Surveillance System for Attacks on Health Care

OVERVIEW
Paragraph 2(8) calls on the Director-General

"to provide leadership at the global level in developing methods for systematic collection and dissemination of data on attacks on health facilities, health workers, health transports, and patients in complex humanitarian emergencies ...."
Attacks on Health Care

Security Council Resolution 2286

Strongly condemns acts of violence, attacks and threats against the wounded and sick, medical personnel

Demands that all parties to armed conflicts fully comply with their obligations under international law,

Requests the Secretary General to provide reports to the Security Council
WHO’s Attacks on Health Care Initiative

1. Document
   the extent / nature of the problem
2. Advocate
   to change behaviour
3. Research
   Impact on health
   Best practices
Surveillance System for Attacks on Health Care (SSA)

- **Purpose:** Develop a body of evidence to better understand the extent and nature of the problem and its consequences for health-care delivery.
- **Data collection managed by WHO, with inputs from partners**
Surveillance System for Attacks on Health Care (SSA)

Currently 11 countries reporting information live

- oPt, Syria, Afghanistan, Libya, Iraq, Yemen, Mali, Nigeria, CAR, DRC, Sudan

As of 24 June, according to the SSA

- 1322 attacks
- 234 deaths (health workers, health personnel, patients, others at health facility)
- 1280 injuries (health workers, health personnel, patients, others at health facility)
Definition of Attacks on Health Care

Any act of verbal or physical violence, obstruction or threat of violence that interferes with the availability, access and delivery of curative and/or preventive health services during emergencies.
Types of Attacks

- Violence with heavy weapons
- Violence with individual weapons
- Obstruction to delivery of care
- Psychological violence/threat of violence/intimidation
- Militarization of health care asset
- Assault without weapons
- Chemical agent
- Removal of health care assets
- Arson
- Sexual assault
- Armed or violent search
- Abduction/arrest/detention of health workers or patients
Objects of attacks

- Health workers
  - Doctors, nurses, auxiliary health workers
  - When working in the capacity to deliver health care
- Patients
  - Patients, family, by-standers at hospital
- Health facilities
  - Health service related facilities
- Transport
  - Ambulances, transport for medicine and supplies
Who does what?

Partners
- Defined as people/organizations with reliable information

3 persons designated to Attacks on Health Care team in each WHO country office.

1. Information Manager - Reviews forms of attacks submitted from partners and creates reports.
2. Focal point – Incident Manager or Health Cluster Coordinator. Reviews the report created by IM and determines final certainty level.
3. WR – WHO Representative. Gives final approval for publication to website.
Attack on health care

Partner submits data to WCO

Information manager verifies with partners and creates Attack Report

AHC focal point reviews report and certainty level

WHO Representative reviews and publishes report

Attack Report is published (with limited data points) on the SSA
Reporting an incident through the SSA as a partner
Public Dashboard

SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM FOR ATTACKS ON HEALTH CARE (SSA) Administrator's Dashboard

Search

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Type
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Recently Reported Attacks

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• Only fill out if safe and secure to do so (names, locations or other sensitive information will be kept confidential and secure)
• Please fill out the form as completely as possible.

Personal Information

- I wish to remain anonymous
- Full Name
- *Phone Number
- *Email

Affiliation/Organization

Affiliation

I am

Please select... Victim, Eyewitness, Secondary, Other

Other

I agree to be contacted for confirmation and/or further details
**Partner Form**

### Attack Description

**Description**
Describe the attack and its circumstances

### Immediate Impact

e.g. extent of physical damage, services or facilities compromised or stopped and to what extent, size of the catchment population deprived of services, number of consultations per day stopped

### Affected health resources

- **Health care Facilities**: Please select...
- **Health care Transport**: Please select...
- **Health care Personnel**: Please select...
- **Health care Supplies/Assets**: Please select...
- **Health care Warehouse/Storage**: Please select...
- **Health care Patients**: Please select...

### Other

e.g., ministry, academic institutions

### Number of ambulances affected

0

### Number of facilities affected

0

### Number of warehouses

0
## Partner Form

### Victims of the Attack

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### Describe any Follow up Actions Taken

**Follow up Actions**: e.g. follow-up for victims, re-establishment of health services or any other information that you would like to be included regarding the aftermath of an attack.
Partner Form
Certainty level

**Rumour:**
- Social media post
- Hearsay
- Submission from anonymous source

**Possible:**
- Media report from local or international source
- Communication from an organization not defined in the partner group

**Probable:**
- Eyewitness has told a SSA partner
- Two secondary accounts (not eyewitness) has told a SSA partner

**Confirmed**
- Communication/eyewitness account from a SSA partner
- Two eyewitness accounts of the attack has told a SSA partner
- Types of sources that would be graded as probable PLUS evidence of the attack (photo, video, satellite image etc)
Questions?