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The Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition's (SHCC) [annual](#) report documented 1,989 attacks and threats against health care facilities and personnel across 32 countries and territories in armed conflict and situations of political violence in 2022.

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SHCC Attacks on Health Care

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Africa

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Between 15 and 16 November 2023: In Bashali-Kaembe locality, Masisi territory, North Kivu province, the Kausa Health Centre was broken into by armed M23 rebels. Food and non-food items were taken. **Sources:** [Infos](#) and [Media Congo](#)

Between 15 and 16 November 2023: In Mupfumi-Matanda locality, Masisi territory, North Kivu province, the Kashebere Health Centre was broken into by armed M23 rebels. Food and non-food items were taken. **Sources:** [Infos](#) and [Media Congo](#)

Mali

23 November 2023: In Teherdje village, Tombouctou region, a health centre was reportedly vandalised and properties were seized and at least 20 civilians were arrested by Wagner forces and FAMA forces. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Nigeria

17 November 2023: Along the Iwo-Ileogbo Road, Iwo city, Osun state, a nurse at the Primary Healthcare Department was kidnapped and her husband shot and injured by an unidentified armed group as they were returning from their farm. A ransom of 20 million naira which was later reduced to 10 million was demanded. **Source:** [Punch NG](#)

27 November 2023: Between Sokoto Road, Kaduna city and state and Zamfara Road, Zamfara city and state, two nurses were killed by armed men. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

Sudan

Insecurity Insight has identified at least 222 attacks on Sudan's health care system between 01 January-31 October 2023. In these incidents, 38 health workers have been killed and health facilities have been damaged 49 times. 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. Access the data on [HDX](#). Please [get in touch](#) if you are interested in curated datasets.

Past incident reports: [15-28 November](#); [01-14 November](#); [18-31 October](#); [04-17 October](#); [All](#)
2022 Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC) Factsheets: [Arabic](#) and [English](#)

Asia

Pakistan

22 November 2023: In Tappi village, North Waziristan district, KP province, a polio worker was shot and killed in an attack at his home by unidentified perpetrators. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Myanmar

Insecurity Insight has identified at least 323 attacks on Myanmar's health care system between 01 January-31 October 2023. In these incidents, 29 health workers have been killed and health facilities have been damaged 123 times. 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. Access the data on [HDX](#). Please [get in touch](#) if you are interested in curated datasets.

Past incident reports: [15-28 November](#); [01-13 November](#); [18-31 October](#); [04-17 October](#); [All](#)
Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC) Factsheets: [2022](#); [2021](#); [2020](#)

Europe

Ukraine

20 November 2023: In Selydove city, Donetsk oblast, a local hospital was damaged by Russian forces shelling. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

21 November 2023: In Selydove city, Donetsk oblast, a hospital was damaged, a civilian killed and eight others injured including an unspecified number of health workers by Russian forces shelling. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

At least 1157 attacks on Ukraine's health care system have been documented between 24 February 2022 and 09 September 2023. Explore this [interactive map](#) (available in English and Ukrainian) to see incidents where health facilities were damaged or destroyed in Ukraine since February 2022.

Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC) Factsheet: [2022](#)

Middle East and North Africa

Occupied Palestinian Territories

Insecurity Insight has identified 408 incidents of violence against or obstruction of access to health care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories between 07 October and 30 November 2023. Fourteen incidents were reported in Israel including nine health workers killed in attacks carried out by Hamas militants. In the oPt where 394 incidents were recorded, 76 incidents reported health facilities being extensively damaged, some facilities were damaged more than once. In addition, 96 health workers were killed in 60 incidents mostly by explosive weapons used by Israeli forces in Gaza. In the West Bank, at least 44 health workers have been detained in 22 incidents, mostly while responding to health emergencies, and ambulances have frequently been obstructed from reaching patients in need of care. In Gaza, at least eleven health workers have been detained in four incidents. During one incident, two paramedics were detained, stripped naked and interrogated by Israeli forces at a checkpoint. They were released a few hours later. Numbers may change if or when further information is made available. Access the data on [HDX](#)

Past incident reports: [24-30 November](#); [12-23 November](#); [06-11 November](#); [01-05 November](#); [All](#)

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

The Americas

Haiti

15 November 2023: In Cité Soleil suburb, Port-au-Prince district, Ouest department, approximately 70 residents of the Fontaine Hospital were evacuated due to intense clashes in the area between rival armed gangs. **Sources:** [Ayibopost](#), [Guadeloupe la 1ère](#) and [RezoNòdwès](#)

23 November 2023: On Champs-de-Mars Avenue, Port-au-Prince, Ouest department, a nurse was kidnapped by armed perpetrators. A ransom of 200 000 USD was demanded for her release. **Source:** [AmeriqueInfo7](#)

Mexico

22 November 2023: In Venado town, San Luis Potosi state, a doctor was shot at while on his way to work by two armed individuals in a suspected kidnapping attempt of the doctor to attend to injured gang members of organised crime. The doctor was not injured. **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 30 November 2023

