

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa / FATA

The ICRC has been active in Pakistan since 1947, when it helped the government establish refugee camps for the millions of people displaced by the partition. Since 1980s, the ICRC remained in Pakistan, providing relief and medical assistance to the victims of the Afghan War. The ICRC has been permanently present in Peshawar since 1980 continuously helping vulnerable people.

Distribution of food and other necessary items

In cooperation with the Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS), the ICRC donated firewood and body soap to 138 internally displaced families residing in Risalpur Camp. Moreover, wheat flour (50 kg per household), blankets, cloth, mattresses, pillows and other items were also donated to five NGOs and community based organizations, PRCS branches in KP and FATA. A total of 2,000 affected families from KP and FATA benefited from this distribution.

Production support

Small business grants were provided to 13 people under the micro-economic initiatives program in Lower Dir (10) and Swat (03) in January 2012. Second round verification of the 254 income generated projects supported by the ICRC in lower and upper Dir districts was conducted in March.



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Deputy Head of Sub-Delegation, Florence Gillette handing over ambulance keys to the chairman of Pakistan Red Crescent Society FATA, Engineer Ghani Gul

Structural Support

Structural intervention aims to strengthen the existing government structures and institutions. The ICRC donated 8,000 litres of liquid nitrogen to the Department of Livestock and Dairy Development in FATA, benefitting more than 6,000 livestock farmers for artificial insemination to enhance the production of milk and other dairy products.

The FATA livestock department conducted trainings for 70 Veterinary Officers and Veterinary Assistants on fodder production and management with financial support of the

ICRC. Moreover, ICRC is also supporting a two-year Animal Husbandry In-Service Training Institute, Peshawar.

Post distribution monitoring of the beneficiaries who received seeds, fertilizers and tools kits in DI Khan, Swat, Buner and Malakand is continuously conducted to assist more than 5,000 farmers in the area for improving overall wheat production. The ICRC conducted monitoring of 1,673 vegetable growers in Barikot, Kabal and Madiyan farm service centers at the department of agriculture in Swat district.

Water and sanitation

Buner: The ICRC has completed Kalpani I and II water supply schemes including changing of pumping machineries and benefitted 6,300 and 9,100 people respectively. Additionally, at Koz Shamnal gravity drinking water project the 5.5 km of pipe network, one water storage tank and three pressure break chambers have been built while two distribution tanks are under construction. This project will benefit 3,150 people.

Swat: Two water supply schemes at Odigram village and Odigram Maira benefitting 21,000 people and one project of construction spring catchment, reservoir and pipe networking at Cheena Patay benefitting 700 people have been completed. Machinabad gravity water supply scheme once completed will benefit 700 people.

Mohmand: 200 shelter kits, including timber frame and galvanised iron roof and walls were distributed. Each shelter kit will benefit one family of seven people. The beneficiaries were also trained to install the shelter kits by erecting a sample.

Lower Dir: A new rural gravity water supply scheme benefitting 1,500 people has been initiated in union council Lajbook. The external electrical connection of Timergara Phase I water supply scheme benefitting 5,500 people has been completed.

Bajaur: In Khar hospital, rehabilitation of a casualty centre with 373 beds that serves 1,000 out patients per day has been completed while renovation of 20 washrooms is in progress.

Hangu: An assessment of the rehabilitation of sanitation system in emergency wards and outpatient department of 34-bed capacity civil hospital in Thall is in progress.

Death of health worker in Tank

A female staff member of the provincial health department working in the ICRC-supported Kot Hakim BHU was killed by unknown armed men. The ICRC expresses its deepest condolences to the family and colleagues of the deceased.

Medical assistance

ICRC provides medical supplies to the PRCS KP & FATA branches in Turkham area of Khyber Agency, Naivela in DI Khan and a BHU in Benazir camp, Risalpur. For the period under review, 7,115 patients benefited from the field medical assistance.

In January, the ICRC-supported Ministry of Health teams of RHC Patrack treated 526 residents but ICRC's one-year support stopped at the end of that month. However, BHU Shahoo Khel offered basic healthcare to 2,273 residents. Meanwhile, two BHU in Tank district continue offering services to 40,000 residents and 21,000 displaced persons. They treated 5,826 in Dabara BHU and 4,448 in Kot Hakim BHU, respectively. Baggan community health centre in Kurram Agency treated 2,566 patients.

Support to hospitals

Regular ICRC support continues in Bannu, while monthly support of drug supplies in mission hospitals in the southern district of Tank and in Upper Dir DHQ hospital continues. The southern facilities reported 7,828 outpatients and 978 admissions including 88 wounded patients. In the northern area, the obstetric department of Dir hospital treated 2,310 outpatients and 568 women were also admitted. Khar hospital treated 43,683 outpatients and 3,162 in-patients. ICRC also supports the emergency room and OPD of Thall hospital (Hangu District) with basic medicines, where 14,198 patients were treated and 75 admitted.

The ICRC continued its support in Mohmand Agency through rented ambulance service for Ghallanai for the referral of patients (93 cases during this quarter to Peshawar). Gallanai Hospital treated 11,232 outpatients and admitted 284 patients.

ICRC surgical hospital for weapon-wounded

The ICRC hospital continued to provide free surgical treatment to weapon-wounded. During the first quarter of 2012, 416 patients were admitted and 1,386 surgeries were performed. Outpatient consultations were provided to 441 patients.

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Orthopaedic and paraplegic programme

The ICRC supports the Pakistan Institute of Prosthetic and Orthotic Sciences whose objective is to assist in fitting physically disabled, primarily from KP and FATA, with orthopaedic devices. In January-March of this year, 853 patients were assisted in which 242 prosthesis, 369 orthosis, 487 elbow crutches and 31 wheelchairs have been delivered. In the satellite centres located in Bajaur Agency, Swat and Bannu districts, 565 patients were assisted, including provision of 6 prosthetic and 323 orthotic devices.

In February, a club feet clinic started at PIPOS to assist children with club feet. 17 children attended the clinic and 110 serial castings were done to correct the deformity. In addition, three children were fitted with braces.

At the Paraplegic Centre in Hayatabad, a total of 113 patients with spinal cord injuries were assisted, in which 43 patients were visited at their homes and 2 house adaptations were completed. A total of 26 wheelchairs, 14 toilet chairs, 8 elbow crutches, 4 standing frames and one walking frames were delivered. Moreover, 94 new orthotic devices were delivered to the patients from the orthopaedic workshop at the centre.

Restoring of family links

The ICRC collected 20 and distributed 33 Red Cross Messages (RCMs) and facilitated 61 phone calls between detainees and family members, including video teleconferences. In addition, 18 Salaamats (verbal messages) were exchanged between families and detainees in Guantanamo Bay, Bagram and Baku.

Cooperation with Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS)

With the support of the ICRC, emergency response teams of PRCS KP and FATA, efficiently responded to four bomb blasts in Peshawar city and Khyber agency, by providing on the spot first aid to the injured people and transporting some casualties to the nearby hospitals, including the ICRC hospital in Peshawar.

The first aid trainers from FATA and KP facilitated training for 95 ICRC staff from Hangu and the ICRC hospital.

Dissemination

Basic information about the ICRC and its working modalities were explained to various audiences at different ICRC working locations. In Peshawar, regular sessions are carried out in the ICRC surgical hospital and Pakistan Institute of Prosthetic and Orthotic Sciences (PIPOS) centre. A total of 180 and 170 patients and their attendants, respectively from the above mentioned facilities participated in the disseminations.

Furthermore, dissemination sessions were also delivered to 100 students of University of Peshawar's disaster management department, 30 students and teachers of Frontier Women University and eight officials of different charities. 19 health workers and 17 doctors from FATA also attended dissemination sessions.