

YEMEN

THE ICRC'S COVID-19 RESPONSE

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QUARANTINE FACILITIES



These are facilities that have been set up by the authorities to quarantine people who have crossed borders. People remain in quarantine for a set period of time to determine if they present with COVID-19 symptoms.



We have made three major donations of emergency health materials, each containing thousands of medicines and items of medical equipment.



We are supporting al-Hadiqa area in Sa'ada, where migrants are being quarantined, with food, cleaning materials and restoring family links services.



We are supporting the Yemen Red Crescent Society to distribute food, mattresses, personal hygiene items and cleaning and waste management products to quarantine facilities across the country.



In seven quarantine facilities, we have provided personal hygiene items for **4,000** people, **160** sets of personal protective equipment (PPE) for non-medical staff and 16 motorized 100-litre disinfectant sprayers.



In **11** quarantine facilities, we have provided **7** water tanks, **35** water filters, **12** tents and **7** solar-powered light sets. The light sets come complete with a battery, inverter, wires and lights.

ISOLATION CENTRES



These are centres that have been identified or set up by the authorities to isolate and care for COVID-19 patients and to reduce the spread of the virus.



The ICRC supported **2** isolation centers in Hodeida city with cleaning materials and daily meals for one of them in addition to medical supplies.

Oxygen stations were set up, existing ones were maintained, and oxygen cylinders were donated to several isolation facilities in the country.



We have provided the Al Amal isolation centre in Aden with a **250** kVa generator, **30** patient lockers, **30** mattresses, **60** sheets, **30** blankets, and hygiene items. Daily meals were also distributed to Al Amal and Al jumhuriya isolation centers.

HEALTH-CARE FACILITIES



The ICRC has provided PPE and medical supplies to health-care facilities.

We have provided **29,400** pairs of examination gloves and **2,500** surgical gowns to **502** staff working in ICRC-supported health-care facilities in Sana'a, Marib, al-Mahweet and al-Baydah governorates.

We have provided gloves, face masks and gowns to protect staff working in health-care facilities in Sa'ada, Amran and Qutai and in the dialysis centres in Hajja and Hodeida. We have also provided hygiene products and disinfectant to keep the premises clean.

The ICRC has provided infrastructure support to health-care facilities



We have erected a tent at the entrance of Al Talh Hospital in Sa'ada to reduce the number of people entering the hospital. Two tents will also be used as isolation wards for suspected cases.



We have also installed handwashing stations inside the hospital.



We have installed handwashing stations at the entrance of each hospital department at Bajil Hospital in Hodeida.

We have provided two tents to Al Jomhour Hospital and two tents to 22nd May Hospital in Aden. The tents are used to screen and triage patients for COVID-19 and reduce the number of patients entering the hospitals. We have also installed handwashing stations.



We have carried out a range of activities in ICRC-supported health-care facilities in Aden and surrounding governorates, such as setting up triage areas for COVID-19 screening, installing handwashing points, and providing medical supplies and floor tape to mark social distances.

Water and habitat



Please note that these are not specific COVID-19 activities, but they have had an impact on the response to the COVID-19 pandemic.



We have provided and installed an oxygen station at Al Kuweit Hospital, with **25** oxygen cylinders.



We have provided **80** oxygen cylinders to **48** Military Hospital in Sana'a.



We have provided **4,000** chlorine tablets to Bajil Hospital, enough to disinfect water for up to three months.



We have built two additional wards and upgraded operating theatres, as well as water and sanitation infrastructure at Al Talh Hospital in Sa'ada.



We are doubling the bed capacity at Al Talh Hospital from **40** to **80** beds.



We have provided spare parts and materials for the power plant at Mareb Military Hospital in order to power laboratories, operating theatres, the water supply system and other services.

Providing information and training



We have distributed over **300** posters to ICRC-supported health-care facilities in Sana'a and al-Bayda governorates. The posters explain how to wash hands properly and recognize COVID-19 symptoms.



We have provided training on how to use PPE, manage suspected cases and disinfect the premises at the ICRC-supported health-care facilities in Sana'a and al-Bayda governorates.



We have provided training on how to use PPE, manage suspected cases and disinfect the premises at the ICRC-supported primary health-care centres in Sa'ada and Amran and the dialysis centre in Hajja.



We have provided training on how to use PPE and COVID-19 prevention measures and their implementation at Al Talh Hospital in Sa'ada.



We have worked with the management team at Al Talh Hospital to separate wounded patients from those presenting with COVID-19 symptoms.



We have emphasized the correct use of PPE with cleaning staff at Bajil Hospital and explained how to disinfect the hospital and maintain high standards of hygiene.



We have trained staff at the public health and population ministry in Bajil on preparedness and prevention measures related to COVID-19.



We have held information sessions for staff on COVID-19 prevention measures and how to manage suspected cases at the Ras Alaral primary health-care centre in Lahj and at the Sana'a field primary health-care centre in al-Dhalea.

Water and habitat: Access to water in communities



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We are providing local water corporations with consumables and spare generator parts to operate **19** boreholes and two pumping stations in Taiz, as well as more than **22** other generators in other governorates.

INFECTION CONTROL IN DETENTION CENTRES

Preventive measures



We have held discussions with the detaining authorities in ten places of detention so far, reviewing the prevention measures already in place, making further recommendations and sharing best practice to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 spreading, while maintaining essential services and safeguards.

Hygiene and cleaning



We have provided personal hygiene items to detainees, and cleaning materials and waste management products to the authorities.

- We have provided prison staff with PPE and installed handwashing stations to maintain high standards of hygiene for staff and detainees. This took place in **51** places of detention in Hodeida, Raymah, Sana'a, Amanat al-Asima, Ibb, al-Baydha, Taiz, Mareb, al-Jawf, Sa'ada, Hajja, Lahj, Abyan, al-Dhalea and Aden.

Providing information and raising awareness



We have carried out awareness sessions on COVID-19 prevention measures in detention centres for prison staff and detainees. We have provided posters, flyers and announcements, the latter being played on megaphones inside **51** detention centres in Hodeida, Raymah, Sana'a, Amanat al-Asima, Ibb, al-Baydha, Taiz, Mareb, al-Jawf, Sa'ada, Hajja, Lahj, Abyan, al-Dhalea and Aden.



We spread awareness message on COVID-19 during the waiting period and non working hours on the Community Call Center (CCC) number to raise callers' knowledge on how to protect themselves from COVID-19.



We have designed and printed out board games dedicated for kids in order to raise their awareness on how to protect themselves from COVID-19.

Health care



We have provided medical supplies to 29 detention centres in Hodeida, Raymah, Sana'a, Amanat al-Asima, Ibb, al-Baydha, Taiz, Sa'ada, Hajja, Lahj, Abyan, al-Dhalea and Aden.

PARTNERING WITH THE YEMEN RED CRESCENT SOCIETY

Support to quarantine facilities



In addition to the headquarters of the Yemen Red Crescent Society, **19** branches out of **22** have been involved in the response to the pandemic. They have distributed food and hygiene items to quarantine facilities, and raised awareness of the virus in communities.

- Some **760** Red Crescent volunteers have been assigned to COVID-19 emergency response teams at branch level, with **60** volunteers in each branch.
- We selected a number quarantine centres to receive support in Sana'a and its governorate, as well as in Hodeida, Dhammar, Raymah, Sa'ada and Taiz. We have distributed food, mattresses, cleaning materials, blankets, solar batteries and hygiene kits. The distributions were carried out by the Red Crescent, together with the ICRC, German Red Cross, Danish Red Cross and International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC).

Providing information and raising awareness



We have held workshops on COVID-19 prevention measures for Red Crescent staff from the disaster management unit in Sa'ada now working in quarantine facilities.

We have trained Red Crescent volunteers in COVID-19 prevention measures so they can raise awareness among their own communities.

We have supported the Red Crescent in producing radio spots, as well as posters with prevention information and measures for distribution among communities.

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Water and habitat: Clean water and improved infrastructure



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- We have improved conditions for **4,900** detainees in two detention centres with handwashing stations, upgraded sewage systems and provided hygiene items.
- We have improved conditions for **3,700** detainees in two detention centres by upgrading two kitchens and providing kitchen equipment.



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