

ETHIOPIA

FACTS AND FIGURES

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The ICRC is present in Ethiopia since the beginning of the 1977 Ethio-Somalia armed conflict. Its current main activity is to help people in the country affected by armed conflict and other situations of violence. In the 2021 first half year, ICRC's humanitarian activities mainly focused on response to humanitarian crisis caused by the fighting in northern Ethiopia with a focus on Tigray region and on community needs due to inter-communal clashes in other parts of the country. The following are the major humanitarian activities undertaken from January to June 2021.



HEALTH

From January to June 2021, the ICRC:



- Provided basic medical supplies, emergency weapon-wounded kits and PPEs to **32** primary health care units and **24** hospitals in different regions with the objective of enhancing their emergency response capacity and COVID-19 prevention and control measures. The supplies will help treat **1,400** critically or **4,300** moderately wounded people, and **50,900** other patients.
- Supported Shire General Hospital with the supply of oxygen (**75** cylinders per month) to be used during emergencies at the hospital.
- Provided technical and material support to Sehul Shire General Hospital to enhance its emergency response.
- Conducted a four-day training on basic counselling skills to health staff in shire, Tigray region.
- Supported six primary health care centers in Husse, Chinaksen, Tuliguled, Meyu, Inango and Guliso districts in Oromia and Somali regions with monthly technical support, provision of medical supplies and basic post-delivery maternal and hygienic material supplies benefiting over **1,850** mothers who delivered their babies in the centers.



- Assisted **11** Ethiopian Red Cross Society (ERCS) branches in Tigray, Oromia, Amhara, Dire Dawa, Harari and Somali regions with the supply of **1,300** First-Aid kits enabling them to resume their ambulance services.



- Organized a training on management of the dead in which **28** Red Cross staff, volunteers and members of the police participated.
- Supported **six** One Stop Centers for survivors of sexual violence in Tigray with essential materials, including dignity kits.



ECONOMIC SECURITY

From January to June 2021, the ICRC, in partnership with ERCS:



- Supported **16,139** households affected by the fighting in Tigray region with teff and sorghum seeds as well as fertilizers which benefited **96,834** family members.
- Distributed essential household items to more than **79,860** displaced people sheltered in Shire, Axum, Adwa, Adigrat and Mekelle IDP sites.



- Distributed either maize and sorghum or haricot bean or wheat and sorghum to **10,000** violence-affected households (**60,000** individuals) living in Chinaksen, Babile and Harolimu districts in Oromia region.
- Supplied wheat and sorghum or wheat and sorghum seeds to **5,000** families affected by intercommunal conflicts in Tuliguled district, Somali Region benefitting **30,000** family members.



- Granted a **2,000-Birr** cash assistance to each **12,500** violence-affected households (**75,000** individuals) living in Tuliguled district (Somali region), Chinaksen and Babile districts (Oromia region) to help them prepare their farms lands.



- Supported the vaccination of **685,983** domestic animals (belonging to violence-affected semi-pastoral households) against three animal diseases in Meyu and Qubi districts, Somali Region, and Meyu and Kumbi districts in Oromia region.



- Supported **4,592 (27,552)** households displaced by recent ethnic violence in Oromia Special Zone, Ataye, Shewa Robit and Mehal Meda localities in North Shoa Zone in Amhara Region and Lalo Assabi district in Oromia region with cash assistance.
- Provided cash assistance to **178** people wounded during the fighting in Tigray region.



WATER AND HABITAT

From January to June 2021, the ICRC:



- Distributed drinking water on daily basis to **21,700** displaced people sheltered in IDP sites in Axum, Adwa and Shire towns in the Tigray region by installing water tankers in the areas.
- In partnership with ERCS, supplied water to **22,800** (per day) displaced people sheltered in the same towns using tanker trucks.
- Donated **37.5** tons of water treatments chemicals to water plants in Mekelle, Axum, and Adigrat towns benefiting over **1.3** million affected people.



Red Cross staff distributing water to people affected by the fighting in Mekelle, Tigray region using tanker trucks, 2021.



- Rehabilitated **30** water hand pumps in Indris, Zerbabit and Adherdi localities helping more than **90,000** people affected by the fighting in northern Ethiopia to have access to water supply.
- Provided two generator batteries and **135** jerricans of bleach to Humera Hospital enabling the affected communities to have access to better health services.
- Donated a generator battery to Maikadra Health Center helping affected communities to have access to health services. The ICRC also donated two generator batteries for Maikadra water utility enabling about **45,000** affected people to get access to water. Moreover, it also gave a generator and water tank to Dansha health center.
- Installed a **100**-cubic water tanker and connected it with pipelines serving four villages in Ode Santalle in Gursum district, Oromia Region benefitting **5,500** displaced and host communities from improved water supply services.
- Completed a borehole in Roggie, Meyu district, Oromia Region benefitting **51,000** people from displaced and host communities with water supply services.
- Built two water supply systems in Burqa and Awjabur localities in Babile district, Somali Region, enabling more than **26,800** violence-affected people and host communities to have access to better water supply services. Finalized the construction of a water irrigation project in Gabo-gabo locality in Tuliguled district benefitting **1,800** violence-affected persons.



PLACES OF DETENTION

From January to June 2021, the ICRC:



- Visited **17,919** detainees and followed up **348** detainees individually in **32** places of detention across the country.
- Provided assistance, including hygienic materials, cloths, blankets and recreational items, to **27** places of detention in different regions benefitting **15,222** detainees.
- Enabled **7,103** detainees in **7** places of detention to have better access to water and sanitation services through construction/maintenance works.
- Helped **763** detainees restore/ maintain contacts with their families through the provision of mobile phone and airtime service.
- Distributed over **30,900** bars of soap and **10** hand washing stations to **27** places of detention accommodating over **15,222** detainees in all regions.
- Organized **two** trainings on prison management for **68** prison management staff drawn from Southern Ethiopia and Amhara region prison commissions.
- Finalized the construction of a water supply and sanitation system in Gimbi prison (Oromia region) benefitting **1,500** detainees.
- Donated mobility devices (elbow crutches, stretchers and wheelchairs) to Kaliti prison clinic and admission ward benefitting **2,142** detainees.
- Conducted a 4-day seminar focusing on health care provision in places of detention for **21** senior prison health and security staff drawn from **6** regional and federal prison commissions.
- Provided hygienic items and clothes to **57** mentally ill persons, pregnant women, and accompanying children in Debre Birhan, Gondar and Kemise prisons with an intention of maintaining the dignity of vulnerable detainees.



- Donated medical supplies to Daleti, Gondar and Kemise prisons enabling about **5,000** detainees to have access to health services.
- Supplied personal protection equipment (PPEs) to Hawassa and Assosa prisons as well as infection prevention materials to Kadamay Wayane and Kafta Humera police stations to help them contain the spread of infectious diseases, including coronavirus, benefitting about **3,500** detainees.



SEPARATED FAMILIES

From January to June 2021, the ICRC:



- Provided, together with ERCS, food and non-food items to 31,848 returnees staying in quarantine centers in Addis Ababa.
- Enabled 22,123 returnees to call their loved ones upon their arrival in Ethiopia through the provision of free phone call service.



ICRC provide phone services to a woman to call her loved ones, Mekelle, Tigray region, 2021.



- Provided, together with ERCS, **46,491** free phone calls to refugees who could exchange family news with their relatives in their countries.
- Collected and received new tracing requests from people looking for **487** missing family members in Ethiopia and abroad and located **55** sought persons.
- In close cooperation with ERCS, exchanged **10,90** Red Cross Messages (RCMs) between family members dispersed by conflict or violence.



PEOPLE WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES (PWDs)

From January to June 2021, the ICRC:

- Enabled **4,636** PWDs to have access to physical rehabilitation services in **11** ICRC- supported physical rehabilitation centers (PRCs).
- Provided comprehensive physical rehabilitation services, including mobility devices, wheelchairs, crutches, compensation shoes, prosthesis and orthotics for **37** detainees.



PWDs expressing over their championships of 6th National wheelchair basketball tournament, Bahir Dar, north Ethiopia, 2021.



- Provided a two-week training for **5** assistant physiotherapists on basic physical rehabilitation services.
- Facilitated convening of the 6th National Wheelchair Basketball Tournament in Bahir Dar city in which **12** female and male teams representing **six** regions took part.



PREVENTION/COMMUNICATION

From January to June 2021, the ICRC: cases



- Provided trainings on basics of IHL for **200** military officers of the Ethiopian National Defence Forces (ENDF) who were on duty in Southern Tigray Zone and to **53** other army officers from the 22nd Division stationed in Asossa, western Ethiopia.



- Organized a training on basics of IHL for 40 military court officers drawn from four Commands of the ENDF.



- Provided training on IHL rules applicable to naval and cyber warfare for **50** army officers from different commands of the ENDF.

- Organized a seminar on basics of IHL for **53** Military Police in Bahir Dar town.

- Signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with ENDF War College to support the integration of IHL into the College's curriculum.

- Provided a training on international human rights standards on use of force for **273** members of Federal Police Commission and regular and special forces of Somali, Amhara, Oromia, Southern Ethiopia, Sidama, Harari and Dire Dawa regions.



Army officers attend a training on basic IHL rules applicable to military operations with a focus on naval and cyber warfare, Addis Ababa, 2021.

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- Conducted, together with Ethiopian Police University, a training of trainers (ToT) for **40** federal and regional police officers on police election mandate and international human rights norms



- Organized a workshop on military officers' roles and duties during law enforcement operations and IHL rules applicable during hostilities for 40 officers from ENDF, Oromia special and the federal police forces, stationed in Gimbi, West Oromia.



- Conducted a workshop on international human rights standards and crowd management for **40** supervising police officers of Somali Region Anti-Riot Police.

- In partnership with Addis Ababa University, organized a seminar on protection of health care during conflict/violence, for **15** university lecturers, medical practitioners and students.

- In collaboration with Bahir Dar University, organized the 5th National Moot Court Competition on IHL in which **19** Universities participated.



PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ETHIOPIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY

From January to June 2021, the ICRC:



- Covered running cost of **43** ambulances which are engaged in providing services to wounded people as the result of the fighting northern Ethiopia.

- Donated essential household items' kits covering the needs of **7,000** conflict-affected families to ERCS intended to enhance its response capacity.




- Supported ERCS in organizing eight first-aid training sessions for **196** volunteers.



Red Cross staff attending a safer access training organized jointly by ICRC and ERCS, Adigrat (Tigray), 2021.



- Organized five safer access training sessions for **218** volunteers and Red Cross staff in Mekelle, Adigrat, Axum, Maichew and Woldiya towns.
- Supported the organization of first-aid training of trainers (ToT) for **24** health professionals and volunteers and Red Cross staff.

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ICRC provides emergency health supplies to Aykel Hospital in Central Gondar, Amhara region, 2021.

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