governorate, al-Shahaba Hospital was taken over by opposition forces. **Source:** [Thomas Van Linge](#)

30 November 2024: In Aleppo city and governorate, two health workers, a civil defense worker and 58 other people including eight children were killed and 70 others injured when al-Basel Roundabout was bombed by Syrian regime airstrikes. **Source:** [SNHR](#)

01 December 2024: In Aleppo city and governorate, the front entrance of Aleppo University Hospital was hit by two missiles fired by warplanes, killing twelve people, including two health workers, and injuring twenty-three others. A SAMS ambulance driver near the entrance was also injured, and several ambulances sustained damage, including one from Violet Organisation which was rendered out of service. The hospital suffered material damage, with the impact reportedly shaking the entire facility. This left hundreds of civilians without essential care. **Sources:** [CNN](#), [OCHA News](#), [SAMS](#), [SNHR](#) and [Violet Organisation](#)

01 December 2024: In Idlib city and governorate, a Violet Organisation clinic was hit by Syrian regime forces airstrikes. An ambulance was also damaged and rendered out of service. **Sources:** [SNHR](#) and [Violet Organisation](#)

01 December 2024: In Idlib city and governorate, the interior of UOSSM's Central Refer and Medical Aid System Centre was damaged by Syrian regime forces airstrikes. **Source:** [SNHR](#)

01 December 2024: In Idlib city and governorate, the windows and doors of the Idlib Health Directorate were damaged by Syrian regime forces airstrikes. **Source:** [SNHR](#)

02 December 2024: In Idlib city and governorate, the UOSSM-supported Ibn Sina Dialysis Centre was hit and damaged by Russian airstrikes. The facility suspended services. **Sources:** [Dr Zaher Sahloul](#) and [UOSSM](#)

02 December 2024: In Idlib city and governorate, the SAMS-supported Idlib National Hospital was hit and damaged by Russian airstrikes. The facility was put out of service. **Sources:** [Albawabh News](#), [Dr Zaher Sahloul](#), [SAMS](#), [The White Helmets II](#) and [Yahoo News](#)

02 December 2024: In Idlib city and governorate, Idlib University Hospital was hit by a missile fired by Russian warplanes, damaging the facility and an unspecified number of ambulances. Four people were killed, including a woman and a child. The facility was put out of service. **Sources:** [Dr Zaher Sahloul](#), [Rami Jarrah](#), [SNHR I](#), [SNHR II](#), [The White Helmets](#), [UOSSM](#) and [AlJazeera](#)

02 December 2024: In Idlib city and governorate, Ibn Sina Children's Hospital was hit and damaged by Russian airstrikes. The facility suspended services. **Sources:** [Albawabh News](#), [Dr Zaher Sahloul](#), [The White Helmets I](#) and [The White Helmets II](#)

02 December 2024: In Idlib city and governorate, the SAMS-supported Maternity and Obstetrics Hospital which shares buildings with Idlib University Hospital was hit and damaged by Russian airstrikes at 3pm. Staff received an alert in advance and evacuated to the basement, ensuring the safety of all staff and patients. However, people in the vicinity were injured in the attack. The facility suspended services. **Sources:** [Dr Zaher Sahloul](#), [SAMS I](#), [SAMS II](#), [The White Helmets I](#) and [The White Helmets II](#)

02 December 2024: In Idlib city and governorate, Idlib Health Directorate building was hit and damaged by Russian airstrikes. **Sources:** [The White Helmets I](#), [The White Helmets II](#) and [UOSSM](#)

02 December 2024: In north-western Syria, SAMS suspended all but essential care at nine of its medical facilities to ensure safety of its staff and patients, depriving thousands of people of health care. **Source:** [SAMS](#)

03 December 2024: In Idlib city and governorate, Sima/SEMA Specialised Hospital was hit and damaged by Russian airstrikes. The facility suspended services. **Sources:** [Dr Zaher Sahloul](#) and [The White Helmets](#)

03 December 2024: In Idlib city and governorate, a forensic medicine centre was hit and damaged by Russian airstrikes. **Source:** [The White Helmets](#)

03 December 2024: In Idlib city and governorate, the Cardiac Surgical Centre was hit and damaged by Russian airstrikes. The facility suspended services. **Sources:** [Dr Zaher Sahoul](#) and [Levant 24](#)

02 December 2024: In Idlib city and governorate, Avicenna Paediatric Hospital was hit and damaged by Russian airstrikes. Newborn infants in incubators and pregnant women were inside the facility when it was attacked. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

As reported on 03 December 2024: In Aleppo city and governorate, a Syrian Expatriates Medical Association (SEMA) driver for Al-Rahma Hospital was killed as a result of an airstrike that struck the University Hospital while he was transporting a surgical medical team. **Source:** [SEMA](#)

As reported on 03 December 2024: In Idlib city and governorate, the leader of the emergency team for Violet Organisation was injured alongside his wife when their home was struck by shelling. **Source:** [Violet Organisation](#)

As reported on 04 December 2024: In Aleppo governorate, Aleppo National Maternity Hospital and University OB/GYN units are non-functional. **Source:** [Dr Zaher Sahoul](#)

Yemen

02 December 2024: In the Al-Quraisha area, Al-Shamaytin district, Taiz governorate, a doctor at Khalifa General Hospital was attacked by armed men while traveling to work. **Source:** [Almontasaf](#)

Around 07 December 2024: In Sana'a city and governorate, over 231 medical staff, including doctors and nurses, were dismissed by the Houthi militia. **Source:** [AlWatan](#)

07 December 2024: In Al Qahirah, Taizz city and governorate, the director of the Al Qahirah District's health office near Al Ahdal Hospital was severely injured by unknown perpetrators, the attack consisted of acid being poured on his face. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

The Americas

Mexico

28 November 2024: In Culiacan Rosales, Sinaloa state, a man was injured when a private clinic was shot at by unidentified armed individuals. The clinic is known to be a place that supports 'punteros', locally known as individuals employed by criminal groups to monitor specific areas and report suspicious activity. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Nicaragua

Around 23 November 2024: In Leon, Leon department, a doctor was arrested and the former Dean of the Faculty of Medical Sciences of the National Autonomous University by police forces of Nicaragua. The doctor had been critical of the Sandinista regime, although he had stopped expressing his opinions in 2020. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

26 November 2024: In Leon city and department, a doctor and president of the Association of Pulmonologists of Nicaragua was arrested by police forces of Nicaragua. He was previously apprehended by paramilitaries in 2019 for singing the national anthem outside of a church, he was beaten and handed over to police. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Around 29 November 2024: In Esteli city and department, a doctor was arrested by police forces of Nicaragua. He was also arrested in the past for political reasons. **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 and by the generous support of the American people through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). The opinions expressed in it do not reflect in any way the position of the UK government, USAID or the U.S. Government 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 12 December 2024

