

YEMEN

ICRC ACTIVITIES

January 2019



ICRC and YRCS teams at Sana'a airport prepare to repatriate a sick Saudi detainee to Riyadh.

In its capacity as a neutral intermediary, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) facilitated on 29.01 the transfer of a Saudi detainee from Sana'a to Riyadh. The next day on 30.01, ICRC's Red plane brought back home 7 Yemeni detainees from Riyadh to Sana'a. Also in January, the ICRC continued to respond to the massive needs across the country carrying out a wide range of activities across Yemen: relief work but also support to healthcare facilities and water corporations. Moreover, the ICRC finalized preparations for the foreseen mutual release of conflict-related detainees in Yemen.



Yemeni detainees disembark from the ICRC plane that flew them from Riyadh to Sana'a.

FACTS AND FIGURES

- **57,420** consultations provided at the 24 ICRC-supported healthcare centers.
- **104,134** individuals received food parcels.
- **+2.1M** Yemenis provided with safe water.

ICRC YEMEN DELEGATION HIGHLIGHTS

An illustrated overview of some of the activities carried out by the ICRC delegation in Yemen during the months of January 2019. For more details, please refer to the next pages in this report.



HEALTHCARE & MEDICAL FACILITIES



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PATIENTS

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CONSULTATIONS

provided by the 24 ICRC-supported health centers for patients.



6,997

PERSONS

benefitted from services provided at ICRC-supported physical rehabilitation centers.



FOOD DISTRIBUTION & PRODUCTION



104,134

PERSONS

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



15,342

HOUSEHOLDS

Benefitted from the relief assistance of food and essential non-food items.



WATER, SANITATION & CONSTRUCTION



+2.1 million

PERSONS

benefitted from ICRC water, sanitation & construction services.



300,000

CHLORINE TABLETS

donated to detention facilities, including about 200,000 chlorine tablets for water treatment to 800 families.

BETTER ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE AND MEDICAL FACILITIES



A surgical team performs an operation at ICRC's Al-Talh hospital in Sa'ada.

For war wounded and trauma patients, in order to ensure access to high quality surgical services throughout the continuum of care, in January 2019, the ICRC has supported the following services:



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WEAPON BEARERS

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- The ICRC trained 40 weapon bearers in First Aid, and supported with medical supplies 10 Trauma Stabilization/Prehospital Care facilities along the frontlines in Sa'ada and Hodeida, which provided first aid and stabilization for a total of 822 weapon wounded.



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- The ICRC provided emergency and ad hoc support to 2 referral hospitals close to the frontlines in order to ensure stabilization of war wounded and trauma patients and surgical care where appropriate in Abyan and Hodeida governorates. Through this support, 19'267 patients received emergency care, out of which 185 were weapon wounded.



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REFERRAL HOSPITALS

receive regular ICRC support in 7 governorates.

- The ICRC provided regular support to 9 referral Hospitals, in 7 Governorates with supply of drugs, medical consumables and equipment to ensure treatment for war wounded and trauma

patients: Sana'a (3 hospitals), Marib, Al Jawf, Dhamar, Ibb, Hodeida, and Shabwa. In these hospitals, a total of 28'915 patients received emergency care, out of which 1'511 were weapon wounded.

864

PATIENTS

benefited from surgical care and 348 operations were performed.



- The ICRC moreover maintained surgical activities in two ICRC supported hospitals of Al Talh (Sa'ada) and Al Mansoura (Aden). This ensured emergency care for 277 weapon wounded (174 in Al Talh and 103 in Al Mansoura). It also allowed inpatient surgical care for 239 admitted weapon wounded patients (150 in Al Talh and 89 in Al Mansoura), with 348 surgeries performed (287 in Al Talh and 61 in Al Mansoura).
- The ICRC has completed the rehabilitation works for the Emergency Room, Operating Theatre, High Dependency Unit, and Surgical Inpatient Ward in Bajil Rural Hospital, in order to allow the deployment of an ICRC Mobile Surgical Team to support the hospital with preparedness activities in case of mass casualties resulting from the ongoing hostilities in Hodeida.

In order to respond to the health needs of the civilian population affected by the conflict, in January 2019 the ICRC has supported the following essential preventive services and life-saving curative services:

- The ICRC provided regular medical assistance to 24 Primary Health Care centres in 9 Governorates.

- In the 24 ICRC supported Primary Healthcare Centers (PHCs) across the country, 57'420 consultations have been carried out. 29% (16'454) of the consultations performed were for children under 5 years of age, of whom 6'294 received vaccines.
- 3'373 antenatal care consultations were provided to pregnant women and 829 deliveries were registered.
- Across the 24 supported facilities, 3'428 suspected cholera cases were received, and 2 deaths due to cholera recorded (CFR 0.06%).
- A total of 2'998 consultations were provided to patients with Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs), mainly high blood pressure and diabetes.
- In order to ensure continuity of care for patients with NCDs, the ICRC supported with drugs and consumables 8 dialysis centers across the country, in the following Governorates: Aden (2 centres), Al Mahwit, Amanat Al Asimah, Dhamar, Hajjah, Hodeida, and Shabwa. A total of 10'509 dialysis sessions were granted.

Physical Rehabilitation Program (PRP):

In January, a total of 6,997 persons received services from the ICRC-supported Physical Rehabilitation Centers (PRCs) in Sana'a, Aden, Taiz, Mukalla and Sa'ada, including the delivery of 103 prosthesis, 2,233 orthoses and physiotherapy to 3,498 persons.

During the month of January, ICRC's PRP continued to provide staff incentives to Sa'ada and Taiz and fuel to Sa'ada, Taiz, Mukalla and Sanaa to ensure continuity of services to people with disabilities in Yemen. 2,400 liters of diesel fuel was distributed to PRCs and 400 liters of fuel was provided to the Rehabilitation Fund (RFCHP) as assistance to have them running their generator during working hours.

The Diploma in Prosthetics and Orthotics course run in collaboration with High Institute of Health Sciences (HIHS) is continuing to run to plan. The 10 students (6 male and 4 female) are progressing well with clinical and English language studies. The Diploma of Prosthetics and Orthotics was started with effect from 1 September. Classes in Prosthetics and Orthotics biomechanics, foot orthotics and ankle foot orthotics have been delivered and all students participated successfully during this month. The end of 1st semester exams were conducted for all subjects and the second semester started from the 19th of January with help of HIHS staff and teachers. Local materials necessary for training have been purchased and delivered to HIHS.

Two Yemeni students were selected from Taiz to study Prosthetics and Orthotics in Cambodia starting from this year 2019.

SUPPORT TO VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES AND INTERNALLY DISPLACED PEOPLE

The beginning of the year started off with relief interventions in Sa'ada, Hodeida and Marib governorates, reaching 13'017 internally displaced persons (IDPs) and vulnerable host families (91'119 individuals). The contents of a full food ration are as following: 60kg of rice, 25kg of beans, 25kg of lentils, 10L of sunflower oil, 5kg of sugar, 3kg of tomato paste, 1kg of salt and 0.5kg of tea. In addition and as a preventive hygiene measure, 10 pieces of soap are added to each food kit. For prevention of malnutrition, the food kits usually also contain sachets of plumpy sup, a nutritional supplement.

RELIEF ASSISTANCE (FOOD AND ESSENTIAL HOUSEHOLD ITEMS)

- In Baqim district, Sa'ada governorate, 2'800 conflict affected households (19'600

individuals) received food parcels including body soaps and nutritional supplement rations (plumpy sup) for children under five and lactating and pregnant women;

- 2'665 IDP families in Al Dahi district, Hodeida governorate, received food parcels as well as essential household items to address their needs;
- In Marib governorate the ICRC assisted 52'864 people (7'552 HH) in Majzar, Al Wadi, Sirwah, Madghal and Al Madinah districts with food parcels. In additions, 16'275 individuals (2'325 HH) out of the before mentioned caseload benefited from non-food items (NFI).

STRUCTURAL SUPPORT

- The ICRC provided another round of almost

60mt of fodder, supposed to last for 2 months, to Rusaba farm in support of the production of the dairy cows. In return, vulnerable families and orphanages in the area receive daily free milk from the farm;

- The Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation in Sana'a received a donation of 20 additional sprayers (10 of 100L and 10 of 600L capacity) to combat the army worm outbreak. In total, with this capacity of donated sprayers an area of about 500ha per day can be covered;
- The Economic Security Team in HOE made a donation of cleaning materials, such as wheelbarrows, brooms, rubber boots, protective masks, etc. to the Cleaning Funds in Bajil and in Hodeida City.



A boy and his younger sister attempt to carry the food parcel they received during a distribution in Marib City.

WATER, SANITATION & CONSTRUCTION

Following the temporary reduction of activities last year, ICRC's Water and Habitat Department started to scale up its neutral and impartial support of the Yemeni population.

In Abyan

- In Ahwar City, ICRC supplied and installed a new solar powered billing system (solar system, office furniture, software) and trained four employees on its operation. It will increase the water corporation's independence.

In Al Baydah

- In Radaa Water Sanitation Local Cooperation; ICRC distributed of 115 liters of engine oil to ensure safe access to water for 57'827 individuals;
- In Al Baydah Water Sanitation Local Cooperation; ICRC distributed of 110 liters of engine oil to ensure safe access to water for 40'000 individuals.

In Al-Dhale'

- In Al Morkoula villages, ICRC started rehabilitation works in support of the existing water system; the expected number of beneficiaries is about 950 individuals;
- In Al Domna villages, ICRC started rehabilitation works in support of the existing water system; the expected number of beneficiaries is about 3'000 individuals.

In Hadramout

- In Sayoun City, ICRC completed the rehabilitation of four toilets in Sayun Old Airport, and built four new external toilets, moreover supplied and installed of 144 m2 sunshade for families in the airport compound to support the release and transfer of conflict related detainees.

In Hodeida

- In As-Salif, ICRC supplied and installed a first of two electrical submersible pumps. The provision of the second one is still ongoing. A total of 5'264 individuals benefit from a reliable water supply;
- In Zabid Primary Healthcare Center, ICRC supplied a new generator of 60 kVA prime power allowing better conditions for 45 consultations per day and supporting the stabilization of weapon wounded before the referral to a hospital;
- In Hodeida Al Thawra Hospital (350 beds), ICRC constructed a shelter (steel plate and sandbags) for the oxygen station, protecting it from damage due to nearby fighting;
- In Bajil Rural Hospital (40 beds), ICRC rehabilitated key elements of the hospital in preparation of an incoming mobile surgical team. Among the works are improved and safe water supply (new electrical submersible pump), cleaning and repair of the sewage system, garbage collection, rehabilitation of the High Dependency Unit (HDU) and Operation Theatre (OT) sections, supply and installation of a new 300 kVA generator with fuel system in a new generator house with a new earthing system and replacement of the main distribution cables. Several other improvements are still ongoing;
- In Hodeida Water and Sanitation Local Corporation, ICRC completed the setup of 06 of 22 emergency water points in mosques in close collaboration with the water authorities and the Ministry of Endowment and Religious Guidance. These water points serve as backup in case of interruption of the city's water supply.

In Amran

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ICRC engineers install a submersible water pump which serves the emergency water-points project in Hodeida.

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- In Amran Khiwan Primary Healthcare Center; ICRC improved the drinking water quality and enhance hygiene process inside PHCs through provision ICRC of machines for local production of chlorine solution for water treatment and cleaning.

In Sa'ada

- In Sa'ada Bani Oweer Primary Health Center (60 bed); ICRC improved the drinking water quality and enhance hygiene process inside PHCs through provision ICRC of machines for local production of chlorine solution for water treatment and cleaning;
- In Sa'ada Al Jumhuri Hospital; ICRC supports the temporary Physical Rehabilitation Center through construction works in a new warehouse;
- In Sa'ada Al Talh Rural Hospital; ICRC delivered additional maintenance tools and consumables in support of the Mobile Surgical Team.

In Dhamar

- In Dhamar Water Sanitation Local Cooperation; ICRC donated of 808 liters of engine oil ensuring safe access to 280'000 individuals.

In Amanat al-Asimah

- In Sana'a Wastewater Treatment Plant, ICRC supplied and installed five complete sets of bearings for the screw pumps allowing the facility's reliable operation; beneficiaries: 1'400'000 individuals;
- In Sana'a Water and sanitation Local Corporation (SWSLC), ICRC supported the fishing operation to retrieve the lost downhole pump from borehole no P28 supplying water to 35'000 individuals;
- In a place of detention, ICRC donated 31'108 liters of fuel and 30 liters of engine oil to support the production of electricity and safe water. Moreover, ICRC donated two new fire extinguishers (10 liters ABCE foam) and restocked 100'000 chlorine tablets to support the detainees' health;

- In a gathering point in Sana'a , in preparation for the release and transfer of conflict related detainees, ICRC completed works for the enhancement of water system and sanitation systems, donated two generators and improved electricity systems, setup hygiene facilities, and prepared for medical treatment of detainees;
- In Sana'a Thawra Hospital (987 beds), ICRC completed the first phase of the rehabilitation of water and sanitation networks in building B2. Moreover, it distributed 1'675 liters of engine oil to run the generators safely;
- In Sana'a 22 May Hospital (140 beds), ICRC donated and installed a multipurpose tent in the ICRC-supported Cholera Treatment Center (CTC).

In Ibb

- In a place of detention, ICRC donated materials to prevent cholera as emergency response and rehabilitated the water and sanitation networks in the prison;
- In Jibla, ICRC donated an 80 kVA generator to the water authority benefiting 32'000 individuals;
- In Hawbaish, ICRC donated an 80 kVA generator to the water authority benefiting 35'147 individuals.

In Mareb

- In Mareb City, ICRC donated safety materials, spare parts and engine oil to water authority, benefiting 250'000 individuals;
- In Mareb Al Jubah 26 September Hospital (114 beds), ICRC donated safety materials, spare parts and engine oil to keep the hospital's electricity production running;
- In Mareb General Commission Hospital (320), ICRC donated safety materials, spare parts and engine oil to keep the hospital's electricity production running;
- In Mareb Kara Hospital (100 beds), ICRC donated safety materials, spare parts and engine oil to keep the hospital's electricity production running;
- In Mareb Military Hospital (100 beds), ICRC donated safety materials, spare parts and engine oil to keep the hospital's electricity production running ;
- In Mareb Al-Khanq IDPs camp, ICRC donated 200'000 chlorine tablets for water treatment to 800 households.

In Taiz,

- In Taiz and Hawban, ICRC is working on the implementation of a comprehensive upgrade of the city's water supply system. The rehabilitation of main pipeline valves and manholes in zone 01 is ongoing and at 75% technical implementation rate. The maintenance service project started with the delivery of spare parts and the installation of an 80 kVA generator to Al-Dohra water well.

PROTECTION

Detention

In January 2019, acting as a neutral intermediary between parties to the conflict, the ICRC facilitated the repatriation of a sick Saudi detainee to his country of origin and the transfer of 7 Yemeni detainees who were held in KSA, also suffering from various ailments, back to Sana'a.

Protection of the Civilian Population (PCP)

The ICRC continued receiving first-hand information from victims or/and eyewitnesses on possible violations of international humanitarian law (IHL) during the conduct of hostilities between warring parties. With a view of ensuring respect for civilians and civilian infrastructure and improving behavior of arm carriers, these allegations of IHL violations were presented to the presumed perpetrators through a confidential and bilateral dialogue.

Furthermore, the ICRC has delivered emergency assistance to some of the victims of IHL violations or has referred them to other organizations for support.

Restoring Family Links (RFL)

In January 2019, the ICRC received information on 30 persons who have been separated from their families due to the current conflict or their alleged arrest.

The ICRC also helped families living in Yemen to restore contact with their relatives detained abroad, by facilitating the exchange of 13 Red Cross Messages.

In addition, the ICRC helped migrants living in Yemen to restore contact with their families through the exchange of 130 Red Cross Messages and 24 Safe and Well messages. The ICRC also supported them in their efforts towards locating their family members living abroad by collecting 33 radio tracing forms, and it received requests from families living abroad searching for 10 relatives in Yemen.

Forensic activities

In January 2019, the ICRC made a donation of 200 body bags and tags, as well as 400 plastic wraps to stakeholders that are responsible for the handling of the deceased. In Sa'ada, a sensitization session on the proper Management of the Dead was organized for 20 combatants and discussions were held with relevant authorities with the aim of constructing a wall around the graveyard dedicated to the burial of unidentified human remains. In addition, in Sana'a a meeting took place with the representatives from the National Committee for Prisoners' Affairs and 48 Hospital's forensic specialists to discuss issues related to the identification of human remains.

COMMUNICATION & PROMOTION OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW

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

- Held press briefings in Sana'a and Aden to explain ICRC's role as part of the mutual release operation and the preparations done so far. In addition, a Facebook live was done for the same purpose and to answer any questions the Yemeni public might have.
- Produced a one-minute radio spot about the ICRC, its mandate and activities in Yemen that was aired on the airwaves of 21 local radio across Yemen.
- Gave dozens of TV and radio interviews to regional, local and international media outlets.
- Arranged several photo missions and produced audio-visual materials showcasing the dire humanitarian needs in Yemen. The material was shared on ICRC's global and Yemen-specific social media platforms.

- Carried out 18 dissemination sessions on the ICRC mandate, activities and emblem targeting different audiences including weapons bearers, beneficiaries, local authorities and ICRC staff.



Press briefings were held in Sana'a and Aden to update the media on ICRC preparations regarding the foreseen mutual release operation.

WEAPON CONTAMINATION (WEC)

A memorandum of understanding was signed with the Yemen Mine Action Centre (YEMAC) to provide

trauma medical training in 2019 for YEMAC clearance teams.

COOPERATION WITH THE YEMEN RED CRESCENT SOCIETY YRCS

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

- Provide First Aid and hospital transfer to 369 weapon-wounded;
- Retrieve human remains for 24 person;
- Deliver First Aid training for 40 volunteers and community members;
- Provide Mine Risk Education (MRE) sessions to 4'196 beneficiaries;
- Distribute 25 Red Cross Messages;
- Conduct a cleaning campaign in a place of detention in Ibb Governorate;
- Deliver food and essential household items to 9'617 beneficiaries.

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 through 31 water distribution points in Sanaa, Amran, Hajjah, and Dhamar; about 10,300 people are served with 155,000 litres of safe drinking water on daily basis.
- Cover running costs for two health centres at YRCS Branches in Shabwa and Raymah. governorate which serve at least 2,000 patients per month.
- Install 100 latrines at 5 camps for internally displaced people in Amran governorate to serve the needs of 3000 IDPs.

DANISH RED CROSS (DRC)

- Supplied medicines to YRCS headquarters warehouses to be distributed to 104,000 beneficiaries;
- Supplied medicines to the warehouses of the YRCS branch in Aden targeting 21,000 beneficiaries;
- To assess community needs and consequently design the health response, we conducted vulnerability capacity assessment, targeting 50,000 beneficiaries in Sana'a, 18,000 beneficiaries in Ibb, 6,000 beneficiaries in Mahwit and 24,000 beneficiaries in Hodeida.

GERMAN RED CROSS (GRC)

- Support the health facilities of the YRCS branches in Hajjah, Amran and Taiz with essential drugs, solution and running costs, incentive for the staff, fuel and oxygen to provide services to around 13,500 beneficiaries during January 2019;
- Support the Ibn Sina's Dialysis center in Mukalla to provide 1,500 dialysis sessions to renal failure patients;
- Support the Azzan dialysis center in Shabwa to provide 1,500 dialysis sessions to renal failure patients;
- Support water trucking for 46 points in Amran, Hajjah, Sana'a capital and Sana'a governorate distributing around 7,023,500 liters of clean water reaching 25,500 beneficiaries;
- Provide 117,000 liter of clean water to a center for the disabled in Sana'a.

QATAR RED CRESCENT SOCIETY (QRCS)

- QRCS supported 7 primary health centers in Al-Mudhaffar and Al-Qahirah districts in Taiz governorate and 5 health facilities in Hodeida governorate. These health centers provided primary health care services to 54,293 patients, 66,470 children and 11,328 children were vaccinated. 32,737 women benefitted from reproductive healthcare services (antenatal, postnatal and family planning). In terms of malnutrition, 6,971 cases of acute malnutrition among children among 5 years were treated. Finally, emergency trauma care was provided to 520 cases;
- QRCS supported Refugee Health care services program in Sana'a city, providing primary health care and secondary health care for about 50,000 refugees living in Sana'a city. QRCS provided healthcare services to refugees and Yemenis in 2 health centers: the Al-Rahaby health centre in Safea area (Al-Safea district) and the Hafy helth centre in Al-Khafjy area (Al-Sabeen district);
- QRCS's winterization project in Al-Dhale', Sana'a governorate and Sana'a city, provided cash assistance to about 4,363 internally displaced, mainly from Hodeida.

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