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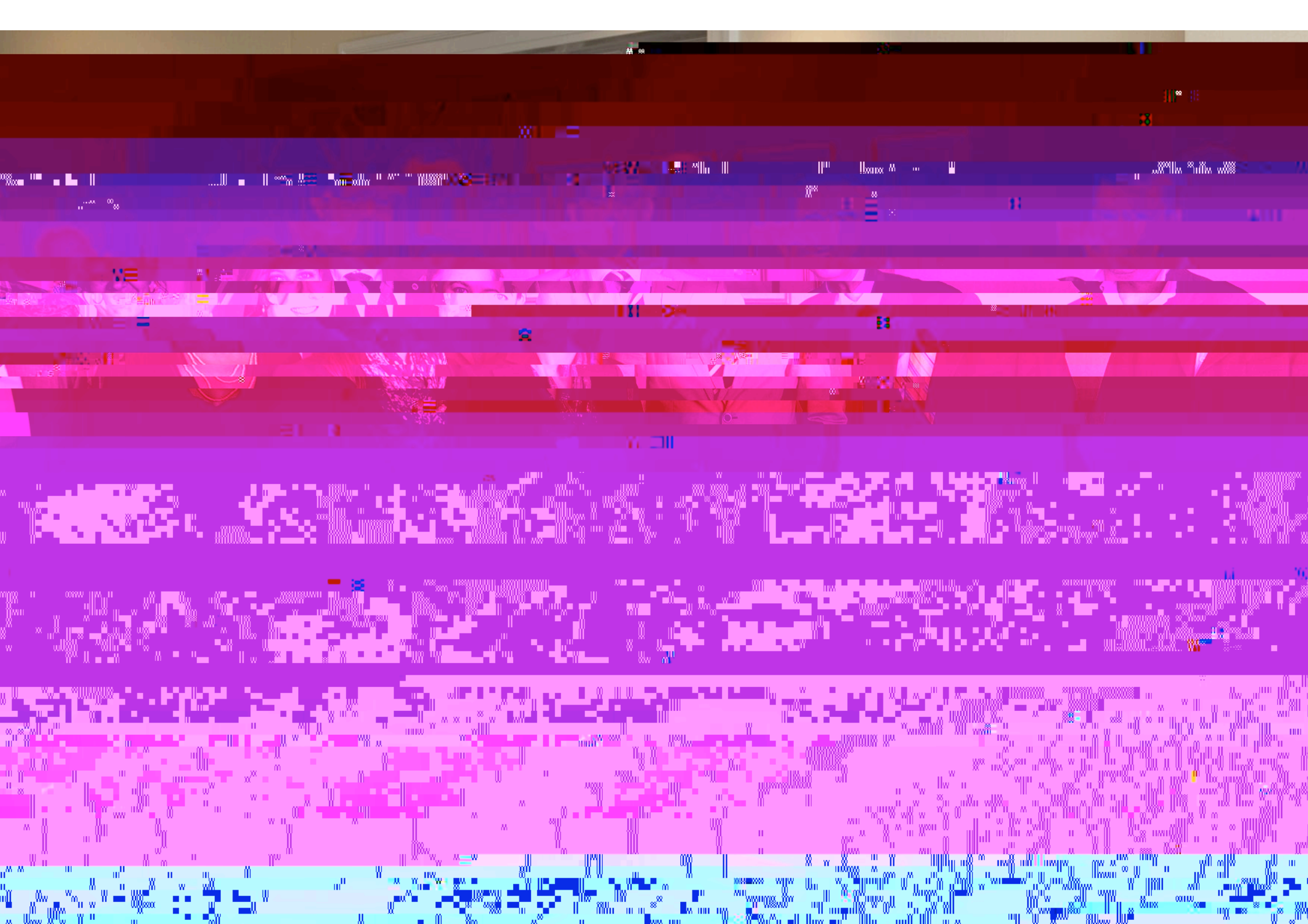
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The MOU

- Medical ethics will constitute the major area of cooperation between the ICRC and WMA.
- At the national level, the project encourages initiatives from national medical associations to raise the HClD issue.
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Health care in danger

A matter of **life** & death

Violence against patients and health-care workers is one of the most crucial yet overlooked humanitarian issues today. The Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement runs a project aiming to improve security and delivery of impartial and efficient health care in armed conflict and other emergencies

Health care in danger: **the issue**

Violence affecting directly:

- Patients : wounded and sick;
- Medical and health-personnel;
- Transports : ambulances
- Infrastructures : hospital, clinic, first aid post



It concerns everyone:
Public Services and Private Sector
RC/RC movement
NGOs

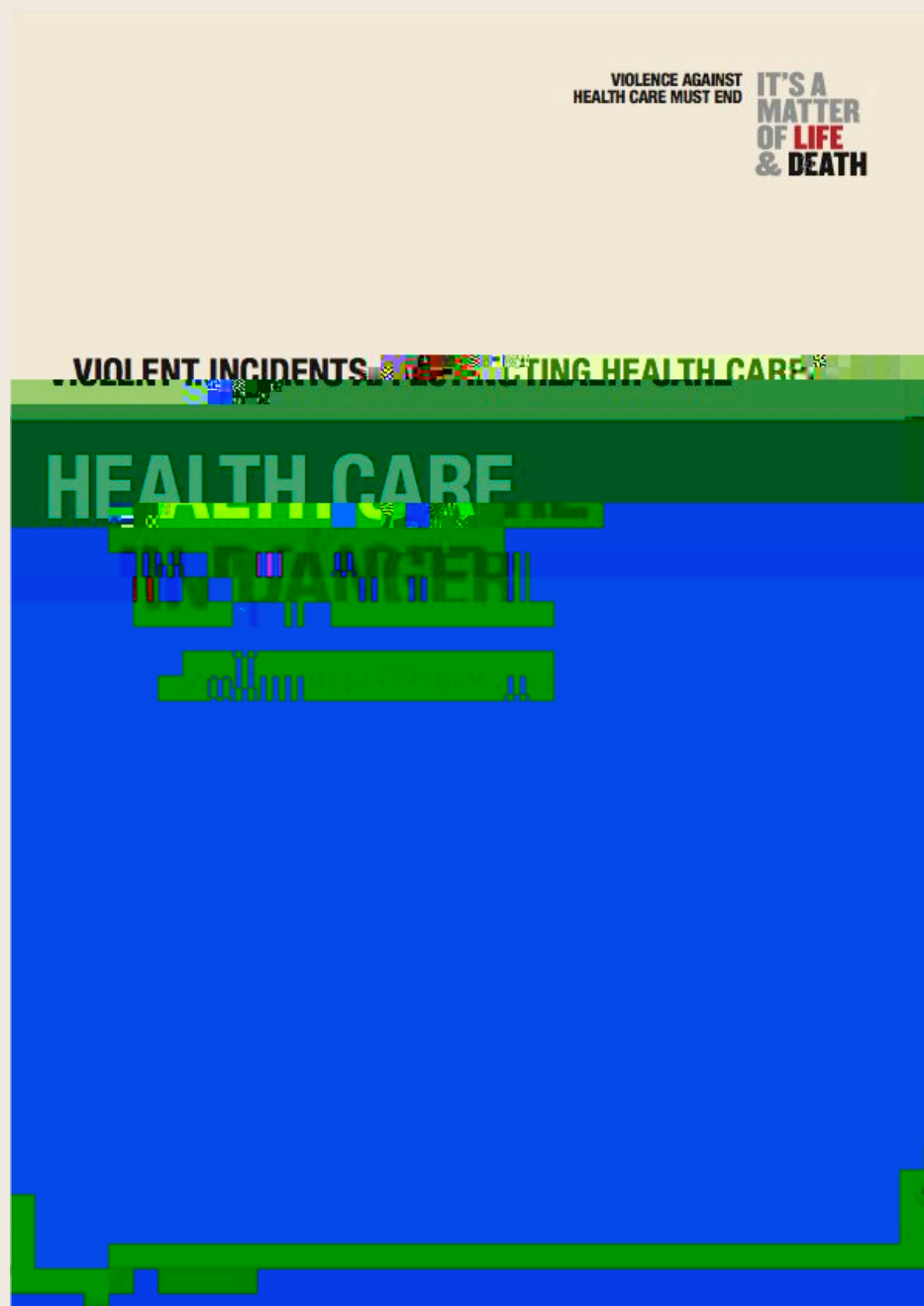
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VIOLENT INCIDENTS AFFECTING HEALTH CARE

HEALTH CARE

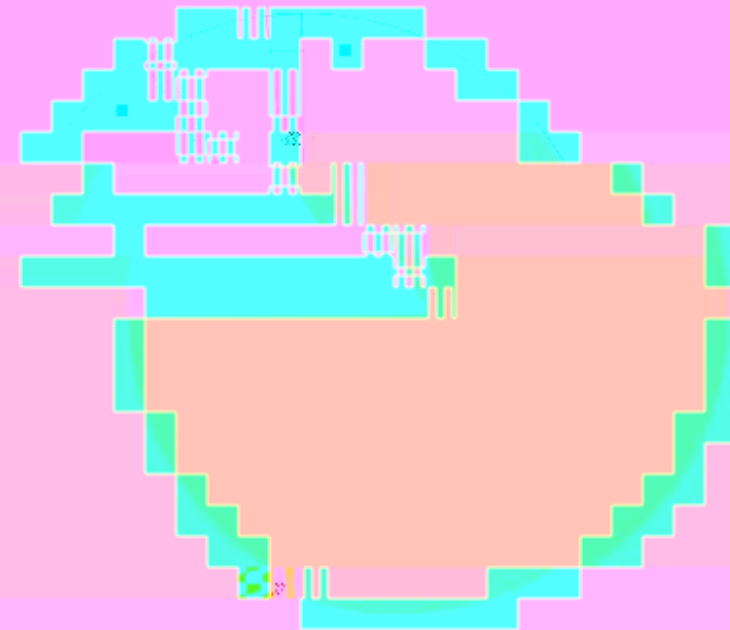
DANGER

2012 Study
Violent incident affecting Health Care
in 22 countries

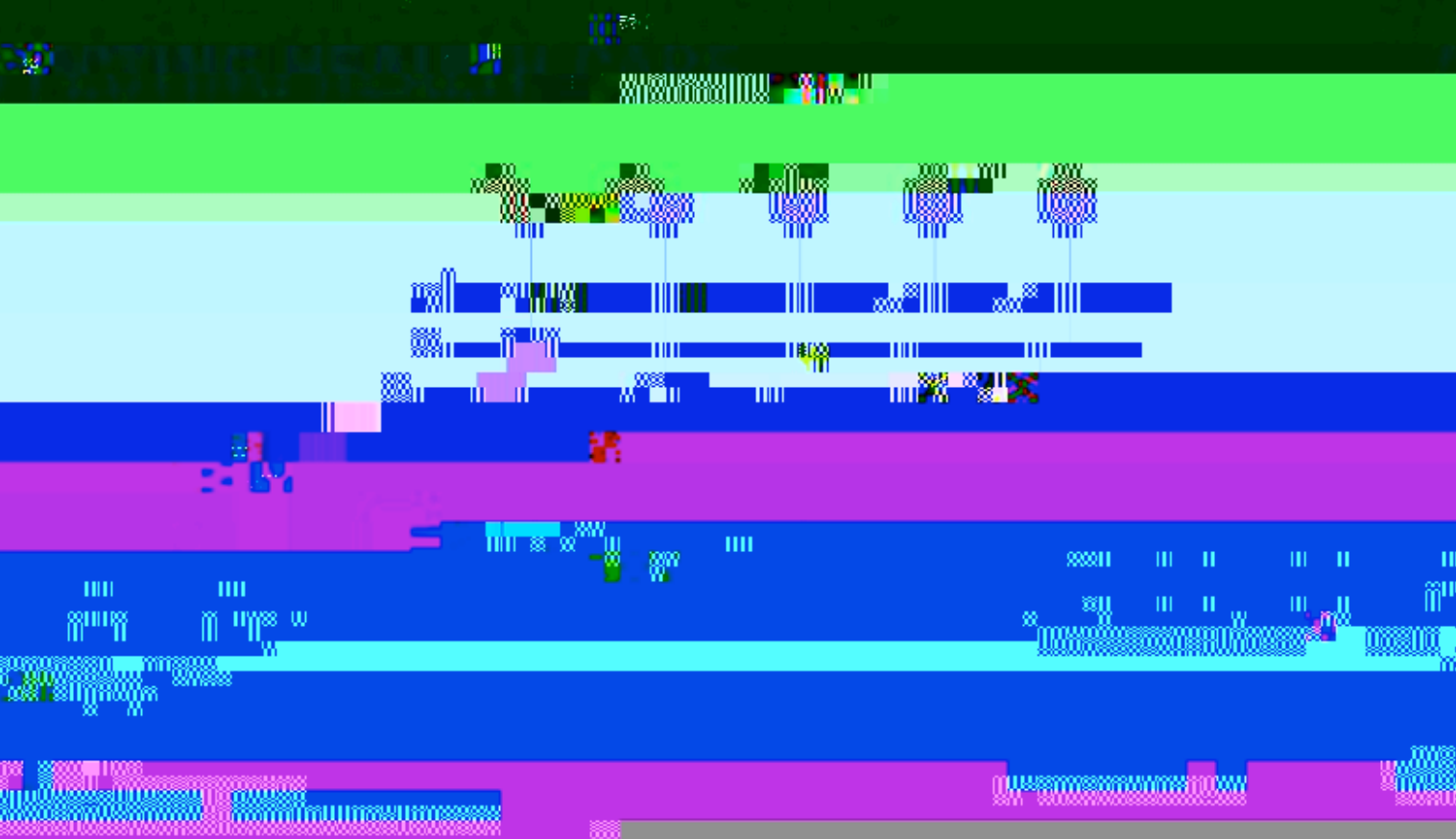


HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AFFECTED BY VIOLENT INCIDENTS

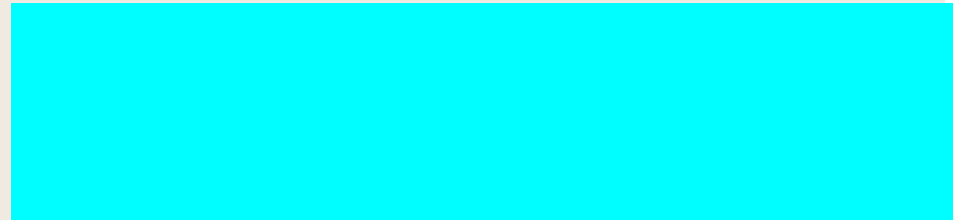
Local health-care providers and national NGOs
National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
ICRC International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies



VICTIMS OF VIOLENT INCIDENTS



Health Care in Danger: **The Project**



Consultations

Issues for global consultations	Location
1. Military practice: from training to operational orders	Sydney (December 2013)
2. National Societies' response to HCiD (PNS and ONS)	Oslo (December 2012) Teheran (February 2013)
3. Ambulances and pre-hospital services	Mexico (May 2013)
4. Responsibilities and rights of health-care personnel	London (April 2012) Cairo (December 2012)
5. The physical safety of health facilities	Pretoria (April 2014)
	Ottawa (September 2013)
6. National legislation and penal repression	Brussels (January 2014)
7. Civil society: mobilizing opinion & religious leaders	Dakar (April 2013)

Military Operational Practice Consultations

Focus in 4 areas, namely:

Ground evacuation of wounded and sick across territory controlled by different parties to a conflict (including the issue of **checkpoints**)

Search operations in health-care facilities

Fighting in proximity of medical infrastructure: precautions in the attack and defense at either the planning or conduct of operations stages, in order to avoid or minimize potential dangers medical workers, vehicles and facilities

Use of the protective emblems by health-care workers, medical vehicles and health-care **facilities**

National Legislations

- Integrate victims of armed conflicts and other emergencies into national scheme ensuring access to health.
- Contextual definition of Health care providers, transports and infrastructure; what about traditional medicine?
- Need to ensure protection of Red Cross/ Red Crescent emblem; in addition possibility of creating a national emblem for the medical mission as in Colombia.
- Preserving medical ethics and confidentiality when regulating possible disclosure of medical information.

Health care in danger: Results

Mobilization at Global Level

- World Medical Association
- International Council of Nurses
- ICMM
- International Hospital Federation
- MSF / Medical NGOs
- WHO
- OHCHR

Health care in danger: Country level results

Colombia:

Government decree, data collection, medical mission campaign and training for health professionals.



Yemen: receiving a strong governmental
commitment to protect health-care

- ▶ A tool for all health-care personnel confronted to armed violence :

The responsibilities of Health Care Personnel working in armed conflicts and other emergencies :

- International law
- Medical ethics
- Data protection & health records
- Dead body management and issue of missing persons
- Taking into account vulnerabilities
- Witnessing abuses





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