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Health Care in Danger Initiative

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An International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement initiative, aimed at:
- addressing violence against patients, health-care workers, facilities and medical transport, and
- ensuring safe access to and delivery of health care in armed conflict and other emergencies

**HCiD efforts are not limited to the conflict or armed violence context**
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**Targets of violence, examples**

- Hospitals, healthcare sites, e.g., physical rehab, detention
  
  - Bombing, shelling, looting, discriminatory access

- Personnel (+ health security)
  
  - Harassment, threats, intimidation, robbery, arrests, forced preferential treatment

- Medical Transport
  
  - First responder violence, checkpoint delays/blocks, theft, misuse, abduction

- Health & Medical Systems
  
  - Ministries of Health, universities, medical supplies, slowed/stymied administrative processes

- Wounded and sick
  
  - Killing, injuring, harassing, intimidating denying patients to health/medical needs
Operationalizing practical measures in the field:
1. Strengthening global to local humanitarian diplomacy
2. Equipping health care providers to be better prepared to prevent, mitigate and/or cope with the impact of violence
3. Promoting the respect and protection of health care by weapon bearers
4. Engaging with the general public to change behaviors and increase awareness of the respect for healthcare
5. Developing and strengthening national legal frameworks
6. Conducting evidence-based research to address this important issue
Humanitarian diplomacy

The Community of Concern in support of promoting the protection of health care
Health Care Providers

Prepared to prevent, mitigate and/or cope with the impact of violence of health care

1. Ethics
2. Legal frameworks
3. Ambulance/Pre-hospital providers
4. Hospital managers and preparedness
5. Weapon bearers: military operational practice, safe hospitals
6. Civil society members: religious leaders, national societies, community leaders
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New tool helps hospitals prepare

Security Survey for Health Facilities

Collaborative development

World Health Organization,
Pan American Health Organization,
“Hospital Safety Index”

International Committee of the Red Cross,
Health Care in Danger
“Hospital Security Survey”

- Safety Index is for broader community assessment, major emergencies and disasters, provides probability snapshots of a facility’s continued functioning

WHO was represented on this HGiD Community of Action working group and PAHO facilitated Spanish translation.

Security Survey is for rapid assessments, can be applied to temporary hospitals, hospitals and health care clinics, and is applicable in conflict and other situations of violence.
Thank you for your kind attention.

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