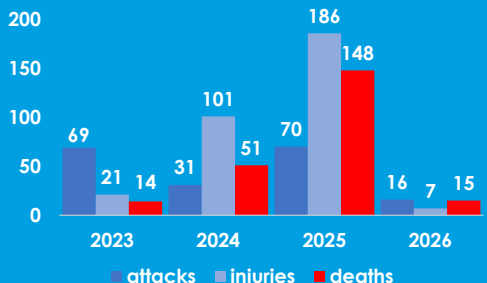
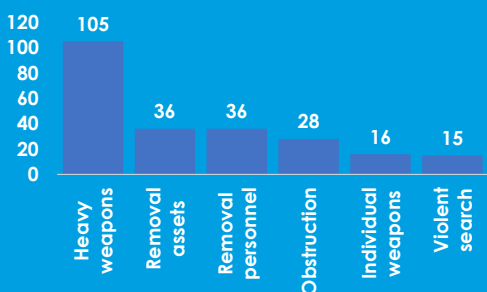


## Significant increase in deadly attacks on health care

Between 1 January 2023 and 27 February 2026



## Types of attacks recorded



Source: Surveillance System for Attacks on Health Care (SSA)

## Highlights

- **Annual update for 2025 on the Human Rights Situation in Myanmar** shows that civilian deaths due to airstrikes rose to the highest levels verified since 2021. 2025 was also the deadliest year for children since 2021 with the impact of violence on girls particularly increasing. Almost 25% of the population faced high levels of acute food insecurity with risk of further deterioration.
- Record number of deadly attacks on health care verified by WHO's **Surveillance System for Attacks on Health Care (SSA)**: 70 attacks were recorded during 2025 as compared to 31 in 2024. Attacks are becoming more deadly, with 148 fatalities reported in 2025, as compared to 51 in 2024.
- Access to humanitarian aid is increasingly blocked, mainly due to a **dramatic rise in armed activities**, as per 2025 data from OCHA. Chin, Rakhine and Sagaing are most affected. Intensified conflict is impeding health service delivery, as patients and health workers are unable to visit health facilities.
- **Severe arsenic contamination** in river water in Kayah, with recent laboratory findings showing arsenic levels 4–9 times above standards in the Salween River and as high as 55 times above safe levels in Mo Lo Creek. Local authorities are prohibiting any consumption of water or fish from contaminated areas.
- Ongoing increase in preventable **skin infections** throughout the country, particularly in temporary settlements where overcrowding, inadequate hygiene, and lack of access to water are allowing skin infections to spread.
- **Severe shortages of medical supplies**, including for treatment of skin infections.
- **Lack of funding and impossibility to register** will force many health partners to discontinue services in the coming months.

## Health Cluster Action

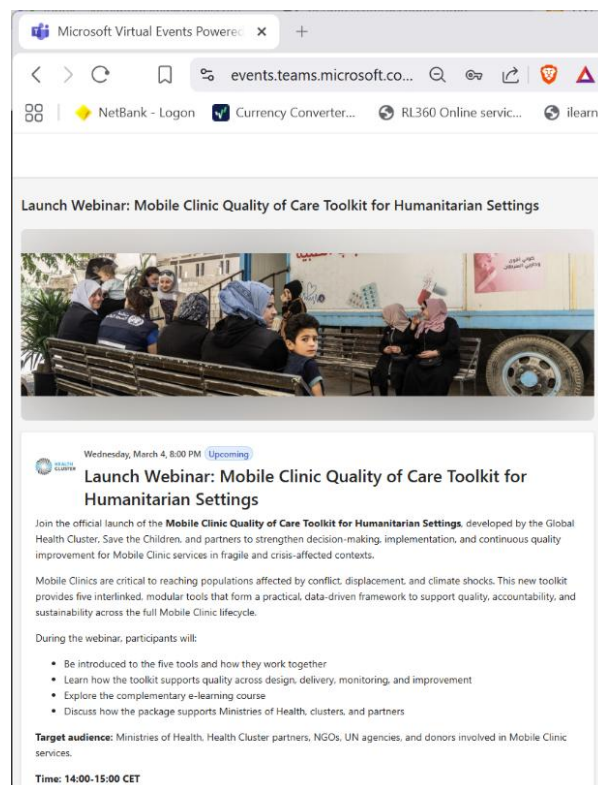
**What?** Launching of Mobile Clinic Quality of Care Toolkit

**When?** 4 March 2026 19:30–20:30 Myanmar time [Register here](#)

**What's inside the toolkit:**

- Planning and Decision-Making Tool to assess feasibility, analyze barriers, plan exit strategies, and generate recommendations tailored to your context.
- Minimum Standard Mobile Clinic Component of the H3 Package outlining a core set of essential services aligned with national and Cluster standards.
- Quality-of-Care Guidance for Humanitarian Settings to support you in designing, coordinating, and delivering quality health services.
- Quality Monitoring Tool using 24 Markers of Quality, alongside a Quality Improvement Plan Template to address gaps and strengthen performance.
- **E-learning course (90-minutes) covering the seven domains of quality of care, how they are applied in humanitarian contexts, and key factors that affect service delivery.**

**Explore the toolkit** → the toolkit is available on the Kaya platform, for which you will need to create a free account.



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Launch Webinar: Mobile Clinic Quality of Care Toolkit for Humanitarian Settings

Wednesday, March 4, 8:00 PM | Upcoming

**Launch Webinar: Mobile Clinic Quality of Care Toolkit for Humanitarian Settings**

Join the official launch of the **Mobile Clinic Quality of Care Toolkit for Humanitarian Settings**, developed by the Global Health Cluster. Save the Children, and partners to strengthen decision-making, implementation, and continuous quality improvement for Mobile Clinic services in fragile and crisis-affected contexts.

Mobile Clinics are critical to reaching populations affected by conflict, displacement, and climate shocks. This new toolkit provides five interlinked, modular tools that form a practical, data-driven framework to support quality, accountability, and sustainability across the full Mobile Clinic lifecycle.

During the webinar, participants will:

- Be introduced to the five tools and how they work together
- Learn how the toolkit supports quality across design, delivery, monitoring, and improvement
- Explore the complementary e-learning course
- Discuss how the package supports Ministries of Health, clusters, and partners

**Target audience:** Ministries of Health, Health Cluster partners, NGOs, UN agencies, and donors involved in Mobile Clinic services.

**Time:** 14:00-15:00 CET

## Sexual Reproductive Health (SRH)

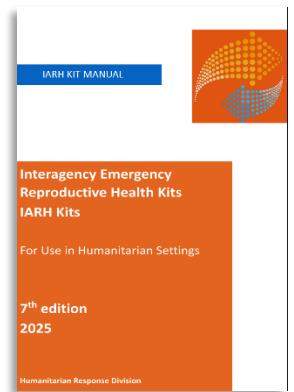
Inter-Agency Reproductive Health (IARH) Kits, including clean delivery kits, midwifery kits, and post-rape treatment kits, are currently available for partners providing SRH services. Partners requiring these commodities are encouraged to contact UNFPA, with support provided based on identified needs and service capacity.

The IARH kits manual (7th edition) has been updated; partners are encouraged to reach out to UNFPA for further information.

Continued coordination with SRH partners to facilitate the release and distribution of IARH kits and family planning commodities.

Ongoing CMR (Clinical Management of Rape) service mapping to strengthen referral pathways and service availability.

Consultations with youth groups and networks in Shan and Kachin are ongoing to enhance adolescent SRH service delivery.



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### Trainings

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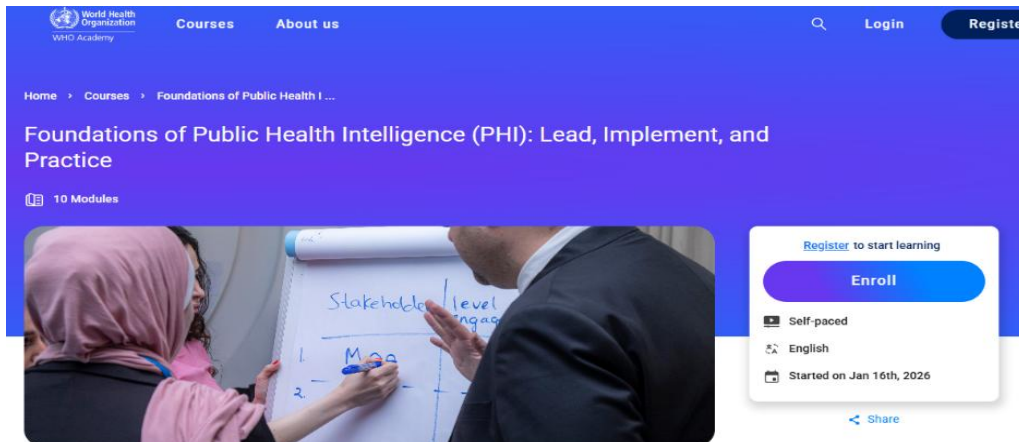
This fully online, self-paced course is free of charge, and open to everyone, expanding access to high-quality PHI education for learners around the world. It offers practical and flexible entry point for professionals seeking to build or strengthen foundational skills in this rapidly evolving field.

This course was jointly developed by the Robert Koch Institute (RKI) and the WHO Hub for Pandemic and Epidemic Intelligence in Berlin in collaboration with the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office (EMRO). It is grounded in the recently published **Public Health Intelligence Competency Framework and Curriculum** and aligned with the evolving needs of today's public health workforce.

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## Challenges

- **Restrictions by de facto authorities** reported on community health workers' ability to deliver health services in spite of existing guidance
- **Ongoing issues with registration** of NGOs by de facto authorities, forcing some partners to cease activities.
- **Intensifying conflict** is severely impeding access to health care for health workers, patients and supplies
- **Lack of funding prospects** for health partners due to strong focus on multi-sectoral funding whereas most health partners only focus on health, limiting their chances to access new funding sources. This may result in interruption of access to health services in highly vulnerable settings.

## Next steps

- **Health facility survey:** Phase II of the health facility survey to be kicked off as soon as the Information Management Officer is on board, thanks to support from UNFPA. Mental Health services will be included in the questionnaire.
- **Market survey:** finalizing recruitment of pharmacist to support the identification of reliable medical suppliers in Myanmar to facilitate local procurement of quality-assured medicines. The market survey is also made possible thanks to UNFPA.
- The Health Cluster will explore better **single-sector funding opportunities** for health partners that do not have the capacity to implement multi-sectoral projects. Many health partners are the sole health provider in certain geographical areas, and without the required funding, more people will remain without access to health.