

The disruption of health-care services by violence – directly and indirectly – has become alarmingly common throughout the world: health-care providers have been attacked, patients discriminated against, ambulances held up at checkpoints, hospitals bombed, medical supplies looted and entire communities cut off from essential services.

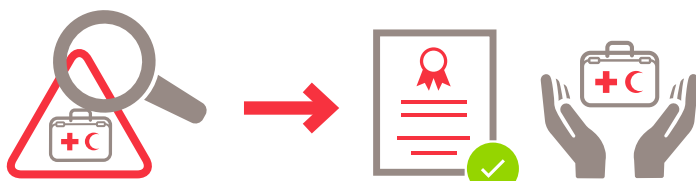
HHealth Care in Danger is a Movement-wide initiative undertaken to protect patients, health-care facilities and personnel, and medical vehicles from violence during armed conflict and other emergencies



Health Care in Danger from 2008 to 2015: A timeline

2008-2011: IDENTIFICATION OF THE PROBLEM

December 2011: Adoption of Resolution 5 – “Health Care in Danger: Respecting and protecting health care” – at the 31st International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent



2012–2015: CONSULTATIONS AND MEETINGS OF EXPERTS, THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, to formulate recommendations and measures for strengthening protection for the delivery of health care

December 2015: Adoption of Resolution 4 – “Health Care in Danger: Continuing to protect the delivery of health care together” – at the 32nd International Conference, which urges States, the Movement and others to implement the necessary measures at the national level



2015–2019: IMPLEMENTATION OF MEASURES

Focusing on the implementation of measures to address violence against the provision of health care, identifying and sharing good practices, and replicating them



The 32nd International Conference identified a number of actions to take in the next four years, some of them are listed below.

WHAT STATES CAN DO



Adopt domestic legislation that protects patients, health-care personnel and facilities, and medical vehicles; such legislation should cover the proper use of the distinctive emblems as well as protection for them.

Collect and analyse data on incidents of violence against the provision of health care.



Investigate incidents of violence against the provision of health care, and against patients – and **punish** those responsible – to ensure accountability.



Armed forces and security forces should incorporate, in the planning and conduct of their operations, **practical measures to ensure protection for the provision of health care and for the wounded and sick.**

WHAT NATIONAL SOCIETIES CAN DO

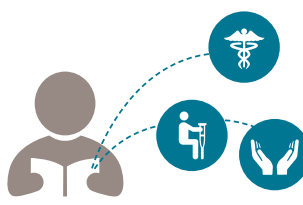


Implement measures to **increase acceptance** for their staff and volunteers, and to secure their safety, including by ensuring respect for the Movement's Fundamental Principles.

Raise awareness of the proper use of the emblems and lobby for the implementation of domestic legislation protecting them.



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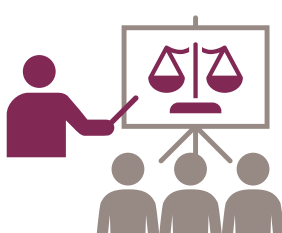


Involve authorities, the health-care community, academia and civil society in efforts to **raise awareness, in the conduct of training and in developing and implementing measures to protect the provision of health care.**



Share experiences and good practices across the Movement and with the health-care community.

WHAT THE HEALTH-CARE COMMUNITY CAN DO



Train health-care personnel in their rights and responsibilities.

Promote the use of the Ethical Principles of Health Care in Times of Armed Conflict and Other Emergencies within the community, and among other actors concerned at regional and national levels.



Improve preparedness, safety and security of health care personnel, facilities and medical transport



Collaborate more actively at national level with other stakeholders involved in the HCiD initiative

WHAT COMMUNITY MEMBERS CAN DO



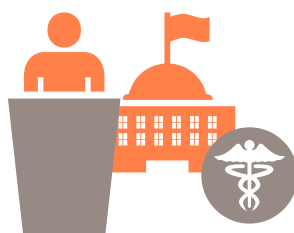
Volunteer for their National Red Cross or Red Crescent Society.



Take a first aid course.



Promote the Movement's Fundamental Principles, and ethical principles governing the provision of health care, in their communities and **advocate respect for the emblems.**



Initiate or participate in efforts to persuade their governments to enact – and respect for – laws to protect the provision of health care

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