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Our work in Syria: Facts and figures 2015

The ICRC is working closely with the Syrian Arab Red Crescent (SARC) to provide food, water, health care and other forms of relief assistance to people affected by the fighting in the country. The ICRC also visits people held in detention and helps them to stay in contact with their families.

Below is an overview of the ICRC's work in Syria during 2015.

Working in partnership with the Syrian Arab Red Crescent

- Provided material, technical, logistical and financial support to the SARC, enabling it to respond to the needs of millions of people affected by the fighting

Providing food and relief items

- Distributed food parcels through SARC to over 8.3 million people in Aleppo, Damascus, Rural Damascus, Sweida, Quneitra, Dara'a, Homs, Hama, Tartous, Latakia, Idleb, Hassakeh and Deir Ezzor governorates
- Supplied edible items to SARC collective-kitchens which provided daily meals to over 130,000 people living in collective shelters in Aleppo, Homs, Rural Damascus and Latakia
- Airlifted 162 tons of rice, ghee and canned food to Deir Ezzor city for distribution to 183,000 people in besieged neighbourhoods
- Distributed 6.5 million bread packs, including to over 180,000 people in Aleppo, Rural Damascus, Damascus and Rastan (Homs governorate)
- Distributed hygiene kits, towels, mattresses, blankets and other household items to about 1.6 million people in Damascus, Rural Damascus, Sweida, Quneitra, Dara'a, Homs, Hama, Tartous, Latakia and Idleb governorates
- Supplied winter clothes to over 410,000 people and school kits to about 120,000 children in Aleppo, Homs, Hama, Damascus, Rural Damascus, Sweida, Idleb, Tartous, Latakia and Quneitra governorates

Providing clean water and upgrading sanitation infrastructure

- Worked closely with local water boards and SARC to repair damaged water supply infrastructure and improve access to water for 16 million people, among them some 830,000 people who received water through tankers in Deir Ezzor, Homs, Idleb, Damascus, Rural Damascus, Dera'a and Aleppo
- Distributed more than 1.2 million litres of bottled water to displaced people and hospitals
- Upgraded and rehabilitated housing, water and sanitation facilities in 217 hosting centres, benefiting around 300,000 displaced people
- Supplied pesticides in cooperation with the Ministry of Local Administration and the SARC for a public health spraying campaign which benefited 10 million people
- Provided consumables, including included 592 tons of disinfection materials, 5,000 litres of hydrochloric acid and 12,600 tons of filtration sand, to water treatment plants
- Reduced health risks for around 110,000 people through a solid waste management programme in Idleb, Homs, Dera'a, Quneitra and Damascus, and installed a thermal treatment system in Latakia to sterilize medical waste

Strengthening primary health care

- Provided supplies and covered the running costs for nine mobile health units which treated 58,572 patients
- Supported seven SARC clinics (six in rural Aleppo and one in Hama) with drugs, equipment and running costs, which helped treat 111,572 patients
- Delivered medicines and delivery kits (for childbirth) across the frontlines in some areas of Rural Damascus and 950 safe-delivery kits to the SARC branch in Aleppo
- Rehabilitated a clinic in Barzeh, Damascus, with a cold chain refrigerator and drugs sufficient to treat 5,000 patients
- Provided anti-lice shampoo for 122,000 people
- Supported a programme for the prevention and treatment of leishmaniasis through distribution of 127,000 bed nets, as well as workshops organized by the Ministry of Health
- Provided health centres in Madaya and Zabadani, besieged areas of Rural Damascus and in Mo'addameyeh with medicines sufficient to treat 15,000 people

Caring for the weapon wounded

- Provided 23 hospital kits to treat 1,150 seriously injured people in seven hospitals in Hassakeh governorate, the eastern side of Aleppo city and Deir Ezzor, and two health facilities in the besieged areas of Madaya and Zabadani
- Provided surgical sets to three hospitals in Tartous and Hassakeh
- Provided 4,400 litres of Lactated Ringer's solution, and 23 litres of halothane for anesthesia to hospitals in western and eastern Aleppo.

Support to health-care infrastructure

- Provided generators to 22 health-care facilities (treating 110,000 patients per month) in Aleppo (including across frontlines), Damascus, Homs, Hama and Quneitra governorates
- Provided dialysis consumables for 7,450 sessions in Aleppo, Homs, Damascus, Dier Ez Zor and Tartous (including across frontlines), installed or repaired five water purification units for dialysis treatment, and donated one dialysis machine to a SARC hospital in Homs
- Provided spare parts and other medical equipment to several hospitals, including in western and eastern Aleppo and in Hassakeh and Tartous governorates

Assisting the physically disabled

- Supported the SARC physical rehabilitation centre in Damascus which provided services to 945 patients and delivered 271 prostheses and orthoses
- Established an ICRC physical rehabilitation centre in Aleppo, bringing services to 245 patients, and delivered 52 prostheses and orthoses
- Donated 1,094 wheelchairs and 2,373 pairs of crutches

Protecting the most vulnerable

- Visited 15,297 detainees in nine central prisons under the Ministry of Interior and nine detainees in a juvenile rehabilitation centre under the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour, and delivered or collected 222 *salamats* (oral messages) and 84 Red Cross messages
- Distributed hygiene kits, mats, rugs, blankets and winter clothing to 16,874 detainees

- Improved water supplies, rehabilitated cells, kitchens and other facilities, and provided medical equipment, benefiting detainees in detention centres in Adra, Aleppo, Hama, Sweida and Homs
- Received 1,910 tracing requests from people seeking to locate relatives; about 85% of the requests concerned people believed to be held in detention centres
- Submitted on behalf of families enquiries about 2,274 people allegedly arrested or detained by parties to the conflict
- Organized two workshops on forensic data management, and rehabilitated and supplied equipment to four forensic facilities in Damascus and Aleppo
- Trained 100 SARC volunteers and supplied 4,660 body bags and 260 protective items for the proper and dignified management of human remains

Promoting humanitarian values

- Continued to engage with various governmental, academic, media and other actors to promote international humanitarian law
- Engaged with the government of Syria to establish a Syrian National Commission to improve the promotion and application of international humanitarian law