

# Civilian Casualties Codebook V. 1.42

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### Definition of Civilians<sup>1</sup> in Armed Conflict

Individuals or groups who are not members of state or non-state armed organizations are considered civilians.<sup>2</sup> Members of armed organizations, either state or non-state, are not considered civilian even if they are not armed or in combat at the time of the incident.<sup>3</sup> If a member of an armed organization assumes a civilian official position at the same time, he/she is not considered a civilian.<sup>4</sup> A retired member of an armed organization is considered civilian as long as she/he is no longer a member of the armed organization.

### Examples:

Non-security civil servants are civilians, e.g. teachers, doctors, GAD, administrators, and bankers.

Private individuals, employees of companies, or organizations are civilians.

Political party members are civilians unless they are members of militia.

Retired military or police officers are civilians unless they are members of militia.

Police and military personnel are NOT civilians.

SAC leaders currently serving in the military who took civil positions are NOT civilians.

Militia members or members of organized armed groups are NOT civilians.

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<sup>1</sup> There is no binding definition of the construct of ‘civilians’ or ‘the civilian population’ in non-international armed conflict. See C.M. Bissonnette, ‘The Definition of Civilians in Non-International Armed Conflicts: The Perspective of Armed Groups’, 7 *JHLS* 129, 133 (2016).

<sup>2</sup> *Prosecutor v. Galić* (ICTY, Trial Chamber, 2003), para. 47.

<sup>3</sup> *Prosecutor v. Blaškić* (ICTY, Appeals Chamber, 2004), para. 114.

<sup>4</sup> This definition synchronizes the UCDP’s definition of civilians. The UCDP did not consider the high-level government official representing state as civilian.

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Label: Unique Entry ID

Variable: ent\_id

An “Event” is an action or set of actions of a party in conflict in a specific time and geographical location with an aim to cause harm to another party. An “Event” may escalate or deescalate conflict dynamics. An “Event” may be composed of multiple actions where the break between any two consecutive actions is no more than 24 hours. An event occurs at a specific geographic location marked by the village level.

Each event has a unique ID.

Label: Event Start Date

Variable: evt\_sdate

Description: The "Event Start Date" is the calendar day on which the Event starts.

Label: Event End Date

Variable: evt\_edate

Description: The "Event End Date" is the calendar day on which the last action of the Event occurs. The "Event End Date" could be the date a party makes the announcement marking the end of its action. The “Event End Date” could be the date of the last action that does not continue within 24 hours from the previous action.

Label: Event Summary

Variable: evt\_sum

Description: The “Event Summary” is a concise narrative about the “Event”. It contains #Actor# (Who did), ~Action~ (What), \*Target\* (To whom), !Date and Time! (When), ^Location^ (Where), and contextual information.

Examples:

#Thayet PDF# ~shot and killed~ \*an administrator, U Bo Min\* ^at Twin Lel village in Thayet Township, Magway Region^ !about 06:30 hours on 31 May 2022!.

#Tatmadaw troops# ~executed~ \*two villagers\* during a raid on ! 5 October 2022! ^in Maw Kyun village, Tanintharyi township, Tanintharyi region^.

Label: Original Text

Variable: oritext

Description: The "Original Report (Text)" is the original text of a news article or social media/blog post, copied from the news source.

Label: Sources URL

Variable: srcurl

Description: The URL of the original report where the information was extracted from.

Label: Uppsala Conflict Criteria

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Variable: evt\_prio

Description: The "Uppsala Conflict Criteria" has five categories: (1)

Armed Conflict (A violent armed conflict between two states or between a State and a Non-State Actor(s)), (2) One-sided Violence (Violence by a State Actor or Non-State Actor inflicted on an unarmed individual or group), (3) Non-state Conflict (A violent armed conflict between Non-State Actors), (4) Organized Mobilization by Non-State Actors. If the Event is neither an armed conflict nor one-sided violence, it should be categorized as (5) "Other".

Label: Primary Actor

Variable: actor1

Description: The "Primary Actor" is the main organized group or individual(s) that instigates an "Action" toward the other or others in an "Event".

- (1) Tatmadaw
- (2) Police
- (3) PDF/NUG
- (4) EAO
- (5) Other opposition groups/Members (anti-coup opposition/resistance members or groups not clearly classified as PDF/NUG or EAOs)
- (6) Militia affiliated with the Tatmadaw
- (7) Civilians (not a part of the opposition group nor militia)
- (8) Unspecified perpetrators

Label: Primary Actor (Killed in Action) Reported (Male/Female/Child/Unknown)

Variable: kiar\_act1

Description: The "Primary Actor (Killed in Action) Reported" is the reported number of deaths from the side of "Primary Actor" as a direct result of an "Event". The number entered into the database is identical to the number reported regardless of the source.

Label: Primary Actor SADD Killed in Action (Adult Unknown Sex)

Variable: kiar\_act1\_sadd\_ax

Description: The number of adult primary actor killed in action, but the sex was unknown. (SADD= Sex Age Disaggregated Data)

Label: Primary Actor SADD Killed in Action (Child Female)

Variable: kiar\_act1\_sadd\_cf

Description: The number of female children (younger than 18-year-old) as primary actor killed in action.

Label: Primary Actor SADD Killed in Action (Child Male)

Variable: kiar\_act1\_sadd\_cm

Description: The number of male children killed as primary actor. (SADD= Sex Age Disaggregated Data)

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Label: Primary Actor SADD Killed in Action (Child Sex Unknown)

Variable:      `kiar_act1_sadd_cx`

Description:    The number of children (younger than 18-year-old) as primary actor killed in action, but sex was unknown.

Label: Primary Actor SADD Killed in Action (Adult Female)

Variable:      `kiar_act1_sadd_f`

Description:    The number of adult females as primary actor killed in action. (SADD= Sex Age Disaggregated Data)

Label: Primary Actor SADD Killed in Action (Adult Male)

Variable:      `kiar_act1_sadd_m`

Description:    The number of adult males as primary actor killed in action. (SADD= Sex Age Disaggregated Data)

Label: Primary Actor (Wounded in Action) Reported (Male/Female/Child/Unknown)

Variable:      `wiar_act1`

Description:    The "Primary Actor (Wounded in Action) Reported" is a reported number of wounded persons from "Primary Actor" as a direct result of an "Event". The number entered into the database is identical to the number reported regardless of the source.

Label: Primary Actor SADD Wounded in Action (Adult Unknown Sex)

Variable:      `wiar_act1_sadd_ax`

Description:    The "Primary Actor (Wounded in Action) Reported" is a reported number of wounded persons from "Primary Actor" as a direct result of an "Event". The number entered into the database is identical to the number reported regardless of the source.

Label: Primary Actor SADD Wounded in Action (Child Female)

Variable:      `wiar_act1_sadd_cf`

Description:    The number of female children (younger than 18-year-old) as primary actor killed in action.

Label: Primary Actor SADD Wounded in Action (Child Male)

Variable:      `wiar_act1_sadd_cm`

Description:    The number of male children killed as primary actor. (SADD= Sex Age Disaggregated Data)

Label: Primary Actor SADD Wounded in Action (Child Sex Unknown)

Variable:      `wiar_act1_sadd_cx`

Description:    The number of children (younger than 18-year-old) as primary actor killed in action, but sex was unknown.

Label: Primary Actor SADD Wounded in Action (Adult Female)

Variable:      `wiar_act1_sadd_f`

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Description: The number of adult females as primary actor killed in action. (SADD= Sex Age Disaggregated Data)

Label: Primary Actor SADD Wounded in Action (Adult Male)

Variable: `wiar_act1_sadd_m`

Description: The number of adult males as primary actor killed in action. (SADD= Sex Age Disaggregated Data)

Label: Secondary Actor (Male/Female/Child/Unknown)

Variable: `actor2`

Description: The "Secondary Actor" is an organized group or individual(s) that supports the "Primary Actor" in an "Action" toward the other or others in an "Event".

Note: `name_act2` was already coded in the TCMS. The coder will recode only `actor2`. Coding from the Telegram events, the coder will code only `actor2` and leave `name_act2` blank.

Label: Secondary Actor (Killed in Action) Reported (Male/Female/Child/Unknown)

Variable: `kiar_act2`

Description: The "Secondary Actor (Killed in Action) Reported" is a reported number of deaths from the "Secondary Actor" side of as direct result of an "Event". The number entered into the database is identical to the number reported regardless of the source.

Label: Secondary Actor SADD Killed in Action (Adult Unknown Sex)

Variable: `kiar_act2_sadd_ax`

Description: The number of adult primary actor killed in action, but the sex was unknown. (SADD= Sex Age Disaggregated Data)

Label: Secondary Actor SADD Killed in Action (Child Female)

Variable: `kiar_act2_sadd_cf`

Description: The number of female children (younger than 18-year-old) as primary actor killed in action.

Label: Secondary Actor SADD Killed in Action (Child Male)

Variable: `kiar_act2_sadd_cm`

Description: The number of male children killed as primary actor. (SADD= Sex Age Disaggregated Data)

Label: Secondary Actor SADD Killed in Action (Child Sex Unknown)

Variable: `kiar_act2_sadd_cx`

Description: The number of children (younger than 18-year-old) as primary actor killed in action, but sex was unknown.

Label: Secondary Actor SADD Killed in Action (Adult Female)

Variable: `kiar_act2_sadd_f`

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Description: The number of adult females as primary actor killed in action. (SADD= Sex Age Disaggregated Data)

Label: Secondary Actor SADD Killed in Action (Adult Male)

Variable: `kiar_act2_sadd_m`

Description: The number of adult males as primary actor killed in action. (SADD= Sex Age Disaggregated Data)

Label: Secondary Actor (Wounded in Action) Reported (Male/Female/Child/Unknown)

Variable: `wiar_act2`

Description: The "Secondary Actor (Wounded in Action) Reported" is a reported number of wounded persons from "Secondary Actor", as a direct result an "Event". The number entered into the database is identical to the number reported regardless of the source.

Label: Secondary Actor SADD Wounded in Action (Adult Unknown Sex)

Variable: `wiar_act2_sadd_ax`

Description: The "Primary Actor (Wounded in Action) Reported" is a reported number of wounded persons from "Primary Actor" as a direct result of an "Event". The number entered into the database is identical to the number reported regardless of the source.

Label: Secondary Actor SADD Wounded in Action (Child Female)

Variable: `wiar_act2_sadd_cf`

Description: The number of female children (younger than 18-year-old) as primary actor killed in action.

Label: Secondary Actor SADD Wounded in Action (Child Male)

Variable: `wiar_act2_sadd_cm`

Description: The number of male children killed as primary actor. (SADD= Sex Age Disaggregated Data)

Label: Secondary Actor SADD Wounded in Action (Child Sex Unknown)

Variable: `wiar_act2_sadd_cx`

Description: The number of children (younger than 18-year-old) as primary actor killed in action, but sex was unknown.

Label: Secondary Actor SADD Wounded in Action (Adult Female)

Variable: `wiar_act2_sadd_f`

Description: The number of adult females as primary actor killed in action. (SADD= Sex Age Disaggregated Data)

Label: Secondary Actor SADD Wounded in Action (Adult Male)

Variable: `wiar_act2_sadd_m`

Description: The number of adult males as primary actor killed in action. (SADD= Sex Age Disaggregated Data)

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Label: Primary Target (Male/Female)

Variable: target1

Description: The “Primary Target” is an organized group or individual(s) that is targeted in an “Action” by one or several actors.

- (1) Administrators (Local/ward administrators, village head, or those performing local administrative duties)
- (2) Civil Servants (all civil servants, such as teachers, EPC personnel, doctors, nurse, etc)
- (3) Civilian (Those not affiliated with the government, opposition, or political parties)
- (4) Monks or Religious Personnel
- (5) USDP (member of the USDP)
- (6) NLD (member of the NLD)
- (7) Other Political Parties (neither USDP nor NLD)

Label: Primary Target (Killed in Action) Reported (Male/Female/Child/Unknown)

Variable: kiar\_tar1

Description: The “Primary Target (Killed in Action) Reported” is a reported number of deaths from the “Primary Target” side as a direct result of an “Event”. The number entered into the database is identical to the number reported regardless of the source.

Label: Primary Target SADD Killed in Action (Adult Unknown Sex)

Variable: kiar\_tar1\_sadd\_ax

Description: The number of adult primary actor killed in action, but the sex was unknown. (SADD= Sex Age Disaggregated Data)

Label: Primary Target SADD Killed in Action (Child Female)

Variable: kiar\_tar1\_sadd\_cf

Description: The number of female children (younger than 18-year-old) as primary actor killed in action.

Label: Primary Target SADD Killed in Action (Child Male)

Variable: kiar\_tar1\_sadd\_cm

Description: The number of male children killed as primary actor. (SADD= Sex Age Disaggregated Data)

Label: Primary Target SADD Killed in Action (Child Sex Unknown)

Variable: kiar\_tar1\_sadd\_cx

Description: The number of children (younger than 18-year-old) as primary actor killed in action, but sex was unknown.

Label: Primary Target SADD Killed in Action (Adult Female)

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Variable:      kiar\_tar1\_sadd\_f

Description:    The number of adult females as primary actor killed in action. (SADD= Sex Age Disaggregated Data)

Label: Primary Target SADD Killed in Action (Adult Male)

Variable:      kiar\_tar1\_sadd\_m

Description:    The number of adult males as primary actor killed in action. (SADD= Sex Age Disaggregated Data)

Label:            Primary Target (Wounded in Action) Reported (Male/Female/Child/Known)

Variable:      wiar\_tar1

Description:    The "Primary Target (Wounded in Action) Reported" is a reported number of wounded persons from "Primary Target" side as a direct result of an "Event". The number entered into the database is identical to the number reported regardless of the source.

Label: Primary Target SADD Wounded in Action (Adult Unknown Sex)

Variable:      wiar\_tar1\_sadd\_ax

Description:    The "Primary Actor (Wounded in Action) Reported" is a reported number of wounded persons from "Primary Actor" as a direct result of an "Event". The number entered into the database is identical to the number reported regardless of the source.

Label: Primary Target SADD Wounded in Action (Child Female)

Variable:      wiar\_tar1\_sadd\_cf

Description:    The number of female children (younger than 18-year-old) as primary actor killed in action.

Label: Primary Target SADD Wounded in Action (Child Male)

Variable:      wiar\_tar1\_sadd\_cm

Description:    The number of male children killed as primary actor. (SADD= Sex Age Disaggregated Data)

Label: Primary Target SADD Wounded in Action (Child Sex Unknown)

Variable:      wiar\_tar1\_sadd\_cx

Description:    The number of children (younger than 18-year-old) as primary actor killed in action, but sex was unknown.

Label: Primary Target SADD Wounded in Action (Adult Female)

Variable:      wiar\_tar1\_sadd\_f

Description:    The number of adult females as primary actor killed in action. (SADD= Sex Age Disaggregated Data)

Label: Primary Target SADD Wounded in Action (Adult Male)

Variable:      wiar\_tar1\_sadd\_m

Description:    The number of adult males as primary actor killed in action. (SADD= Sex Age Disaggregated Data)



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Label: Secondary Target

Variable: target2

Description: The “Secondary Target” is an organized group or individual(s) that is targeted in an “Action” by an actor or more than one actor.

Label: Secondary Target (Killed in Action) Reported (Male/Female/Child/Known)

Variable: kiar\_tar2

Description: The “Secondary Target (Killed in Action) Reported” is a reported number of deaths from the “Secondary Target” side as a direct result of an “Event”. The number entered into the database is identical to the number reported regardless of the source.

Label: Secondary Target SADD Killed in Action (Adult Unknown Sex)

Variable: kiar\_tar2\_sadd\_ax

Description: The number of adult primary actor killed in action, but the sex was unknown. (SADD= Sex Age Disaggregated Data)

Label: Secondary Target SADD Killed in Action (Child Female)

Variable: kiar\_tar2\_sadd\_cf

Description: The number of female children (younger than 18-year-old) as primary actor killed in action.

Label: Secondary Target SADD Killed in Action (Child Male)

Variable: kiar\_tar2\_sadd\_cm

Description: The number of male children killed as primary actor. (SADD= Sex Age Disaggregated Data)

Label: Secondary Target SADD Killed in Action (Child Sex Unknown)

Variable: kiar\_tar2\_sadd\_cx

Description: The number of children (younger than 18-year-old) as primary actor killed in action, but sex was unknown.

Label: Secondary Target SADD Killed in Action (Adult Female)

Variable: kiar\_tar2\_sadd\_f

Description: The number of adult females as primary actor killed in action. (SADD= Sex Age Disaggregated Data)

Label: Secondary Target SADD Killed in Action (Adult Male)

Variable: kiar\_tar2\_sadd\_m

Description: The number of adult males as primary actor killed in action. (SADD= Sex Age Disaggregated Data)

Label: Secondary Target (Wounded in Action) Reported (Male/Female/Child/Known)

Variable: wiar\_tar2

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Description: The “Secondary Target (Wounded in Action) Reported” is a reported number of wounded persons from the "Secondary Target" side as a direct result of an “Event”.

Label: Secondary Target (Wounded in Action) Reported (Male/Female/Child/Known)

Variable: wiar\_tar1

Description: The “Primary Target (Wounded in Action) Reported” is a reported number of wounded persons from "Primary Target" side as a direct result of an “Event”. The number entered into the database is identical to the number reported regardless of the source.

Label: Secondary Target SADD Wounded in Action (Adult Unknown Sex)

Variable: wiar\_tar2\_sadd\_ax

Description: The “Primary Actor (Wounded in Action) Reported” is a reported number of wounded persons from "Primary Actor" as a direct result of an “Event”. The number entered into the database is identical to the number reported regardless of the source.

Label: Secondary Target SADD Wounded in Action (Child Female)

Variable: wiar\_tar2\_sadd\_cf

Description: The number of female children (younger than 18-year-old) as primary actor killed in action.

Label: Secondary Target SADD Wounded in Action (Child Male)

Variable: wiar\_tar2\_sadd\_cm

Description: The number of male children killed as primary actor. (SADD= Sex Age Disaggregated Data)

Label: Secondary Target SADD Wounded in Action (Child Sex Unknown)

Variable: wiar\_tar2\_sadd\_cx

Description: The number of children (younger than 18-year-old) as primary actor killed in action, but sex was unknown.

Label: Secondary Target SADD Wounded in Action (Adult Female)

Variable: wiar\_tar2\_sadd\_f

Description: The number of adult females as primary actor killed in action. (SADD= Sex Age Disaggregated Data)

Label: Secondary Target SADD Wounded in Action (Adult Male)

Variable: wiar\_tar2\_sadd\_m

Description: The number of adult males as primary actor killed in action. (SADD= Sex Age Disaggregated Data)

Label: Source Type

Variable: srctype

Description: The “Source Type” is the type of news or information source that reported or described an “Event”. There are six categories: (1) Print, (2) Facebook, (3) Twitter, (4) Website, (5) Radio, and (6) Other.

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Label: Screen Capture of the original report

Variable: orifile

Description: The "Original Report (Attachment)" is the screen shot of news story or social media/blog post in PDF format; and the screen shot should be taken by the coder while gathering information.

Label: Date of Data Entry

Variable: ent\_date

Description: The date of data being coded into the TCMS

Label: State/Region (Name)

Variable: st

Description: The "State/Region (Name)" is the official name of a state/region in Myanmar where the "Event" occurred.

Label: State/Region

Variable: stcode

Description: The "State/Region (Pcode)" is a six-digit unique identifier of the state/region in Myanmar where the "Event" occurred.

Label: Township (Name)

Variable: tsp

Description: The "Township (Name)" is the official name of the township in Myanmar where the "Event" occurred.

Label: Township

Variable: tspcode

Description: The "Township (Pcode)" is a nine-digit unique identifier of a state/region in Myanmar where the "Event" occurred.

Label: Village Tract (Name)

Variable: vt

Description: The "Village Tract (Name)" is the official name of a village in Myanmar where the "Event" occurred.

Label: Village Tract

Variable: vtcode

Description: The "Village Tract (Pcode)" is a twelve-digit unique identifier of a state/region in Myanmar where the "Event" occurred.

Label: Vilage (Name)

Variable: vil

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The "Village" is the official name of a village in Myanmar where the "Event" occurred or the name of the nearest village from the place where Events occurred.

Label: Village

Variable: vilcode

Description: The "Village (Pcode)" is a six-digit unique identifier of a state/region in Myanmar where the "Event" occurred.

Label: Longitude

Variable: longi

Description: Longitude of the location where an "Event" occurred.

Label: Latitude

Variable: lati

Description: Latitude of the location where an "Event" occurred.

Label: Categories of Violence

Variable: violence\_type

## Armed Clash

Description: An "Armed Clash" is a violent engagement wherein two or more organized groups use lethal weapons against other organized actors or civilians at a specific time and location. Lethal weapons include small arms, IEDs, artillery, sharp projectiles, or articles capable of killing or maiming individuals. If IEDs or other explosive devices are used in armed clashes, the event will be still coded as "Armed Clash".

## IED Incidents

Description: The "Laying mines, booby trap, or IED explosion" means the detonation or arming of a mine, booby trap, improvised explosive device, or other unidentified type of ordinance.

## Politically Motivated Murder

Description: The "Assassination or attempted assassination" is the murder with intent or the attempt with intent to murder individuals or group of civilians. This category includes summary executions and targeted killing.

## Artillery Strike Only

Description: Artillery strikes took place without having armed clashes. It was more likely a unilateral strike in the absence of armed clashes.

## Air Strike Only

Description: Air strike took place in the absence of ground combat or armed clashes.

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## Other violence

Description: This category includes the killing of civilians who were not clearly classified in the other categories. The other violence includes discovery of mass grave or dead bodies and the potential cause of death is politically motivated. The murder caused by sexual violence may be coded here.

Label: List of actors which combined some detailed categories

Variable: actor\_combined

Description: Some actors are combined into one category for analysis purpose.

Label: Event is reported in AAPP dataset

Variable: aapp

Description: The incident is mentioned in the AAPP's dataset. (1= yes; 0 = no)

Label: Event is reported in USDP List

Variable: usdp

Description: The incident is mentioned in the reports prepared by the USDP.  
(1= yes; 0 = no)

Label: TCMS Coded (## you won't need to code it. It will be automatically inserted later.)

Variable: tcms

Description: The case is already coded in the TCMS. (1= yes; 0 = no)

Label: Fifty-two News

Variable: fiftytwonews

Description: The incident was reported in pro-military Fifty-two News channels.  
(1= yes; 0 = no)

Label: Civilians Killed as Primary Target

Variable: tar1\_civi\_killed

Description: The number of civilians killed as primary target

Label: Civilians Killed as Secondary Target

Variable: tar2\_civi\_killed

Description: The number of civilians killed as secondary target, in most cases, collateral casualties

Label: Total Civilian Killed Per Each Event

Variable: total\_tar\_civi\_killed

Description: The number of civilians killed in each reported event

Label: Civilians Wounded as Primary Target

Variable: tar1\_civi\_wound

Description: The number of civilians wounded as primary target

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Label: Civilians Wounded as Secondary Target

Variable: tar2\_civi\_wound

Description: The number of civilians wounded as secondary target, in most cases, collateral casualties

Label: Total Civilian Wounded Per Each Event

Variable: total\_tar\_civi\_wound

Description: The number of civilians wounded in each reported event