

SYRIA

# FACTS AND FIGURES

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## HEALTHCARE FOR THE SICK AND WOUNDED

Over **545,590** people had access to healthcare services through ICRC support to the SARC health facilities, including **14** polyclinics and **16** mobile health units, in addition to health support to clinics of health departments in terms of diabetes and leishmaniases treatment in **25** facilities across the country.

**45,000** wounded and sick persons benefited from the medical supplies provided to **15** hospitals.

Over **9,530** wounded and sick persons benefited from the services provided at the ICRC/SARC field hospital in Al Hol camp.

Medical equipment was donated to the Ministry of Health to support the COVID-19 pandemic response.

**30** workshops were conducted on COVID-19 response and preventive measures, for nearly **700** clinical staff of the Ministry of Health, health promoters, volunteers and authorities.

Over **1,380** persons benefited from physical rehabilitation aid to help restore their mobility.

More than **127,535** wounded and sick persons benefited from the emergency transport by SARC ambulances, supported by ICRC.

Nearly **720** people benefited from ICRC mental health and psycho-social services.

Around **20,685** detainees benefited from a healthcare in detention program inside **10** central prisons.

In response to Covid-19, over **8,000** specialized doctors, resident doctors and nurses benefited from personal protective equipment provided to **16** hospitals, two Directorates of Health and the Ministry of Health



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## PROMOTING HUMAN DIGNITY AND RECONNECTING FAMILIES

Over **9,700** oral greetings and Red Cross Messages were exchanged between individuals separated from their families and their loved ones.

More than **700** cases were opened by families to trace persons unaccounted for.

Some **36** visits to detention places were conducted by the ICRC.

Health and hygiene technical and material assistance was provided to **11** central prisons to help prevent the spreading of COVID-19.

Winter assistance was distributed in **11** central prisons supporting efforts to ensure access to basic necessities for dignified living conditions of the detainees.

Two forensic anthropology standard setting workshops were conducted with the General Commission of Forensic Medicine.

Five workshops on Management of the Dead in the context of COVID-19 were conducted for **110** participants representing the Ministry of Health Emergency Department, the General Commission of Forensic Medicine (GCFM), the Syrian Arab Red Crescent and the Burial Office.

Support for the organization of the 1<sup>st</sup> GCFM scientific conference, which brought together around **45** forensic doctors from all across the country to discuss current challenges and the future of the commission.

Donation of disinfection materials and PPE to GCFM including bottles of bleach, infectious tags & stickers, transparent evidence bags, cable ties, overalls, masks, gloves, safety glasses and body bags as a COVID-19 specific emergency response.

Initiated the rehabilitation project of Forensic Services in Aleppo, involving the complete refurbishing of the facility and forensic material support.

Issued **12** public communiques on the humanitarian situation including news releases and articles.

Produced more than **30** audio-visual materials published on various ICRC social media platforms.

Conducted more than **420** dissemination sessions across the country to increase knowledge of ICRC and its mandate and activities for **8,400** conflict affected people.

Organized three media workshops on the role of the media in times of pandemic and disasters, for around **60** local journalists in Damascus, Aleppo and Homs, in addition to a roundtable with around **15** journalists in Hassakeh.

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## RAISING AWARENESS AND PROMOTING SAFER BEHAVIOR IN WEAPON CONTAMINATED AREAS

Around **125,000** conflict affected people in **10** governorates attended sessions on risks related to mines and other explosive remnants of war given by the SARC risk education teams, who were trained and supported by the ICRC.

Around **61,950** individuals received brochures on risks related to mines and explosive remnants of war.

**30** casualties of mine/explosive remnants of war were referred to the ICRC/SARC physical rehabilitation program by SARC Risk Education teams.

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## RESTORING LIVELIHOOD

About **9,000** people, including returnees, displaced families, women-headed households and people with disabilities, received support to initiate a small business in eight governorates.

Over **250,000** people benefited from ICRC and SARC distribution of cereal seeds and fertilizers in ten governorates.

Over **30,000** families in ten governorates benefited from local livelihood initiatives, such as the distribution of sheep, fodder, fishing tools, fertilizers, agricultural tools and poultry.

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## FOOD AND DAILY ESSENTIALS

About **3 MILLION** people in **11** governorates received food.

Over **1.2 MILLION** people in nine governorates out of **14**, received essential household items, including blankets, mattresses and hygiene kits.

Around **50,000** students received school kits in eight governorates.

Nearly **45,000** people received winter clothes in nine governorates.

Over **1.3 MILLION** people in **13** governorates received adapted hygiene kits as a response to help them preventing the spread of COVID-19.



## ENSURING ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER AND IMPROVING LIVING CONDITIONS

More than **16** million people benefited from different water and habitat interventions across the country as follows:

**13.5** million people benefited from a disinfection program to ensure safe drinking water in Homs, Hama, Aleppo, Tartous, Latakia, Sweida, Deir Ezzor, Al-Hassakeh, Damascus, and Rural Damascus governorates.

More than **568,000** people received water delivered by trucks in Aleppo, Rural Damascus, and Al-Hassakeh.

Some **72** water facilities across the country were rehabilitated and upgraded by providing power transformers, pumps and generators.

**168,000** displaced people benefited from renovations and upgrading of housing and water sanitation facilities in **87** collective shelters throughout the country.

**18** hospitals and health points and one physical rehabilitation center had their infrastructure improved.

Around **650,000** people benefited from the infrastructure support to **13** public bakeries in terms of supply of production line, rehabilitation works, and power.

In response to COVID-19, around **290** tons of chlorine were delivered to the Syrian Arab Red Crescent (SARC) and used in disinfection campaigns of public utilities. In addition, COVID-19 preventive personnel equipment (PPE), personal disinfection materials and other disinfection materials were provided to the SARC.

Access to Education: the water, sanitation and hygiene facilities of **242** schools in Aleppo governorate were rehabilitated, and **50** schools in Daraa governorate were fully rehabilitated.





## STRUCTURAL SUPPORT

Under the ICRC structural support to the Ministry of Agriculture and Agrarian Reform, two caplet machines were donated to the fodder factory of the General Organization for Fodder. The factory secures feed supplies to livestock keepers at national level.

Provided a set of equipment to boost capacity of the Directorate of Animal Health in terms of storing and transporting veterinary vaccines.

Provision of insecticide to implement a vector control campaign in six governorates.

Provided the Directorate of Livestock Projects with **200** tons of fodder seed to improve the capacity of the ministry's fodder seed revolving fund.

In coordination with the Ministry of Internal Trade and Consumer Protection, new bread production lines were installed in four bakeries producing subsidized bread in Daraa, Raqqa, Tartous and Latakia governorates, benefiting about **330,000** individuals from the most vulnerable communities. In addition, two new mixer sets were delivered to Aleppo bakeries and new electric generators were delivered to seven bakeries in Hama, Tartous, Daraa, Rural Damascus and Damascus.



## PROMOTING AWARENESS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF IHL

A seminar on contemporary issues related to IHL was conducted for **36** representatives of ministries that are constituent members of the Syrian National Commission for International Humanitarian Law (SNCIHL) as well as the Ministries of Health and Information.

An advanced IHL workshop was organized for **27** volunteers of the Syrian Arab Red Crescent (SARC) who were trained on basics of IHL in 2019, which was followed by a Training of Trainers course for **24** of the same volunteers to build their capacity to become trainers in basic IHL.

Sponsored the participation of two diplomats from the Syrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates to the 24<sup>th</sup> Course on IHL for Senior Humanitarian Practitioners and Policy-Makers organized online by the ICRC.

Facilitated the participation of seven Syrian diplomats from the Syrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates to the online course "International Humanitarian Law for Diplomats" which was organized jointly by the ICRC and New York University.

Sponsored two participants from SARC to attend the 20<sup>th</sup> Summer Course on IHL held online by the International Institute for Humanitarian Law in Sanremo, Italy.

A workshop was conducted for **20** officers from the Ministry of Defense on integration of IHL.

Supported Master's level students in their research relating to IHL by providing relevant IHL resources.

Provided a selection of IHL publications to the library of the National Institute for Diplomats, SARC (all branches and HQ), and a group of lawyers from the Syrian Bar Association.

Permanently present in Syria since 1967, the ICRC is a neutral, impartial, and independent organization with an exclusively humanitarian mission. The ICRC works closely with and supports the Syrian Arab Red Crescent (SARC) to meet food, water, and health needs of people affected by the fighting and to help them start re-building their lives. The ICRC and SARC work together to raise awareness about the risks posed by mines and other explosive remnants. The ICRC works to restore links between families who have been separated by the conflict and migration, visits a number of prisons, and promotes respect for international humanitarian law. The ICRC also provides advice and support to local authorities and forensics practitioners in managing human remains with respect and dignity. The ICRC's operation in Syria is its largest in the world, with over 700 staff working in its offices in Damascus, Aleppo, Hama, Hassakeh, Homs and Tartous.

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