

## NAIROBI REGIONAL DELEGATION

## FACTS &amp; FIGURES

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## ICRC REGIONAL DELEGATION RESPONSE TO COVID-19 AND OTHER OPERATIONS IN KENYA, TANZANIA AND DJIBOUTI

With the onset of the COVID-19 crisis mid-March, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) adjusted its ongoing humanitarian response and support in the region. Working in partnership with the national societies, we developed a new multi-disciplinary operational response to support prisons,

and the National societies response to the pandemic. In the second half of 2020, our regular operations continued, whilst observing health protocols all around. The information contained in this bulletin is an overview of our operations focusing on COVID-19 support and our regular operations.

## 2. KENYA



### 2.1 INFECTION PREVENTION CONTROL IN PRISONS.

Monitoring visits continued to the most affected prisons. More than **75** prisons have so far been visited by ICRC/KRCS teams with the cooperation of Kenya Prisons Service (KPS).

#### Policy recommendations



High level dialogue and engagement with authorities focused on Covid-19 health policies for prison set-up, decongestion measures and impact of C19 restrictive measures on the daily life on inmates. On

multilateral engagements, ICRC's Africa Director General, Patrick Youssef, met with Kenya's Interior Minister Dr. Fred Matiangi to discuss among other things, our continued response to prisons.



#### Infrastructure: setting up of screening and quarantine sections

Following a donation of construction material in the first half of 2020, we followed up with a targeted support towards **50** priority quarantine areas with building material and technical advice. **1,600** mattresses and materials for fabrication of **800** bunk beds were also supplied to KPS for the designated



quarantine facilities. Basic signage and furnishings for quarantine and Isolation units (tables, chairs and disposal bins) were provided for **3** prisons, PPEs supplied to **2** prisons with high number of COVID-19 cases. To improve ventilation in prisons and reduce the risks of airborne disease transmissions in the crowded prisons, **500** ventilators were procured, and are being installed in **47** priority prisons. **100** pulse oximeters were given to KPS for distribution to priority prisons in the region.



To improve water supply in Nairobi Remand, preliminary and detailed designs for rehabilitation of the water supply system have been finalized and procurement has commenced.

### Restoring Family Links in Prison

The phone contact service offered by the KRCS with the support of ICRC continued in **128** prisons. The service is an alternative to suspended family and consular visits. So far, over **120,000** successful calls have been made by the detainees to their families in the last 8 months.



### Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS)

Access to KRCS' MHPSS 1199 toll free line for all prisoners and KPS staff continued to the end of the year.

## 2.2 OTHER SUPPORT



### Support to KRCS COVID-19 Response

Support to KRCS' community engagement program to enable them air radio spots on **3** community radio stations carrying COVID-19 prevention key messages after Government restrictions were eased and schools partially reopened in the country.

## 2.3 ENSURING OPERATIONAL CONTINUITY



### Restoring Family links (RFL) for refugees:

Ongoing support to KRCS family contact services in Dadaab and Kakuma refugee camps while following COVID-19 protocols to mitigate exposure to RFL staff and volunteers. **22,320** successful

phone calls made so far although this is a significant drop compared to last year due to Covid-19 pandemic and low turnout of beneficiaries. KRCS and ICRC participated in the first Africa RFL virtual meeting in November.



### Response to communities most urgent needs and helping to build resilience by continued Ecosec activities in Lamu and Garissa counties:

The ICRC carried out a monitoring exercise to better understand the economic impact of Covid-19 on ICRC beneficiaries in Kenya. The findings were instrumental in changing the mode of support to those affected to what would be most beneficial to them.

In Garissa County, we provided agricultural support in the form of seeds, tools, pesticides and safety gear to **250** HHs in **4** villages. In Lamu County tractor ploughing, pesticides and safety gear was availed to **75** HHs in **3** villages. Overall, the ICRC trained **60** lead farmers who are now equipped to technically support their communities. **250** farmers in **4** villages of Garissa County also received basic training on good farming practices.



Distribution of seeds and tools in Garissa to help enhance economic security of farmers



### Income support

Support to access to income for more than **380** households in Lamu and Garissa Counties, mostly beekeepers

and fishermen, by availing production inputs. This support was complemented by the provision of **26** solar freezers to store the fish and meat produced. **260** fishermen in **8** villages of Lamu County also went through an entrepreneurship training.

To improve the knowledge of and access to savings, the ICRC has trained **33** Village Savings & Loan Associations (VSLAs) consisting of more than **520** households in **11** villages of Lamu and Garissa Counties. **53** youth who benefitted from a Vocational Training in 2019 received some tools and equipment to help them in their new income-generating activities.



#### Relief

**1'200** vulnerable households from Garissa County who were affected by the floods, locusts invasion and Covid-19 received an unconditional cash grant of **15'000** KES as a one-off assistance.



#### Dissemination messages on Nutrition and Hygiene

More than **1'500** households in Lamu and Garissa Counties have been sensitized on the basics of nutrition and hygiene through key messages disseminated during the various field activities.



#### Promote Knowledge and Respect of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and International Human Rights Law: Academic Circles

**42** students from **19** universities across the Eastern Africa region participated in a regional IHL essay competition. **60** students from Pioneer University undertaking studies in international relations benefitted from an IHL lecture on the modern challenges facing IHL. More than **215** alumni of the moot court competition participated in an online survey that aims to measure the impact of IHL competitions.

More than **12** publications in peer reviewed journals/books or book chapters have been received at the end of November for the African IHL Prize. Latest editions of the International Review of the Red Cross were distributed



to more than **10** universities in Kenya and Tanzania.

#### Authorities

A series of IHL dissemination sessions were held at various KDF training institutions to **183** participants. **850** KDF AMISOM X troops participated in a field IHL training session prior to their deployment to Somalia with role-play facilitated by ICRC Protection colleagues from Somalia within relevant field training exercises. A representative from KDF participated in the 4th virtual AU-ICRC Roundtable on Operationalization of the Obligation to Ensure Respect for International Humanitarian Law. Equally, **2** senior officers from KDF took part in a virtual discussion on Urban Warfare to validate aspects of the Urban Warfare study prior to the production of a 'commanders handbook'.



## 2.4 REGIONAL OPERATIONS

#### Nairobi Logistics Support Centre

Purchased **1.3** million CHF (**156** million Kshs) worth of goods from **282** suppliers in Kenya. Shipped **2,967** Metric ton of medical, relief goods, food and non-food items to **44** countries, with a total value of **9.475** million CHF (**1137** million Kshs). Transported **2000** Metric Ton of relief items by road.

In the last quarter of 2020, the Logistics Support Center has been supporting the operation in Ethiopia by providing **3** trucks and trailers moving to Ethiopia for **3** months dispatching medical and relief items via Moyale.



#### The Learning and Development Unit

Facilitated **12** management courses for **177** entry and senior level managers from the Africa region. Held **1** Pilot Security Awareness and Field Experiences (SAFE 2) course for **13** staff from Nigeria. Conducted a Working at the ICRC course for **118** staff as well as the Staff Integration Pilot course (digitally) for **16** staff from delegations across Africa which was launched towards the end of the year. **49** participants from the regional support teams took part in **4** ad hoc training courses.

# DJIBOUTI

## COVID-19 INTERVENTION

### GABODE PRISON

#### Infection and prevention control



The ICRC Supported authorities in Gabode Prison to formulate COVID-19 Health Protocols and implement practical measures to prevent and limit the spread of COVID-19 among prisoners and prisons staff. Staff were trained on IPC measures and material provided (cleaning and disinfecting equipment, touchless thermometers) and PPE's to maintain personal hygiene and clean common areas.



#### RFL in detention:

Since September 2020, **484** phone calls have been provided to inmates in Gabode prison of Djibouti. This number is composed of foreign inmates (**182**) and local inmates (**302**) not visited by their families due to COVID-19. Prison authorities were also informed that DRCS will continue providing the RFL service in Gabode for next year.

### Policy recommendations

Video on IHL and Islamic law was shared with the High Islamic Council of Djibouti and members of the IHL Council of Djibouti.



#### Family links for Refugees and Migrants.

Ongoing support to DRCS RFL services to refugees and migrants. Setting up of washing stations outside RFL offices and tents, distribution of PPE materials (masks and gloves) for volunteers. Provision of RFL phone call services following COVID19 safe Protocols.



#### OPERATIONAL CONTINUITY:

**40** police officers were trained on ICRC and its universal principles at the police Academy of Nagad.

**1** FAD officer attended to the virtual AU-ICRC 4th edition on the common article while **2** officers (**1** Police and **1** GND) have been nominated to participate in the Kinshasa crowd management workshop planned on October 2021.

# TANZANIA



#### Maintaining Family contacts for the Refugees:

Reunited **82** individuals cross border FR to Burundi, and **42** individuals in intercamp reunification as of November 2020. Ongoing support to TRCS RFL services in all refugee camps, with phone services, RCMs, tracing and family reunification, both intercamp and cross border. To ensure safe humanitarian service, PPE and Hygiene kits will again be donated for use by TRCS staff & volunteers and Covid-19 protocols developed for safe phone calls while offering family contact service. Development of e-follow-up service and RFL hotline.



#### Physical Rehabilitation Program (PRP)

**52** persons with physical disabilities at Comprehensive Community Based Rehabilitation in Tanzania (CCBRT) benefited from the 'patient welfare fund' which aims to support the most vulnerable users in need of devices. 10 leaders from sports associations of persons with disabilities benefited from a Career Development Program (CDP) training at CCBRT. Support was made to Tanzania Training Centre for Orthopaedic Technologies for the purchase of field attachment materials to the school that focuses on prosthesis devices.

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