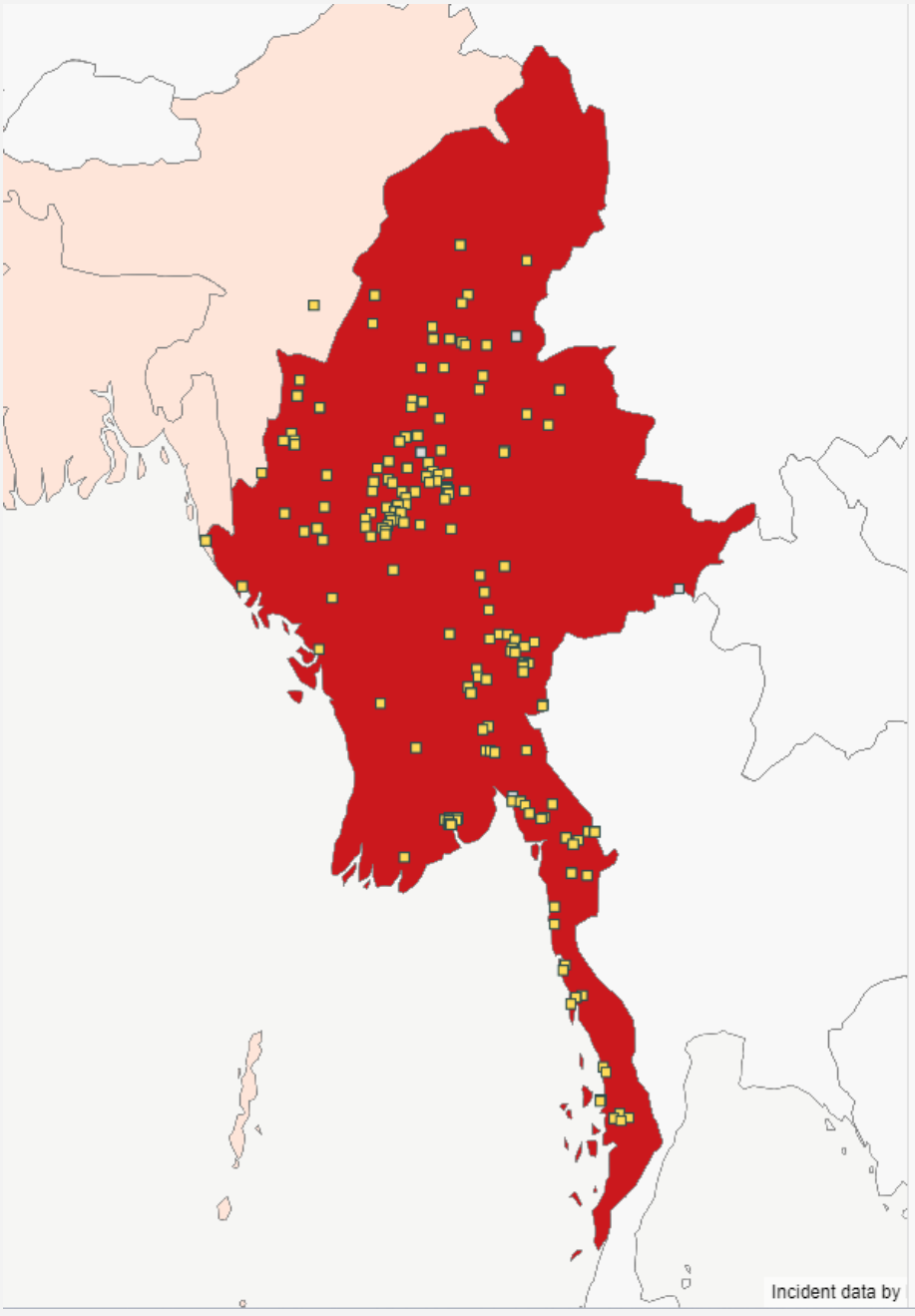
Attacks on Health Care in Myanmar

06-19 September 2023

At least 268 attacks on Myanmar's health care system have been documented by Insecurity Insight between 01 January-04 September 2023. In these incidents, 27 health workers have been killed and health facilities have been damaged 82 times. Most incidents have been attributed to the Myanmar military. Explosive weapons including air and drone strikes, IEDs, and mortar shells have been used in over 60 incidents. 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. Explore this **interactive map** to see where incidents happened. Access the data on **HDX**.



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268 reported incidents of conflict violence that affected health care. These incidents had the following effects:

82	27	5	20
Health facilities damaged	Health workers killed	Health workers kidnapped	Health workers injured

Reported perpetrator

Police	16
Multiple	29
No information	6
NSA	31
Other	20
State military	166

Weapon category used

Explosive weapon	61
Arson	17
Knife	2
Firearms	179
IEDs	2

Past incident reports: **23 August-05 September**; **09-22 August**; **26 July-08 August**; **12-25 July**; **All**

Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC) factsheets: **2022**; **2021**; **2020**

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Documented incidents

As reported on 06 September 2023: In Naypyidaw, Myanmar's former State Councillor, who is currently being detained by the military junta, has not yet been given permission to seek treatment from a dental specialist for gingivitis. **Source: Radio Free Asia**

08 September 2023: In Kha Meik village and village tract, Tamu township and district, Sagaing region, a male health assistant and another male civilian were shot dead by the Myanmar military who raided the village. He was affiliated with the Civil Disobedience Movement (CDM). **Sources: Delta News Agency, Khit Thit Media and Zalen**

09 September 2023: In Taungtha town and township, Myingyan district, Mandalay region, a CDM-affiliated health worker was arrested by the junta security forces. **Source: Radio Free Asia**

09 September 2023: In Nga Tha Yauk town, Nyaung-U township and district, Mandalay region, a non-CDM-affiliated doctor was arrested by the local resistance forces. **Source: Telegram**

10 September 2023: In Taung Kyar Inn village and village tract, Kyon Doe town and township, Kawkareik district, Kayin state, a non-functioning station hospital and a school occupied by the Myanmar military were attacked by a joint force of two ethnic armed groups Karen National Union and Karen National Defence Organisation and local resistance forces. Small firearms and artillery were used by both sides. **Sources: Democratic Voice of Burma and Khit Thit Media**

10 September 2023: At the temporary shelter about four miles away from Ka Paing village and village tract, Yinmabin township and district, Sagaing region, a makeshift clinic and makeshift school buildings were damaged in the airstrike conducted by the Myanmar military using an attack helicopter, machine guns and bombs. A civilian was injured. **Source: Kachin News Group**

13 September 2023: In Ye-U town, township and district, Sagaing region, a traditional medicine public hospital occupied by the Myanmar military was attacked by the local resistance forces, using drop bombs from armed fixed-wing drones and rockets. **Source: Khit Thit Media**

14 September 2023: In Na Gar Pauk village and village tract, Myaung township, Sagaing district and region, a non-functioning rural health centre occupied by the local resistance forces was raided by the Myanmar military. Makeshift weapons and equipment used in producing weapons were seized from the health facility. **Source: Telegram**

14 September 2023: In Na Gar Pauk village and village tract, Myaung township, Sagaing district and region, a rural health centre occupied by the Myanmar military was attacked by the local resistance forces using drop bombs from armed drones. This attack occurred after the health facility had been raided by the Myanmar military on the same day. **Sources: Democratic Voice of Burma and Myanmar Pressphoto Agency**

14 September 2023: In Inn Zauk village and village tract, Launglon township, Dawei district, Tanintharyi region, two male LNGO ambulance drivers were arrested by an unidentified armed group. **Sources: Dawei Watch and Tanintharyi Times**

15 September 2023: In Nwar Ban Gyi village and village tract, Ywangan township, Taunggyi district, Shan state, a sub-rural health centre and a village hall were occupied by the Myanmar military. **Source: Shwe Phee Myay News Agency**

16 September 2023: Near Nyin Maw village and village tract, Launglon township, Dawei district, Tanintharyi region, a male volunteer aid worker, who was the president of the LNGO Zabu Thiri, was arrested by the local resistance forces on accusations of being a military informant. Following the incident, the LNGO suspended ambulance services for long-distance transport. **Sources: Delta News Agency, Tanintharyi Times and Telegram**

17 September 2023: In Myaing town and township, Pakokku district, Magway region, a township hospital and schools occupied by the Myanmar military were attacked by the local resistance forces using rockets. **Source: Khit Thit Media**

17 September 2023: In Aing Thar village and village tract, Myaung township, Sagaing district and region, a sub-rural health centre and a monastery occupied by the local resistance forces were raided by the Myanmar military. Makeshift weapons, equipment used in producing weapons, and food items were seized from the buildings. **Source: Telegram**

18 September 2023: At the jetty in Yae Kyi village, Pam Ma Ti village tract, Myitkyina township and district, Kachin state, two female nurses and a male Red Cross volunteer were among ten youths reportedly arrested by an ethnic armed organisation Kachin Independence Army. The victims were the passengers of ferry boats running between Sinbo town and Myitkyina town. **Source: Eleven Media Group**

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