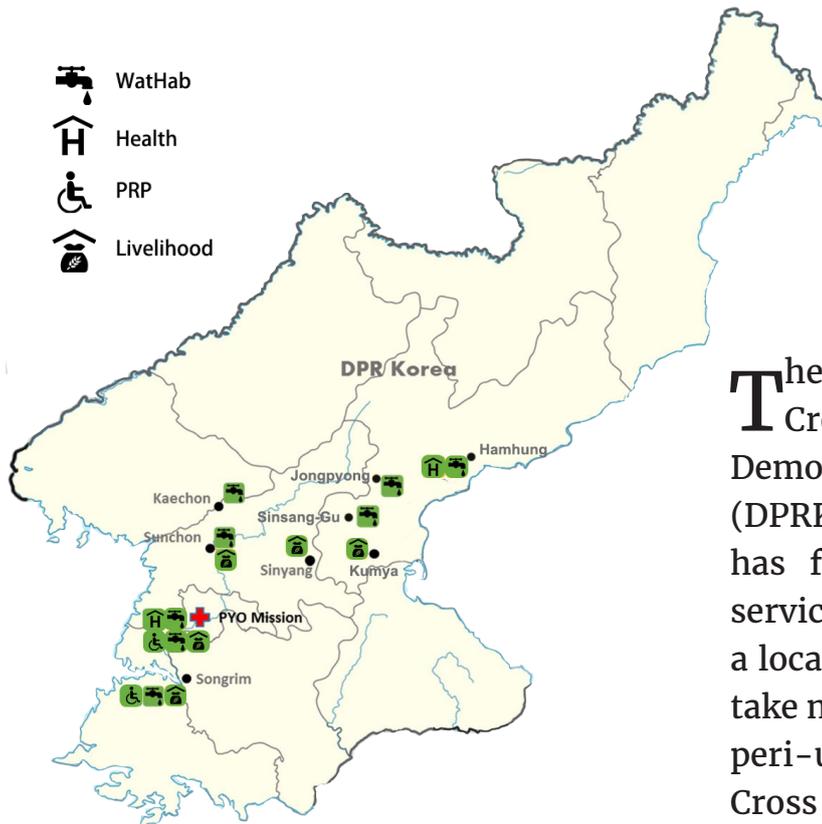


ACTIVITIES OF THE ICRC IN THE DPRK

DECEMBER/2020



The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) has been present in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) since 2002. The core of our work has focused on physical rehabilitation services in two centres. We also support a local hospital's emergency department, take measures to improve water supply in peri-urban areas and assist the DPRK Red Cross Society in their capacity-building.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and strict preventive measures imposed by authorities during 2020, majority of our programmes have been put on hold. A reduced presence of ICRC international staff in the country has been an additional factor. Circumstances permitted, we remain ready to resume our activities in the DPRK in their full scope.

PHYSICAL REHABILITATION PROGRAMME (PRP)


3,000
PATIENTS PER YEAR

The ICRC supports two physical rehabilitation centres – Songrim and Rakrang – by providing technical expertise, material and infrastructure assistance.

Objective

To provide free and quality physical rehabilitation services to people with disabilities and promote their integration into society.

Project progress

The two centres continued to provide treatment services and produce appliances, but in reduced numbers due to low stock.

January - September¹ : 1,566 persons received treatment; 3,127 services (e.g. repair, maintenance, physiotherapy) were provided.

1. In the same period in 2019, 2,295 persons received 6,790 services.

HEALTH



18,000

PATIENTS PER YEAR

The support extended to the emergency department of Pyongyang Medical College Hospital (PMCH) aims to improve the delivery of emergency medical care by creating a functional prototype with skillful staff and in line with international standards.

Objective

To strengthen and sustain the hospital's capacity in delivering emergency services. The long-term vision is to provide a model that the Ministry of Public Health can replicate in similar setups in the country.

Project progress

In July: Medical equipment provided to PMCH emergency department.

October-November: The ICRC provided handbooks on emergency care and technical guidelines.

LIVELIHOOD PROJECT



7,300

PERSONS

The ICRC provides support on addressing soil fertility, livestock production, reduction of post-harvest losses in South Hamgyong and South Pyongan provinces and constructing greenhouses at the PRP centres.

Objective

To help vulnerable populations affected by economic sanctions and natural disasters to increase their food production and consumption.

Project progress

The greenhouse at the Songrim PRP became operational in January 2020.

Other activities on hold since February 2020.

COOPERATION WITH DPRK RED CROSS SOCIETY



Support

The ICRC supports the DPRK Red Cross Society (RCS), notably for the development of its disaster preparedness and emergency response capacity.

Objective

To help DRPK RCS further strengthen its capacity to effectively and safely deliver a principled humanitarian response and improve the facilities of selected branches.

Project progress

The ICRC supported the DPRK RCS in the maintenance of disaster preparedness warehouses and the emergency deployment material.

In response to COVID-19, the ICRC contributed to the IFRC COVID appeal (100k Swiss francs).

Other capacity-building programmes are on hold.

WATER AND HABITAT PROJECT



123,750

PERSONS

Four water supply projects were launched in 2018 and 2019 in peri-urban areas in South Hamgyong and South Pyongan provinces.

Objective

To help local communities construct and upgrade water supply and distribution networks; to ensure they have sustainable access to clean water.

Project progress

Sunchon Saedok Dong water-supply system project has been completed. The other three are in different phases of completion. At the end of January 2020, projects in:

-Kaecheon City: 70% finished

-Jongpyong Eup Town: 90% finished

-Sinsang-Gu: 50% finished

Projects on hold since Feb 2020.

26,311

PERSONS

Renovations have been carried out at Pyongyang Medical College Hospital, South Hamgyong Provincial Hospital, Songrim and Rakrang PRP centres.

Objective

Upgraded infrastructure will enable public facilities to run more effectively and provide people with up-to-standard services.

Project progress

Major renovations, including constructing roads and pavements at the Songrim centre, were carried out in 2019.

Remaining renovations on hold since February 2020.



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