

YEMEN ICRC ACTIVITIES

September-October 2018



Patients wait for their turn at the ICRC-supported Bateis primary healthcare center in Abyan governorate.

In September and October, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) gradually resumed its regular pace of activities across Yemen: relief work but also support to healthcare facilities and water corporations. The situation in the country is desperate and we are advocating for a political solution to put an end to the immense humanitarian suffering and allow aid to reach all those in need.



Solar panels being installed in Sa'ada.

FACTS AND FIGURES

- **10,237** surgeries performed in ICRC-supported facilities
- **196,917** persons received food assistance
- **3,500** detainees received hygiene kits

ICRC YEMEN DELEGATION HIGHLIGHTS

An illustrated overview of some of the activities carried out by the ICRC delegation in Yemen during the months of September and October 2018. For more details, please refer to the next pages in this report.



HEALTHCARE & MEDICAL FACILITIES



334,001

PATIENTS

treated at ICRC-supported healthcare and medical facilities



8

REFERRAL HOSPITALS

receive regular support from the ICRC in 6 Governorates



269,480

VIALS OF INSULIN

donated to the Ministry of Public Health to cover the needs of an estimated 70,000 insulin-dependent diabetic patients across the country



14,563

PERSONS

received services from ICRC supported Physical Rehabilitation Centers



FOOD DISTRIBUTION & PRODUCTION



28,135

HOUSEHOLDS

received food aid to help them cope with the impact of the conflict



5

SOLAR FRIDGES

donated to the Sana'a Central Veterinary Laboratory to ensure the cold chain of the vaccines



WATER, SANITATION & CONSTRUCTION



+1.6 million

PERSONS

benefitted from ICRC water, sanitation & construction services



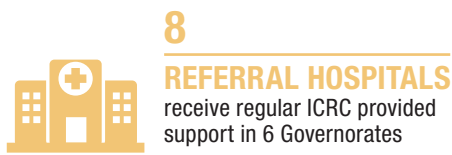
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SOLAR PANELS

donated and installed at the Dhahyan Water Corporation to the benefit of 27,000 persons

BETTER ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE AND MEDICAL FACILITIES

For war wounded and trauma patients, the ICRC has been supporting the following services over the past two months:



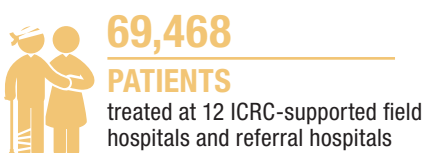
- The ICRC provided regular support to 8 referral hospitals, in 6 Governorates with supply of drugs, medical consumables and equipment to ensure treatment for war wounded and trauma patients: Sana'a (3), Marib, Al Jawf, Dhamar, Ibb, and Shabwa.



This ensured emergency care for 60,845 patients, of which 3,243 weapon wounded. It also allowed inpatient surgical care for 11,638 admitted patients, out of which 2,517 weapon wounded, with 10,237 surgeries performed.



- In the two ICRC supported hospitals of Al Talh (Sa'ada) and Al Mansoura (Aden), a total of 460 weapon wounded and trauma patients have been received in the emergency room (260 and 200 respectively). In Al Talh, 211 weapon wounded patients have been admitted and underwent a total of 606 surgical interventions. In Al Mansoura, we recorded 166 admission and 358 surgical interventions.



- Moreover, the ICRC provided emergency and ad hoc support to 12 field hospitals and referral hospitals close to the frontlines in order to ensure stabilization of war wounded and trauma patients and surgical care where appropriate in the following Governorates: Aden, Al Baydah, Al Jawf, Al Dhabab, Hodeida, Sana'a, Sa'ada,

Taiz, Through this support, an additional 69,468 patients received emergency care, out of which 1,670 were weapon wounded.

In order to respond to the health needs of the civilian population affected by the conflict, the ICRC has been supporting the following essential preventive services and life-saving curative services over the past two months:



- The ICRC provided regular medical assistance to 24 Primary Health Care centers in 9 Governorates and ad hoc assistance to additional 3 health facilities in Al Jawf and Dhamar Governorates.
- In the 24 ICRC supported Primary Healthcare Centers (PHCs) across the country, 107,477 consultations have been carried out. 30% (32,006) of the consultations performed were for children under 5 years of age, of whom 11,834 received vaccines. Moreover, a total of 6,558 antenatal care consultations were provided.
- The ICRC delivered a donation of 102,180 vials of insulin to the Ministry of Public Health in Aden and 167,300 vials of insulin to the Ministry of Public Health and Population in Sana'a, to cover the needs of an estimated 70,000 insulin-dependent diabetic patients.
- The ICRC supported with drugs and consumables 8 dialysis centers across the country, in the following Governorates: Aden (2 centres), Al Mahwitt, Amanat Al Asimah, Dhamar, Hajja, Hodeida, and Shabwa.

Physical Rehabilitation Program (PRP):



In September and October, a total of 14,563 persons received services from the ICRC supported Physical Rehabilitation Centers (PRCs) in Sana'a, Aden, Taiz, Mukalla and Sa'ada, including

the delivery of 196 prostheses, 4,015 orthoses and physiotherapy to 7,294 persons.

Women represented 40% of the adult population and children 42% of the total number of service users this month. The number of children is higher than previous and higher than the monthly average in 2017 in terms of number of individuals.

A short meeting on physiotherapy standards was held at the Sana'a Physical Rehabilitation Centre. The distribution of wheelchairs through the Rehabilitation Fund (RFCHP) is continued and first steps to improve monitoring have been taken.

The Diploma in Prosthetics and Orthotics course run in collaboration with High Institute of Health Sciences (HIHS) is continuing to run to plan. After the successful approval of the curriculum by the Ministry of Public Health and Population (MoPHP) via the HIHS board, 10 students (6 male and 4 female) were enrolled in the course, and the respective authorities in their governorates signed agreements with these students. With the approval of the HIHS Board a new department (Department of Prosthetics and Orthotics) has been established at HIHS. The course of Diploma in

Prosthetics and Orthotics was started with effect from 1 September. Some sessions are conducted on line via skype from Djibouti because the staff ceiling limited face to face teaching and from 16 September one Prosthetist Orthotist educator has been based in Sana'a for face-to-face sessions on both theory and practical session teaching. Classes in Prosthetics and Orthotics materials, workshop technology and biomechanics have been delivered and student assessments undertaken. Currently midterm exams and preparation for semester 2 is ongoing.

The ICRC continued to extraordinarily provide staff incentives to Sa'ada and fuel to (Sa'ada, Taiz, Mukalla) to avoid termination of services. Exported raw material for prostheses and orthoses have been donated to Sana'a, Sa'ada and Aden PRCs. Three Yemeni students at Mobility India have successfully completed their prosthetic and orthotic studies supported by the ICRC. Two of them arrived in Yemen in the month of July 2018 and are working at Mukalla and Sana'a. Whereas the third graduate is still in India to complete the required attestation of his academic documents.

SUPPORT TO VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES AND INTERNALLY DISPLACED PEOPLE

During the months of September and October the rate of economic security activities continued to increase:

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

- During the reporting period, a total of 28,135 conflict affected households (196,917 persons) in Shabwa, Sada'a, Al-Mahweet, and Sana'a City received food assistance consisting of 60kg of rice, 25kg of beans, 25kg of lentils, 5kg sugar, 3kg tomato paste, 10L sunflower oil, 1kg salt, and 30 sachets of the nutritional supplement "plumpy sup". In addition, and as a measure of promoting good hygiene promotion, each household received 10 soaps;
- In addition, 500 food parcels were donated to the Al-Mahra branch of the Yemen Red Crescent Society (YRCS) to support those affected by cyclone Luban.

FOOD PRODUCTION

- The Sana'a Central Veterinary Laboratory received a donation of 5 solar fridges to ensure the cold chain of the vaccines.
- The Rusaba Dairy Farm in Dhamar received an-



Food parcels being loaded on a camel in Mahweet.

other round of 50,000 kilograms of fodder, and 9,300kg of concentrate for its 240 dairy cows.

- The Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation (MoAI) branches of Marib and Sana'a governorates received 10 sprayer tanks of 100 liters each. In addition, the branch in Marib received 5 and Sana'a branch 10 sprayer tanks of 600 liters capacity to support about 5,000 farmers for crop protection against Army Worm in both governorates.

- In Hajja, the MoAI also received sprayer tanks and additional material for crop protection against Army Worm that covers 2,000 farmers.
- In collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, 8,231 heads of cattle were vaccinated against the lumpy skin disease in 3 districts of Sana'a Governorate. In total, 4,421 livestock owners benefited from this vaccination and treatment campaign.

LIVING CONDITIONS AND EDUCATION

- 3,710 household (25,970 persons), in Sa-

- na'a, Sa'ada and Al-Mahra, received essential household items including blankets, hygiene items, tarpaulins, buckets, solar lamps, kitchen sets, sleeping mats and jerry cans;
- In Aden, 1,735 students from Al-Hadhen in the Lawder district of Abyan Governorate received school kits.

CAPACITY BUILDING

- In total, 37 YRCS volunteers from Mocha, Aden and Sana'a branches were presented assessment and reporting techniques as well as processes of economic security.

WATER, SANITATION & CONSTRUCTION

ICRC Yemen's Water and Habitat Department continued lifesaving activities and activities essential to prevent and/or reduce public health hazards responding in particular to the recent escalation violence in Hodeida.

In Aden Governorate

- In Aden City, the ICRC supported the local water authority with spare parts for their systems. Additionally, the ICRC conducted training in operation and maintenance of 28 operators of water and sewage systems. This training also included operators from Taiz Governorate.
- In Al Mansoura Hospital (49 beds), the ICRC carried out maintenance and connected a generator in the orthopedic center.

In Dhale Governorate

- In Al-Fakher Health Center, the ICRC donated chlorine powder for the cholera response, complementing the previous donation of tents and hand/foot washing kits for cholera emergency response.
- In Dhale City, the ICRC conducted a pumping test that will allow subsequent project design.

In Dhamar Governorate

- In Rusabah Village, the ICRC conducted a pumping test at the dairy farm that will allow subsequent project design in support of an EcoSec irrigation project.

In Hodeida Governorate

- In Bajel City, the ICRC stabilized the wastewater treatment plant by removing dried sludge from the overflowing stabilization pond. The ICRC cleaned garbage in cooperation with the Bajel Cleaning Fund. Production



A generator donated to the Water Corporation in Taiz .

of garbage collection containers and repair of garbage collection trucks is still ongoing. Furthermore, the ICRC installed submersible pumps to increase water production supporting inhabitants and newly arrived IDPs 73,000 beneficiaries.

- In Al-Salif, the ICRC supplied two steel fuel tanks for Al-Salif Water Corporation 10,500 beneficiaries.
- In Bait al-Faqih, the ICRC installed a submersible pump, piping, and fittings to ensure safe water supply.
- In Hodeida Military Hospital (90 beds), the ICRC supplied and installed a 300-kVA generator set and 10,000 L fuel tank following a fire in the hospitals power station ensuring the provision of healthcare services to weapon wounded.
- In Hodeida Thawra Hospital (325 beds), the ICRC implemented passive security measures to protect the power station from damage due nearby fighting.
- In Hodeida Remand Prison, the ICRC com-

pleted the construction of a sewage lifting station connecting the detention facility to the public sewer system for the first time since its construction.

- In Hodeida Water Sanitation Local Corporation, the ICRC supplied and installed AC stand two unit for GIS in HWSLC building 14 beneficiaries.

In Jawf Governorate

- In Hazem General Hospital (80 beds), the ICRC started rehabilitation of the water and sanitation systems.

In Sa'ada Governorate

- In 21 villages in Sa'ada Governorate, the ICRC distributed spare parts to support the rural water systems increasing access to safe water to 97,191 individuals.
- In Al-Saifi Water System, the ICRC distributed consumables and spare parts to support its operation.
- In Sa'ada al-Talh Hospital (120 beds), the ICRC constructed a sunshade for the patients in front of the PHC entrance. Two additionally installed tents serve as mass casualty ward and triage area. Furthermore, the ICRC completed the upgrade of the iron removal unit with a sedimentation tank and trained operators on its use, ensuring safe water supply from the hospital's own borehole. Also, two air conditions installed for OT Foyer Suit.
- In Dahayan ICRC supported Dhahyan Water System to install 135 solar panels, 310 watt each, the projects benefit 27,000 people.

In Amanat al-Asimah Governorate

- In Sana'a al-Thawra Hospital (987 beds), the ICRC installed a reefer container as morgue for 40 bodies and implemented minor repair works. Furthermore, the ICRC donated consumables and spare parts ensuring safe operation of the previously installed generator sets.
- In Sana'a 22 May Hospital (140 beds), the ICRC donated spare parts for maintenance and safe operation of generators. Furthermore, the

ICRC taught 15 staff on cholera infection control in support of the cholera treatment center.

- In Sana'a Central Prison, the ICRC repaired the generator and donated spare parts for its safe operation. In addition, the ICRC conducted an inspection and pumping test of the prison's borehole to prepare for the rehabilitation of the water system.
- In Sana'a City, the ICRC donated chlorine powder and personal protective equipment (PPE) for cholera prevention through chlorination of the water in the main tanks.
- In Sana'a Wastewater Treatment Plant, the ICRC donated laboratory equipment supporting the authority to properly test samples and operate the facility, treating sewage of 1.4 million individuals.
- In Sana'a Wastewater Treatment Plant, the ICRC donated eight air respirators as response to the emergency need at Sana'a Waste Water Treatment Plant; beneficiaries: 8 technicians.
- In Sana'a City, 16 operators from Mahweet, Jumhuri Hospital, High Institute of Health Sciences Physio Center, and Dhamar Water Corporation were taught the principles governing the operation and maintenance of generators.
- At the High Institute of Health Sciences (32 patients/day), the ICRC supplied and installed electrical equipment needed to operate a previously donated generator set for local power supply.

In Taiz Governorate

- In Taiz City and Hawban, the ICRC supplied and installed IT material to support the Water and Sanitation Local Corporation. The ICRC furthermore supported local authorities in controlling cholera and dengue fever through support to the Taiz Improvement and Cleaning Fund benefiting 6,000 individuals.
- In Taiz Central Prison, the ICRC, supported by 20 YRCS volunteers, conducted a cleaning campaign ensuring better living conditions for the detainees and staff.

PROTECTION

Detention

Assistance was provided in 4 different places of detention as follows:

- Hygiene kits for 3,500 detainees
- Blankets for 300 detainees
- Mattresses for 1,500 detainees
- Food for 360 detainees

Protection of the Civilian Population (PCP):

The ICRC in its role to seek to limit the effects of armed conflict on the civilian population, collects relevant information from all available sources to bring credible allegations of violations of international humanitarian law (IHL) and humanitarian principles to alleged perpetrators. The

ICRC uses the information gathered to engage in a confidential and bilateral dialogue with arm carriers and provides specific recommendations to spare civilians and civilian objects during the conduct of hostilities.

The ICRC has delivered urgent assistance to reduce the risk exposure of directly affected individuals and communities by hostilities.

Restoring and Maintaining Family Links (RFL):

From January to September 2018, the ICRC helped families separated by the armed conflict to restore family links, facilitating the exchange Red Cross Messages (1,574 collected, 1,158 delivered) and 173 Safe and Well between Yemenis,

refugees, asylum seekers and migrants. The ICRC also collected 179 forms for Radio Tracing in Somalia. The ICRC collected information from 220 persons who lost contact with relatives with the aim of identifying their whereabouts.

Forensic activities in Yemen:

In the third semester of 2018, the Forensic Unit facilitated the donation of 385 body bags and tags, 770 plastic wraps, 5 retrieval kits, to those currently responsible for the handling of the deceased. Guidelines for staff acting as first responders were distributed. Guidelines for cemetery management were developed and shared with the authorities.

COMMUNICATION & PROMOTION OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW



A discussion during a media roundtable in Aden.

To highlight the massive humanitarian needs in Yemen and to promote International humanitarian law, the ICRC's communication/ prevention department implemented the following activities:

- Issued several public communiques, all of which were widely covered in local, regional and international media, highlighting humanitarian conditions including:

25.09.2018 Speech: "Responsibility to stop malnutrition in Yemen lies with warring parties", delivered by ICRC president Peter Maurer at the United Nations General Assembly High-Level meeting on "Addressing Malnutrition in Yemen"

11.10.2018 Photo gallery: "Displaced in Yemen where the needs continue to grow"

31.10.2018 News release: "Political solution needed to end the intense suffering for Yemeni families"

- Gave more than 20 TV and radio interviews to local, regional and international media outlets;
- Arranged three photo missions and produced audio-visual materials that were shared on various social media platforms;
- Conducted two journalist roundtables centering on international humanitarian law and the role of the ICRC in promoting the law, in addition to ICRC's work in Yemen;
- Held a meeting on operational communication and community engagement for communication focal points from 19 YRCS branches across Yemen.

COOPERATION WITH THE YEMEN RED CRESCENT SOCIETY (YRCS)



Basheer al-Selwi /ICRC

YRCS communication focal points take part in a brainstorming session during a meeting on operational communication organized by the ICRC.

The ICRC supported 14 YRCS branches. In particular, ICRC support allowed the YRCS to:

- Provide First Aid and hospital transfer to 329 weapon-wounded;
- Retrieve human remains for 29 person;
- Deliver First Aid training for 100 volunteers and community members;
- Provide Mine Risk Education (MRE) session to 6,270 beneficiaries;
- Deliver hygiene promotion sessions to 41,727 persons.

ACTIVITIES REPORTED BY RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT MOVEMENT PARTNERS

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT SOCIETIES (IFRC)

- IFRC supported the YRCS to provide safe water supply to 1,330 families in Sana'a, Amran and Hajja.

DANISH RED CROSS (DRC)

DRC supported YRCS to:

- Distribute Hygiene Kits to 2,500 families in Al-Mahweet;
- Distribute 75 First Aid bags to 75 local emergency response teams in Sayoun and Al-Mahweet;
- Provide safe water to 5,000 families in Al-Mahweet;

- Train 154 members from Community Health Committees in Hodaida, Mahweet and Sana'a on basic health and communication skills;
- Conduct CBHFA training for 210 Community Volunteers in Sayoun and Al-Mahweet.

GERMAN RED CROSS (GRC)

GRC supported YRCS to:

- Deliver medical services through health facilities in Hajja, Amran and Taiz to 24,000 beneficiaries. GRC support includes mainly solutions and running cost;
- Provide safe water to 2,150 families in Amran, Hajja, Sana'a Capital and Sana'a governorate;
- Provide 110,000 liters of safe water to the Disabled Center in Sana'a.

QATAR RED CRESCENT SOCIETY (QRCS)

- QRCS supported 12 health facilities in Taiz and Hodeida to deliver different health services to 100,868 beneficiaries. The support provided by QRCS includes medications, medical supplies and equipment.
- QRCS trained 132 health workers on vaccination, antenatal care, control infection, surveillance and emergency.

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