



# ICRC in Israel & the Occupied Territories

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## FACTS & FIGURES

The population of the  Gaza Strip, around **1'800'00 people**,

improved their access to water, electricity and better sanitary conditions, through the rehabilitation and upgrade of 22 wells, 8 desalination plants, a booster station, 2 wastewater treatment plants, 5 pumping stations, a water pipeline, the construction of Wadi Gaza interim wastewater plant, and improved capacity from water authorities to plan, operate and react to floods.

Around **7'500 people**  in the Gaza Strip, including schoolchildren, learnt how to reduce risks related to Explosive Remnants of War during awareness-raising sessions.

The ICRC facilitated **132'000 individual visits from family members**  from East Jerusalem, the Golan Heights, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip to their detained relatives in Israeli places of detention.

**366 visits to nearly 13'400 Palestinian detainees in Israel** were carried out by ICRC delegates to monitor their living conditions and treatment. More than 2'600 were followed up individually. 

**In Gaza and the West Bank, 4'500 detainees** held in Palestinian places of detention were visited, with more than 1'400 followed up individually.

ICRC teams followed up on the humanitarian consequences of more than **450 violent incidents** in the West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem.

The **Palestine Red Crescent Society** (PRCS) enhanced its emergency preparedness and response through ICRC Disaster Response and Dead Body Management trainings and technical, material and financial support.

Over **1'200 Israeli armed & security personnel** including Israeli Defense Forces, Border Guards and the Israeli Prison Service, furthered their understanding of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and other applicable norms. 

**550 Palestinian security and over 180 members of Armed Groups** deepened their knowledge of IHL, Humanitarian Principles and the Conduct of Hostilities, and International Human Rights Law standards.

 **3'070 people** benefited from physical rehabilitation services at Gaza's Artificial Limbs and Polio Centre. The ICRC also helped the centre increase the quality and quantity of its physiotherapy services and prosthetic and orthotic devices.



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Nearly **2'000 Israeli school or university students and professors** attended IHL courses or took part in IHL open days and roundtables.

2015 also saw the 10<sup>th</sup> IHL Conference co-organized with the Minerva Centre for Human Rights of the Hebrew University.



## Several thousand Gazan students and professors,

as well as mukhtars, religious and political leaders took part in the international IHL and Sharia Law Conference in Gaza co-organised with the Islamic University.



**4'740 households** from Gaza, West Bank and East Jerusalem whose houses were demolished, damaged or destroyed received emergency assistance.



Over **1'580 Red Cross Messages & 4'200 Oral greetings (Salamat)** were exchanged between detainees in Israel or the Occupied Territories (including migrants from countries without diplomatic representation in Israel) and their families, here or abroad. Under the ICRC auspice, 4 Lebanese civilians were also repatriated, and two children from Gaza were reunited with their mother in Iceland.



**More than 5'150 households** benefited from the rehabilitation of agricultural lands, roads, and water pools, wells or reservoirs for irrigation use.

More than **2140 members of Palestinian civil society**, including young people, journalists, prayer leaders and political factions, attended ICRC events to foster a debate or raise awareness about humanitarian principles, IHL and ICRC work.



Around **120 people** with physical disabilities learnt how to play, referee, organize and classify

people for wheelchair basketball to promote social inclusion.

Over **550 patients in 5 hospitals** from the Gaza Strip received hemodialysis thanks to specialised equipment donated by ICRC. With ICRC help, **5 hospitals** damaged in 2014 were rehabilitated. Over **90 doctors and nurses** took part in ICRC's Emergency Room Trauma Course and 7 were trained to lead such trainings for their teams. 455 first responders benefited from the psychosocial programme "Helping the helpers", and the ICRC supported the West Bank Ministry of Health and Makassed Hospital in East Jerusalem with weapon-wounded kits and life-saving drugs. An ICRC specialist surgeon facilitated **an orthopaedic forum with Israeli medical specialists** on dealing with challenging orthopaedic cases.



With ICRC's cooperation, **Magen David Adom** (MDA) strengthened its disaster preparedness and response capacities and improved its training. It also expanded its services to include outreach to vulnerable communities in Israel, who can now better prepare and respond to local incidents and large-scale emergencies.

