

Attacks on Health Care in Sudan

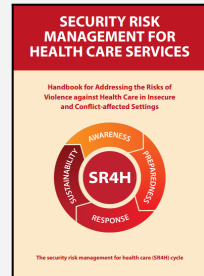
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Health care provision has unique characteristics that shape its specific exposure to security risks in conflict zones. The Security Risk Management for Health Care (SR4H) Handbook – available in [Arabic](#), [English](#), [French](#) and [Spanish](#) – 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.

While this handbook is primarily aimed at health programme managers providing frontline services, it is also highly relevant for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) working with partners who implement healthcare services. The handbook helps to identify practical activities that local health partners can implement and that NGO partners can include in partnership agreements and budget for.

The SR4H 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 is to promote an approach that considers the safety and security of health professionals while ensuring patients' access to care.



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Documented incidents

11 April 2025: In North Darfur state, the director of Umm Kadada Hospital was killed while working inside the facility in a morning attack by the RSF. **Sources:** [Daily Sudan Post](#) and [Sudan Tribune](#)

11 April 2025: In Zamzam Refugee Camp, Al Fasher city, North Darfur state, nine Relief International personnel, including doctors, paramedics, referral drivers and a team leader, were killed while operating one of the last functioning health centres in the camp during a raid by RSF. RSF fighters went into a safety bunker and shot nine staff in the head and chest. The organisation's clinic, alongside other camp structures and services, was reportedly specifically attacked by the RSF. The central market was completely destroyed. **Sources:** [BBC](#), [MSF](#), [OCHA News](#), [OCHA News II](#), [Relief International I](#) and [Relief International II](#) and [Sudan Tribune](#)

13 April 2025: In Zamzam Refugee Camp, El Fasher city, North Darfur state, the manager of Hope Oasis Centre for Children, run by Sudanese American Physicians Association (SAPA), was killed during RSF shelling in the evening. **Sources:** [OCHA News](#) and [Sudanese American Physicians Association](#)

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According to the **Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC)** health facilities were **taken over and occupied on at least 41 occasions in Sudan in 2023, often for several weeks**. These incidents most frequently involved the RSF in Khartoum, with three attributed to the SAF. On six occasions, health facilities were repurposed for non-medical purposes, including as a military base or otherwise to plan military activities. Snipers were often positioned on hospital rooftops and armed personnel stationed inside health buildings. RSF members twice forcefully evicted patients from hospital wards, and the facility was repurposed for the use of wounded RSF personnel. Download [data](#).



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