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Health care in danger

A global ICRC initiative





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For the ICRC ...

Novi Atagi, Chechnya

6 colleagues assassinated

2,000 patients a year



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Health care in danger

1. The issue

2. The project



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Health care in danger: the issue

In 2011, the ICRC published a first-ever study on the nature and patterns of violence against health care

- 32 months of data gathering from different **SOURCES** (ICRC, other organisations, media)
- 16 countries





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Results

- 655 events
- 85% from 6 contexts
- 727 killed
- 1101 wounded
- 166 kidnapped



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Health care in danger: the issue

Violence against health care has many faces...



- Failure to respect military medical missions
- Armed entry into hospitals
- Takeover by armed groups
- Checkpoint delays

- Military harassment
- Ambulances attacked or hijacked
- Health care workers killed
- Looting of medical facilities
- General insecurity



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Health care in danger: the issue

The acts of violence affect every day



- Wounded and sick
- Health care facilities
- Health care personnel
- Medical transport



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Health care in danger: the issue

ICRC has been addressing it for many years

- Spreading knowledge of IHL
- Bilateral dialogue with authorities, armed forces and groups
- Negotiating safe access for patients and safe zones around hospitals
- Reinforcing physical integrity of health-care facilities
- "Safer access" to health care campaigns





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Health care in danger

is a global project launched by ICRC
aiming to:

**Improve delivery and security of
effective and impartial health care
in armed conflict and
other situations of violence.**



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Health care in danger: the project

- Diplomatic Track (norms)
- Operational Track (improve practice)





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Health care in danger: the project

Milestones

2015

RCRC International
Conference

2014

Intergovernmental Conference

2012-2013

Thematic expert workshops

2011

RCRC International Conference



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Health care in danger: The campaign

1. Position violence against health care as a major humanitarian issue worldwide

Mobilise public opinion

2. Build a **community of concern** around the issue

3. Advocate for solutions

to be adopted by **decision makers** and implemented on the ground by **those who can facilitate or impede safe access to health care**




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Health care in danger: the campaign

launched globally on 10 of August 2011 :

**VIOLENCE AGAINST
HEALTH CARE MUST END**

**IT'S A
MATTER
OF LIFE
& DEATH**



**I DIDN'T DIE BECAUSE A BULLET
TORE THROUGH MY ABDOMEN
I DIDN'T DIE BECAUSE OF THE
SLOW INCESSANT BLOOD LOSS
I DIED BECAUSE THE PEOPLE WHO
COULD HAVE SAVED ME WERE
NEEDLESSLY BLOCKED AT A CHECKPOINT**

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**I DIDN'T DIE BECAUSE THE WAR
FORCED ME TO FIND REFUGE IN A CAMP.**

**I DIDN'T DIE BECAUSE THE DIRTY WATER
I HAD TO DRINK GAVE ME CHOLERA.**

**I DIED BECAUSE FIGHTERS STOLE
THE MEDICINES AND KILLED THE
TWO HEALTH-CARE WORKERS**

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OAS States that made pledges at the 2011 International Conference of RC and RC Movement

- Guyana
- Haiti
- Suriname
- USA



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SEARCH

Violence against patients and health-care workers is one of the most crucial yet overlooked humanitarian issues of today. Read more about the ICRC's worldwide Health Care in Danger project



Health care in danger: insights

This unique footage, shot in Libya this year by independent photojournalist, Andre Liohn, starkly reveals the danger that health-care workers are exposed to as they treat the war-wounded close to the front line.

REPORTS AND POSTERS

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Health care in danger: making the case



Health care in danger posters

SURVEY

What is your main reason for being concerned by attacks on health-care workers?

I or someone close to me have been affected by such attacks.

People suffer and die because they don't get health care.

It's against the law.

I am not concerned.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS



Libya: ICRC delivers emergency supplies to Tripoli hospitals



Health care in danger: a harsh reality



Health care in danger: a sixteen-country study



Mexico: medical provision in jeopardy in Ciudad Juarez

IN IMAGES



PHOTO GALLERY Health care in danger: the many faces of a growing problem



FILM Health-care workers must not be attacked



FILM Colombia: health-care

IN THE NEWS

- Libya: ICRC delivers emergency supplies to Tripoli hospitals 22.06.2011
- Millions affected by violence against health-care personnel 10.08.2011

ABOUT HEALTH CARE IN DANGER

- Health care in danger: questions and answers
- Health Care in Danger project mandate

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