

THE ICRC DELEGATION IN ETHIOPIA

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ICRC and ERCS assist Oromia Pastoral Development Agency in providing anti-animal diseases vaccination enabling to protect over 167,000 domestic animals belonging to people displaced by ethnic violence, Meyu Muluke district, East Hararge Zone, Oromia Region, 2019.

The ICRC is present in Ethiopia since the beginning of the 1977 Ethio-Somalia armed conflict. Its current major activities in the country are visiting places of detention so as to ensure both the treatment and conditions of detainees and helping people with physical disabilities (PWDs) get access to quality and sustainable physical rehabilitation services. It also works closely with the Ethiopian Red Cross Society (ERCS) to restore family links among people separated by armed conflict and other situations of violence and provides assistance mainly to people displaced by ethnic conflict. The ICRC also promotes the knowledge of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) among members of defense and police forces as well as higher learning institutions, legal professionals and policy makers.

DETAINEES

In agreement with the national authorities, the ICRC visits federal and regional prisons as well as police stations so as to improve both the conditions of detention and the treatment of detainees, in accordance with international norms and standards.

From January- June 2019, the ICRC:

- Visited more than 33,000 detainees in 34 different places of detention, including federal and regional prisons in Amhara, Oromia, Benishangul-Gumuz, Dire Dawa and Addis Ababa regions as well as police stations and juvenile centers. It also followed 132 detainees individually.
- Helped detainees exchange 30 Red Cross Messages (RCMs) to restore/maintain contacts with their families, and 160 simple oral greetings.
- Provided material assistance, including blankets, clothes, and hygienic, educational and recreational items to 22,280 detainees across the country.
- Enabled over 2900 detainees in two regional prisons to have better access to water and sanitation facilities through construction/maintenance works undertaken in partnership with prison authorities.

- Assisted detention authorities in four regions in undertaking the design of three new prisons, nine drainage systems and 18 existing places of detention in Amhara, Oromia and Southern Ethiopian regions enabling them to improve their operation and maintenance management plans.
- Assisted detention authorities in two regions in kitchen design, and supported two other prisons in improving their fuel saving stoves.
- Helped Oromia detention authorities through the provision of medical and technical support to its referral prison clinic benefiting 1,888 detainees.
- Supported Amhara regional prison authorities in upgrading and running its medium prison clinic benefiting 1,143 detainees.



An ICRC staff fitting orthotic device for a detainee with physical disability at a prison in Dire Dawa, 2019.

- Provided technical and medical assistance (consisting of essential drugs, medical equipment and hospital bed mattresses) to 19 prison clinics in federal and regional prisons in Addis Ababa, Oromia, Amhara, Harari and Benishangul-Gumuz enabling to improve the health delivery of detainees.
- Organized a five-day training for 24 health staff from Southern Ethiopia Region Prison Clinic on improving their skill on management of detainees with mental disorders.
- Provided medical and non-medical items (mobility devices, personal hygienic materials and dignity items) to detainees with physical disabilities.
- Donated basic post-delivery maternal and child non-food items to two health centers benefiting 400 mothers who delivered their babies at the stated health facilities.
- Supported ERCS in organizing two trainings on dead body management and provision of psychosocial support to bereaved families in time of tragic accident.



Red Cross volunteers transporting a causality from a fatality scene during a simulation exercise at a training on dead body management provided by ICRC and ERCS, Addis Ababa, 2019.

SEPARATED FAMILIES

The ICRC, in cooperation with the ERCS, strives to restore family links between family members separated by conflict, violence and migration through the tracing services of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement as well as through the provision of free phone calls and the exchange of Red Cross Messages (RCMs).



A South Sudanese refugee calling her family from a refugee camp in Assosa, Ethiopia, 2019.

From January- June 2019, the ICRC:

- Received new tracing requests from people looking for 207 missing family members in Ethiopia and abroad and located 212 sought persons.
- Exchanged, in close cooperation with ERCS, over 1,000 RCMs between family members separated by conflict/violence and other humanitarian situations.
- Provided, together with ERCS, over 12,000 free phone calls to refugees in Ethiopia (mostly South Sudanese) and returnees mainly from Eritrea and Saudi Arabia) who could exchange family news with their relatives in their respective countries. Also made available similar service to Eritrean unaccompanied children upon arrival to Shire camps in Northern Ethiopia.
- Published two new booklets with 934 pictures of South Sudanese refugees looking for relatives.

Health

The ICRC works with local authorities to ensure that civilian residents, wounded and sick receive timely pre-hospital and hospital care during emergency in catchment area of ICRC-supported health facilities through provision of medical assistance.

From January- June 2019, the ICRC:

- Provided basic medical supplies and emergency kits to 13 primary health care units and five hospitals in different regions with an objective of enhancing their emergency responding capacity.

INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS

The ICRC and the ERCS jointly provide support to people affected by inter-communal clashes and ethnic violence in different regions of the country.

From January- June 2019, the ICRC:

- Distributed plastic shelters, sleeping mats, blankets, jerry cans, soaps and cooking utensils to more than 48,000 people displaced by violence in East Wellega zone (Oromia Region), in Fafan Zone (Somali Region), in North and West Gondar Zones (Amhara Region) and in Humera (Tigray Region).
- Provided financial assistance to about 29,000 people affected by ethnic violence in Moyale town (Somali and Oromia Regions).
- Donated seeds and agricultural tools to 70,000 people affected by ethnic violence in East Hararge and East Wellega Zones (Oromia Region), Fafan Zone (Somali Region) and in Kamashi Zone (Benishangul-Gumuz Region) to help them restore their livelihoods.
- Provided livestock vaccination against three diseases to more than 167,000 domestic animals belonging to semi-pastoralist people affected by ethnic violence in East Hararge Zone, Oromia Region.
- Helped 12,900 internally displaced people (IDPs) sheltered in Metema and Iyemba (Amhara Region) to have access to water and sanitation services by upgrading or constructing water and sanitation facilities.



The ICRC and ERCS jointly distribute essential household items to people displaced by ethnic violence in Babile district, Fafan Zone of Somali Region, 2019.

- Enabled more than 13,000 returnees in Babile district of East Hararge (Oromia Region) to have access to water and sanitation services by rehabilitating hund-dug and deep-water wells.



People affected by ethnic violence receive seeds and farming tools distributed by ICRC and ERCS, Yaso district, Benishangul-Gumuz Region, 2019.

WATER

The ICRC works with local authorities and communities to improve access to clean water and sanitation services.



People affected by ethnic conflict fetching water from a water tanker supplied by ICRC, Iyemba, West Gondar Zone, Amhara Region, 2019.

From January- June 2019, the ICRC:

- Completed the rehabilitation of 18 hund-dug and shallow wells enabling nearly 32,000 people affected by ethnic conflict in East Hararge (Oromia Region) to have access to water and sanitation services.
- Supported water authorities in Tigray region to make use of their online water points' database (Majella platform) enabling them to extract water supply coverage information at woreda and regional levels, to plan and allocate budget for the construction of new water points, and to provide water point data to stakeholders.

PERSONS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES

The ICRC Physical Rehabilitation Program works to promote equal access to quality and long-term sustainable rehabilitation services to Persons with Physical Disabilities (PWDs) through support to national and regional actors to enable them recover mobility, play an active role in society and live in dignity.

From January- December 2019, the ICRC:

- Enabled 4,681 PWDs access to physical rehabilitation services in nine ICRC supported physical rehabilitation centres (PRCs), including in Jigjiga where ICRC is currently renovating the premises. Out of the total, 140 economically vulnerable individuals had their transport and food costs covered by ICRC.

- Conducted a training on wheelchair service delivery with emphasis on complex postural solutions for 11 prosthetists and orthotists, and physiotherapists.
- Gave a training to 19 prosthetists, orthotists and physiotherapists on management of congenital malformation and to 46 members of the Ethiopian Prosthetic & Orthotic Association in lower limb anatomy, pathology and P&O terminology.
- Organized a workshop on cause, early intervention and management of diabetic foot.
- Provided comprehensive physical rehabilitation services, including mobility devices, wheelchairs, crutches, compensation shoes, prosthesis and orthotics for 59 detainees.

PROMOTING THE LAW

The ICRC promotes the knowledge of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) amongst various interlocutors such as military and police forces, national authorities, and academic circles and supports efforts to integrate/ domesticate IHL

From January- June 2018, the ICRC:

- Organized, together with the Ethiopian National Defense Force (ENDF) a training on basics of IHL for 31 instructors from Hurso contingent training school.
- Provided training on the use of force and international humanitarian and human rights standards to 320 members of special police forces from Somali, Addis Ababa, Hawassa, Gondar and Federal Police Commission.
- Provided a training on crowd management for 180 members of formed police unit (FPU) who will be assigned to UN Peace Keeping Mission.
- Organized a training session for 107 members of Command Post (consisting of army and police officers) from Oromia Region on basics of international humanitarian and human rights standards.
- Organized, together with Wollo University, the 4th National international humanitarian law (IHL) Moot Court Competition in which 17 universities participated.



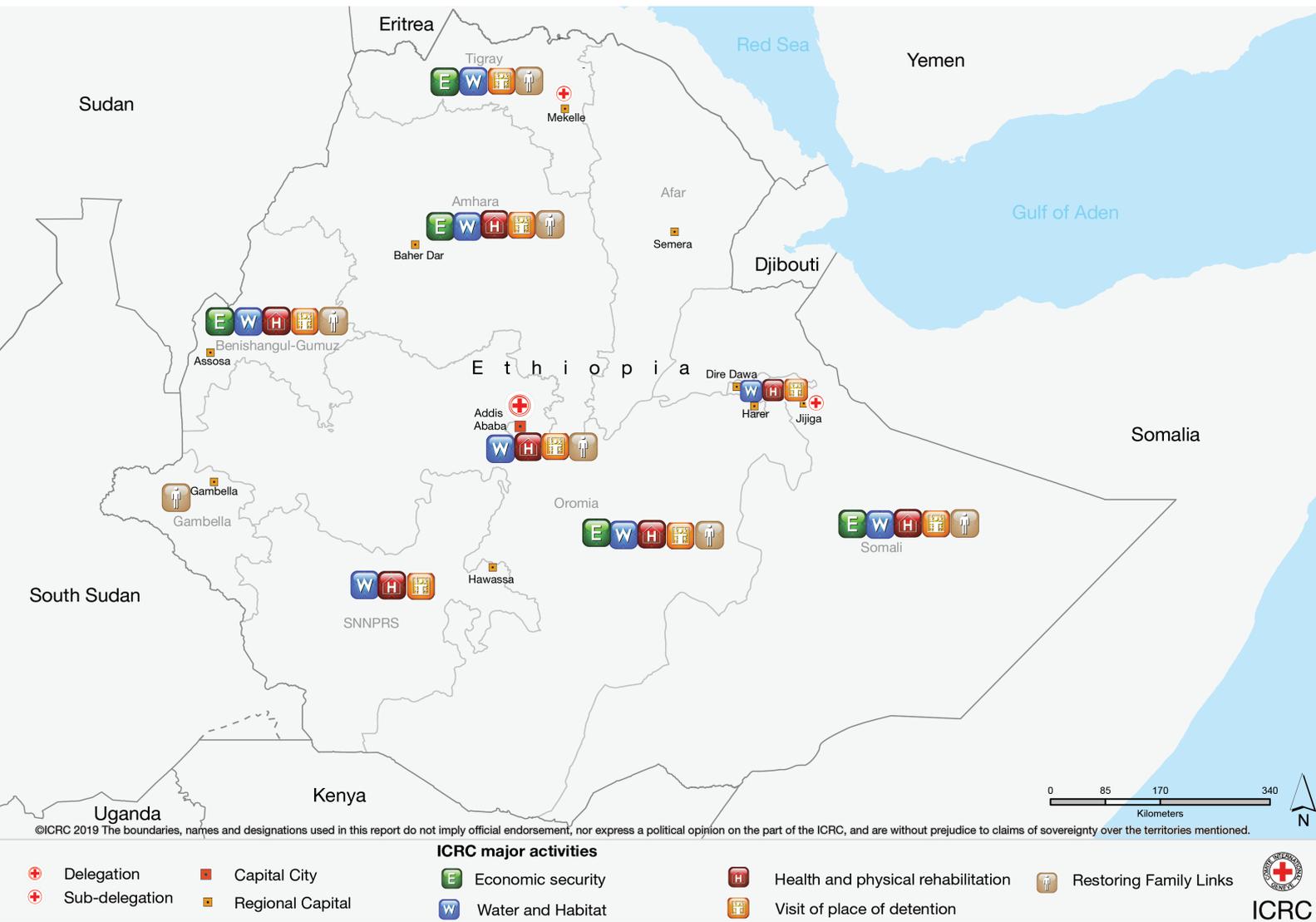
Finalists of the 4th National IHL (International Humanitarian Law) Moot Court Competition presenting their arguments before a panel of judges, Wollo University, Dessie Town, Amhara Region, 2019.

PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ETHIOPIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY (ERCS)

In addition to joint programming highlighted above:

From January- June 2019, the ICRC:

- Supported 11 conflict prone branches of ERCS in organizing first-aid trainings to its 220 volunteers and ambulance attendants,
- Donated 50 First-Aid kits to 11 ERCS' branches with an aim to enhance their humanitarian provision capacity,
- Provided 2,000 kits (containing essential household items) to ERCS that can cover the needs of 2,000 families,
- Assisted the organization of two consultative meetings aimed at enhancing existing information sharing and cooperation works between ERCS and ICRC,
- Supported ERCS in organizing relevant training for its 30 youth volunteers,
- Helped ERCS in organizing a safer access awareness raising session fits board and management team members, staff and volunteers.



The ICRC helps people around the world affected by armed conflict and other situations of violence, doing everything it can to protect their dignity and relieve their suffering, often with its Red Cross and Red Crescent partners. The organization also seeks to prevent hardship by promoting and strengthening humanitarian law and championing universal humanitarian principles.



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