

Title: Global Incidence of Violence Against Healthcare Workers (VAHCW)

Summary: Violence against healthcare workers (VAHCW) is a rising problem that must be addressed. Data suggests that HCWs are four times more likely to be assaulted than other professionals in their workplace. Moreover, there has been a steep rise in violence against HCWs during the COVID-19 pandemic.

ASAR has collaborated with Insecurity Insight - a non-profit organisation that documents threats faced by people who live or work in dangerous environments - to analyse the global data on VAHCW.

Research Aims:

- 1) To analyse the global burden of violence against healthcare workers.
- 2) To identify gaps in systemic databases.
- 3) To understand the magnitude of VAHCW in India as compared to other countries.

Advocacy Aims:

The global data analysis of VAHCW will help people understand the magnitude of the problem. ASAR aims to start a public petition asking lawmakers to bring forth necessary legislative reforms to protect India's HCWs. Moreover, the petition will bring about a positive behavioural change in the community towards HCWs.

Current Project Status: Public Petition,

Topic Tags: Violence against healthcare workers, India

SDG Tags: Good Health and Well-being; Decent Work and Economic Growth; Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

Scope: India and Global

Sponsors: None

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End Date: Ongoing

Publications:

Conferences:

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1. Assessing Violence Against Healthcare Workers: A Retrospective Analysis of 97 Countries from 2017 to 2022
2. A Comparative Analysis of Legislation for the Protection of Healthcare Workers Against Violence in Five Countries of the Asia-Pacific Region