

Attacks on Healthcare Workers in Conflict Zones – Fall 2014

World Health & Population (WHP) is publishing a theme issue on the nature and impacts of attacks on health workers, facilities, transports and patients in times of armed conflict or civil unrest – and strategies for protection. We are seeking submission of original manuscripts on this topic.

In the past few years, awareness of the extent of the global problem of violent interference with healthcare services has grown. We have come to understand that attacks take place not only in armed conflict, but in situations of political volatility, and that local providers are often the victims. There remains a paucity of evidence on the dynamics and impacts of attacks on providers and patients. Further, more robust policy solutions are needed to increase security, advance protection and end impunity. This issue seeks to fill these gaps.

WHP welcomes submissions for the theme issue in the form of empirical studies, evaluations and policy analysis including the broad range of issues as listed below:

- Studies exploring the vulnerabilities of healthcare in situations of armed conflict or civil unrest
- Studies on the short, intermediate and long term impacts of violence on health systems
- Strategies for supporting the safety and well-being of civilian health and human resources in situations of armed conflict or civil unrest
- Policies and actions at the national, regional and global level that can promote the respect and protection of healthcare.

WHP has been committed to supporting and encouraging applied research and policy analysis from diverse international settings for more than 15 years. Guidelines for submission of manuscripts are found on the WHP website (www.worldhealthandpopulation.com) and all submissions are subject to editorial and external peer review.

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Please feel free to contact us if you have any comments, questions, or suggestions. We look forward to many interesting and important submissions. The due date for submissions is **June 9, 2014**, with an anticipated publication date of the WHP Theme Issue on Attacks on Healthcare Workers in Conflict Zones for Fall 2014.

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