

LEBANON

THE ICRC'S COVID-19 RESPONSE

MARCH-AUGUST 2020

SUPPORTING HEALTH FACILITIES

Rafik Hariri University Hospital



The ICRC makes a regular monthly donation of medicines and medical supplies to Rafik Hariri University Hospital. Since the start of the COVID-19 outbreak, we have also provided the following:



563,600 examination gloves and **1,450** heavy-duty gloves



92,280 surgical masks, **66,000** respiratory masks and **20,000** surgical caps



100 thermometers and **11,000** disposable covers



1,800 protective shoe covers



35,100 single-use aprons



41,000 protective gowns



1,200 face shields



6,100 Swiss francs worth of drugs and medical supplies



5,665 disposable overalls



3,500 goggles



1,057 rubber boots



1,125 rolls of paper.



4,800 Hand disinfectants



3 Tents



We have also worked with the management team at Rafik Hariri University Hospital to improve its capacity to provide critical health care to COVID-19 patients.



We have provided **219** medical staff with training on recognizing COVID-19 symptoms, implementing hygiene measures and the importance of nutrition and stress relief.



We have provided recommendations and produced awareness material on how staff and patients can circulate safely inside the hospital.



We have provided advice on how to divide the hospital space and how to set up the COVID-19 emergency ward and provide a duty of care to patients and staff.



We have helped identify suitable areas for different groups of patients, so people suspected of being infected with COVID-19 are safely separated from others.



We have upgraded the emergency ward and all wards now being used for COVID-19 patients.



We have provided financial assistance to procure **50** infusion pumps to be used in the ICU.



We have supported the hospital in building capacity to offer MHPSS for hospitalized COVID-19 patients.

Other health support



We have trained and briefed health workers on COVID-19 prevention and control, working in cooperation with the Lebanese Red Cross in ICRC-supported health-care facilities.



We have provided screening and isolation areas to the Khalid Bin Al Walid Medical Centre and to Al Rahma PHCC.



We have provided hygiene kits to the Kherbet Daoud Collective Shelter.



12 EMS/prehospital care services across Lebanon were provided with PPEs.



Over **14** regularly health structures supported were provided with a minimum of **2** rounds supplies of PPEs. Ad hoc PPEs donations extended to other facilities.



In addition to the blast response, **26** hospitals have been assisted with PPEs as part of Covid Infection Prevention and Control Measure.

FORENSIC



ICRC actions for the dignity and protection of the dead and their families:

Provided recommendations to high level authorities to ensure that policy and regulations during the pandemic are duly considered the respect for the dead and the bereaved.



Provided technical advice to management and operational health and deathcare workers of concerned official institutions and organizations and supported in the elaboration of contingency plans for emergency preparedness and response.



Provided forensic dissemination material and protective equipment to operational bodies, places of detention and key hospitals to support them on their daily work, including key considerations for Islamic Burials in Covid 19 in collaboration with academic institutions. Rafik Hariri hospital Since 2016, the ICRC's Water and Habitat Unit has been working on more than **40 projects** to restore or improve essential services at Rafik Hariri University Hospital. The following projects have contributed to the COVID-19 response.

WATER AND HABITAT

Rafik Hariri University Hospital

- We have renovated the Emergency Department which is currently fully used to treat Covid patients,
- We have upgraded the water-treatment plant and the main pumping station.
- We have replaced boilers and plumbing to improve sterilization and laundry services.
- We have repaired or replaced electricity generators.
- We have repaired and modernized **16** lifts.

We have provided the following tools and materials:



Construction for civil and mechanical works: target **3,818 items** – distributed 100%



Plumbing and sanitation: target **965 items** – distributed 100%



Electrical and telecoms: target **5,012 items** – distributed 100%



Access control and CCTV systems: target **805 items** – distributed 100%



Personal protective equipment (PPE) for maintenance teams: target **1,730 items** – distributed 100%

Supporting the supply of clean water



We have supplied the North Lebanon Water Establishment with chemicals for water treatment and for their laboratories.

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SUPPORT TO DETAINING AUTHORITIES



We worked closely with detaining authorities at central and prison level to put in place coordination mechanisms to prevent COVID-19 from entering places of detention as well as to develop contingency plans in the event that such situation arises.



We provided concrete recommendations to prison authorities. This includes technical advice on case definitions, prevention and screening measures, the use of PPE, quarantine, isolation, and management of the dead.



We supported the authorities at Roumieh Central Prison, the largest prison in the country, in renovating and equipping a ward as a medical isolation centre. The centre has a capacity for **24** suspected cases and **240** confirmed cases with mild symptoms. Another ward destined for recovered cases was also rehabilitated.



Roumieh Prison: We have installed handwashing points at the entrance and in all wards.



We supplied places of detention with PPEs, hygiene materials, and handwashing points.



At Beirut Justice Palace, we installed screens to ensure that families can visit their detained relatives in a safe environment.

ASSISTANCE IN DETENTION CENTRES



Palace of Justice in Beirut: We have provided plastic screens so families can visit safely.

Ablah Military Prison Clinic: We have installed two air conditioners, a sink and an electric hot-water tank.

Zahle Prison: We have assessed the prison for handwashing points and isolation cells.

We have provided detention centres with the following:

	4,715 bottles of liquid soap		695 bottles of surface detergent
	6,260 hygiene kits		51,560 pairs of gloves
	50,200 surgical masks		37 infrared thermometers.
	250 infection-controlled pillows and mattresses		8 food and medical trolleys
	15,520 respiratory masks (FFP2)		71 face shields
	10,700 disposable isolation gowns		



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