

ETHIOPIA

FACTS AND FIGURES



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:

during emergencies at the hospital.



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.

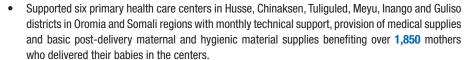
Supported Shire General Hospital with the supply of oxygen (75 cylinders per month) to be used



Provided technical and material support to Sehul Shire General Hospital to enhance its emergency



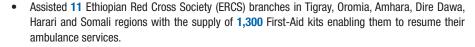
Conducted a four-day training on basic counselling skills to health staff in shire, Tigray region.













- 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.



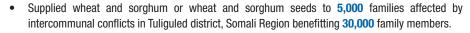
ECONOMIC SECURITY

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 violenceaffected households (60,000 individuals) living in Chinaksen, Babile and Harolimu districts in Oromia region.









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 semipastoral 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. Atave. 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.

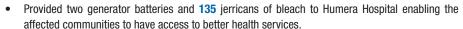




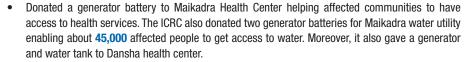
Red Cross staff distributing water to people affected by the fighting in Mekelle, Tigray region using tanker trucks, 2021.



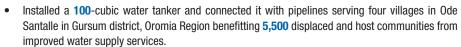














Completed a borehole in Roggie, Meyu district, Oromia Region benefiting 51,000 people from displaced and host communities with water supply services.



Built two water supply systems in Burga 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:







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 benefiting 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.

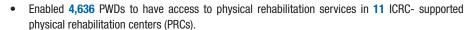


 In close cooperation with ERCS, exchanged 10,90 Red Cross Messages (RCMs) between family members dispersed by conflict or violence.



PEOPLE WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES (PWDS)

From January to June 2021, the ICRC:





 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.



 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.



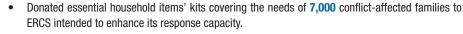
- Conducted a workshop on international human rights standards and crowd management for 40 supervising police officers of Somali Region Anti-Riot Police.
- In partnership with Addis Ababa University, organized a seminar on protection of health care during conflict/violence, for 15 university lecturers, 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.



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.

The ICRC helps people around the world affected by armed conflict and other situations of violence, doing everything it can to protect their dignity and relieve their suffering, often with its Red Cross and Red Crescent partners. The organization also seeks to prevent hardship by promoting and strengthening humanitarian law and championing Universal humanitarian principles.

