

THE ICRC IN BANGLADESH

FACTS AND FIGURES 2023

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The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) is an impartial, neutral and independent organization whose exclusively humanitarian mission is to protect the lives and dignity of people affected by armed conflict and other situations of violence and provide them with assistance. In Bangladesh, we work closely with the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS).

HELPING DETAINEES AND AUTHORITIES

20,304 detainees were visited in 5 prisons

20 foreign detainees were notified to UNHCR or relevant consular services

113 detainees were trained as “health promoters” in Cox’s Bazar District Prison, Chittagong Prison, and Jessore Central Prison

An underground water reservoir was built in Cox’s Bazar District Prison with a capacity of **0.5 million litres**

15 pieces of medical equipment were donated to Cox’s Bazar District Prison

RESTORING FAMILY LINKS

331 Red Cross messages (written or verbal messages containing brief family news) were exchanged to restore contact among family members separated by conflict, migration or detention

74 missing people were traced and put in contact with their families through the Restoring Family Links programme

30 BDRCS volunteers were given refresher training to provide Restoring Family Links services in Cox’s Bazar camps of Displaced People from Rakhine, and host communities

HUMANITARIAN FORENSICS

300 body bags were provided to various institutions;

1 refrigerated storage truck was provided to the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief for dignified management of dead

FIRST AID AND EMERGENCY CARE

27 health workers working at Upazila health complexes and Sadar Hospital in Khagrachari District (Chittagong Hill Tracts) received Basic Emergency Care training

90 members of Khagrachari District police (Chittagong Hill Tracts) were trained in basic first-aid

60 BDRCS volunteers were given advanced first aid training

3 BDRCS first aid teams, mobilized in response to violence and emergencies, were technically and financially supported by the ICRC

3,569 patients received medical consultations during Bishwa Ijtema (an annual religious gathering) through a mobile health team supported by the BDRCS and ICRC

10 BDRCS units, 20 health facilities and 9 police stations of Khagrachari District (Chittagong Hill Tracts) received donations of first aid material and medical equipment to improve their capacities during emergencies. The assistance included:

 **26,497 medical devices**

 **2,857 PPE items**

 **27 Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation training mannequins**

 **618 pieces of first aid equipment**



ASSISTING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

1,882 people with disabilities fitted with prostheses and orthoses and provided with physiotherapy services

72 people with disabilities participated in ICRC-supported sports training sessions and events

19 people with disabilities received conditional cash grants for income-generating activities in partnership with the Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralysed (CRP)



SUPPORTING PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES

30,000 people benefited from ICRC-supported Teknaf Fecal Sludge management (FSM) project, developed with the Teknaf Municipality in Cox's Bazar District, through the safe collection and treatment of latrine sludge and promotion of good hygiene practices

1,128 household visits, 51 community sessions and 4 ward-level local committee meetings conducted to increase social awareness and promote sustainable sludge management services

9,135 people benefited from 821 hygiene promotion sessions in 14 villages of three Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) districts

985 people from CHT and Cox's Bazar benefited from access to safe drinking water through a newly installed water supply system with deep tube wells, and by upgrading the water collection points

237 households from CHT and Cox's Bazar benefited from **53 new latrines**, desludging of **89 latrines**, renovation of **50 latrines** and donation of **45 sets** of latrine repair materials

4,000 people displaced from Rakhine received emergency food and essential supplies while in temporary shelter in Tumburu area

9 vulnerable households in CHT received conditional cash grants after completing vocational training for income-generating activities

312 economically vulnerable farmers in Cox's Bazar received agricultural equipment and conditional cash grants to cover their production costs and losses resulting from the temporary hosting of people displaced from Rakhine

Handed over food rations to World Food Programme (WFP) for further distribution to Displaced People from Rakhine and host communities, and to orphanages in Cox's Bazar District



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

24 community engagement sessions held, and **54 feedback responses** collected (through face-to-face interactions, calls and WhatsApp) from Displaced People from Rakhine and host community members



INTEGRATION AND PROMOTION OF IHL

360 police officers and 84 military officers trained on International Rules and Standards for Policing, international humanitarian law (IHL) and international human rights law (IHRL)

40 principals from the government-affiliated Bangladesh Madrasa Teachers Training Institute (BMTTI) were given orientation on the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement

20 faculty members from International Islamic University Chittagong attended a two-day certificate course on Islam and IHL

16 trainee diplomats joined a two-day certificate course to enhance their knowledge on IHL

30 NGO representatives in Cox's Bazar District participated in a day-long IHL workshop

40 Master's students of law benefited from a session on the theme, "New technologies of warfare and ICRC's role in the development and clarification of IHL"

360 interlocutors who participated in different training sessions with the ICRC were briefed on how to address sexual violence



PARTNERSHIP WITH THE BDRCS

106 BDRCS volunteers were given orientation on addressing sexual violence and how to respond to victims/survivors of sexual violence

40 BDRCS volunteers received day-long orientation on data collection using mobile applications

24 BDRCS mid-level programme managers from national headquarters and branches received orientation on financial management and compliance

25 National Society staff joined awareness sessions on basic principles of IHL through a day-long workshop

31 BDRCS executives and senior staff from national headquarters and branches received foundation training on information technology and data protection

28 BDRCS staff and senior volunteers received advanced coaching on perception, acceptance, security and access in humanitarian operations as part of the Safer Access Framework (SAF) trainer certification

100 BDRCS executives and senior staff from headquarters and the three CHT branches received training on the security of humanitarian operations as part of SAF

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