

Health care in danger A global ICRC initiative





For the ICRC

Novi Atagi, Chechnya

6 colleagues assassinated 2,000 patients a year



Health care in danger

1. The issue

2. The project

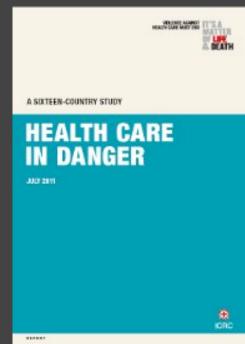


Health care in danger: the issue

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





Results

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



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



Health care in danger: the issue The acts of violence affect every day





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



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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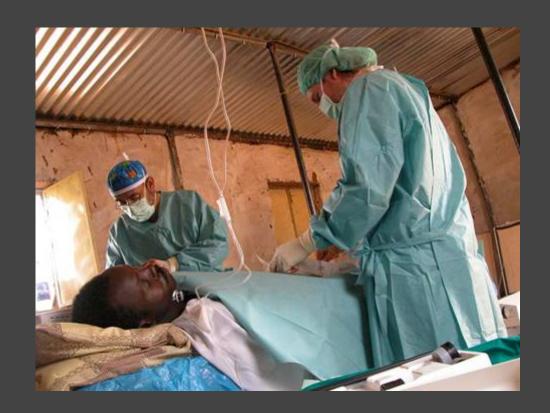
is a global project launched by ICRC aiming to:

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



Health care in danger: the project

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





Health care in danger: the project

Milestones

2015 RCRC International Conference

2014 Intergovernemental Conference

2012-2013
Thematic expert workshops

2011 RCRC International Conference



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



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







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

- Guyana
- Haiti
- Suriname
- USA





Thank you