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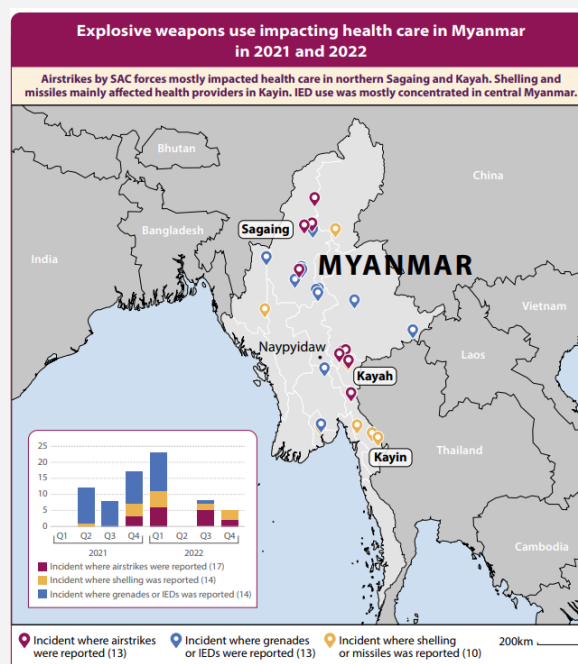


2022 Myanmar Factsheet

The Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC) identified at least **271 incidents** of violence against or obstruction of health care in Myanmar in 2022. In these incidents, 112 health workers were arrested and 27 were killed, undermining health care providers' ability to maintain safe staffing levels to effectively meet patient needs. In addition, health facilities were damaged or destroyed on at least 46 occasions and raided 32 times, impacting the population's access to health care. This factsheet is based on the dataset **2022 SHCC Health Care Myanmar Data**, which is available for download on HDX.

Overview

- There was a shift in the location of most incidents in 2022 from Mandalay and Yangon cities in 2021 to Rakhine state and Sagaing region, reflecting the shift from violence during political demonstrations in big cities in 2021 to areas under control of the PDF or allied EAOs in 2022.
- The regime's targeting of health workers active in the CDM continued in 2022. Many of the 325 who were arrested in 2021 remained in prison.
- SAC forces continued to shrink the humanitarian space by making it increasingly difficult for health workers, humanitarian organisations, and LNGOs to access patients and communities in conflict-affected areas.
- SAC forces employed air strikes against health facilities in northern Sagaing and Kayah, while shelling and missiles mainly affected health care providers in Kayin. IED use was mostly concentrated in the southern Sagaing and Mandalay districts in central Myanmar. [Read more](#)



Incident reports: [14-27 June](#); [31 May-13 June](#); [17-30 May](#); [03-16 May](#); [19 April-02 May](#); [05-18 April](#); [All](#).

Analysis reports: [April and September 2022](#); [1 February 2021 to 10 January 2022](#); [1 January to 31 March 2022](#).

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Documented incidents

29 June 2023: In Khin-U town and township, Shwebo district, Sagaing region, the local resistance force attacked a hospital and two Myanmar military bases. The hospital was functioning at the time of the attack. **Source:** [Mizzima](#)

As reported on 01 July 2023: In Banmauk town and township, Katha district, Sagaing region, there was shortage of medicine at a hospital and at private pharmacies due to the blockade of bulk transport of medicines and food items by the local resistance forces since February 2023. Patients

at the hospital have reportedly died due to delays in acquiring medicines and local civilians need to source personal medicine from nearby towns. **Source:** [Myanmar Pressphoto Agency](#)

02 July 2023: In Hakha town, township, and district, Chin state, the operation theatre and staff lounge buildings of a hospital were damaged during armed clashes between the Myanmar military and the Chinland Defence Force. The hospital was functioning at the time of the attack. **Sources:** [Burma News International](#), [Khonumthung Burmese](#) and [Telegram](#)

02 July 2023: Near Yae Twin Kone Gyi village, Nat Than Kwin village tract, Kyaukkyi township, Taungoo district, Bago region, two male Karen National Liberation Army medics were killed during armed clashes between the group and the Myanmar military. **Source:** [Myaelatt Athan](#)

As reported on 04 July 2023: In Nyaunglebin district, Bago region, there is a shortage of medicines for IDPs due to the blockade of medicine transport by the Myanmar military. **Source:** [KIC News](#)

04 July 2023: In Taungoo town, township, and district, Bago region, a 27-year-old patient was arrested by the Myanmar military from a hospital while he was having surgery. The victim was accused of being a local resistance force member. **Sources:** [Facebook](#) and [Myaelatt Athan](#)

05 July 2023: In Ye-U town and township, Shwebo district, Sagaing region, the local resistance force used a drone armed with explosives to drop two bombs at a traditional medicine hospital being occupied by the Myanmar military, causing damage. **Sources:** [Democratic Voice of Burma](#), [Khit Thit Media](#) and [Myanmar Now](#)

05 July 2023: In Kyauk Yit village and village tract, Myaung township, Sagaing district and region, the local resistance force used a drone armed with explosives to drop four bombs at a hospital occupied by the Myanmar military. The attack injured two junta soldiers. **Sources:** [Khit Thit Media](#) and [Ngwe Maung Than Media](#)

As reported on 06 July 2023: In Yesagyo town and township, Pakokku district, Magway region, a hospital and other public buildings such as monasteries, a police station, a general administrative office, and a veteran office, were taken over and occupied by the Myanmar military. **Source:** [Myanmar Pressphoto Agency](#)

06 July 2023: In Hle Lan Ku village and village tract, Tantabin township, Taungoo district, Bago region, a joint force of the Karen National Liberation Army and the local resistance force used a drone armed with explosives and ground forces to attack a hospital being occupied by Myanmar military. **Sources:** [Ayeyarwaddy Times](#), [Delta News Agency](#) and [Khit Thit Media](#)

07 July 2023: In Kyaikdon town, Kyain Seikgyi township and district, Kayin state, a drone armed with explosives dropped a bomb on a health centre and a town hall, damaging both buildings. This is the second time the facility has been attacked; the first attack was on 27 May 2023. The junta accused the local resistance forces of the attack. **Sources:** [Eleven Media Group](#) and [Popular News Journal](#)

08 July 2023: In Chanayethazan town and township, Mandalay city, district, and region, a female local resistance force medic and a male local resistance force member were arrested at a private clinic by junta security forces while seeking medical treatment. **Sources:** [Delta News Agency](#), [Eleven Media Group](#), [Mizzima](#) and [Telegram](#)

As reported on 09 July 2023: In Hakha town, township, and district, Chin state, 40 junta soldiers were reportedly sent to be based at a general hospital. **Source:** [Khit Thit Media](#)

09 July 2023: In Zoke Thoke village and village tract, Bilin township, Kyaikto district, Mon state, the home of a health assistant was shot at by the local resistance forces for providing treatment to his son - an injured junta soldier. There were no casualties despite bullet holes to the house. **Sources:** [Eleven Media Group](#) and [Khit Thit Media](#)

09 July 2023: In Thu Htay Kone village, Ah Lel Thauung village tract, Yesagyo township, Pakokku district, Magway region, a hospital was entered by unidentified armed men. The window glasses of patient wards and a staff house, and the wind shields of an ambulance were broken. The junta accused the local resistance forces of the attack. **Sources:** [Telegram](#) and [Telegram II](#)

As reported on 10 July 2023: In Kanpetlet township, Mindat district, Chin state, there is a shortage of medicines due to the restriction of medicine transport from Magway region to the township by the junta. Bulk transport of medicines and food items are checked and often seized at military checkpoints between Magway and Kanpetlet towns. **Source:** [Radio Free Asia](#)

11 July 2023: In Kale town, township, and district, Sagaing region, a private clinic was damaged by Myanmar military artillery fire. **Source:** [Mayelat Athan](#)

11 July 2023: Near Ma Lel Thar village and village tract, Ayadaw township, Monywa district, Sagaing region, the Myanmar military seized a large amount of medical consumables, equipment, and instruments from an underground storage. The junta alleged that the items had been possessed and hidden by the local resistance forces. **Sources:** [Telegram](#) and [Telegram II](#)

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