

EGYPT

# FACTS AND FIGURES

**JANUARY – DECEMBER 2021**


Egyptian Red Crescent (ERC)

In Egypt, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) promotes International Humanitarian Law, assists people affected by conflict and violence, including from the broader region. The ICRC helps reestablish contact between family members separated by conflict, other situations of violence, and migration, and works with healthcare providers to help them enhance their emergency response.

The ICRC works closely with its partner the Egyptian Red Crescent (ERC) to address humanitarian needs. The ICRC has been intermittently present in Egypt for over 100 years.

Dating back to as early as World Wars I and II and other crises, such as the 1956 Suez crisis and the 1973 war, the ICRC visited and assisted thousands of prisoners of war and civilian internees under the specific mandate conferred upon the organization by the Geneva Conventions of 1949. It also provided assistance to the affected population and helped families to remain in touch during these difficult times.

In 1983, the ICRC signed a headquarters agreement with Egypt's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and established its office in Cairo, through which the ICRC is carrying out a wide range of activities.

In 2021, the ICRC strived to respond to the immediate needs of people affected by violence as well as families affected by the COVID-19 outbreak. Through different activities and partnerships, the ICRC worked on:



## PROMOTING INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW

Since its establishment in 1990, the ICRC's International Humanitarian Law (IHL) team based in Cairo has been carrying out activities in Egypt and the region.

**531** Egyptian army officers, cadets and soldiers were introduced to the IHL through five dissemination sessions and training courses.

The ICRC participated for the first time in the military exercise Bright Star, where the ICRC gave IHL courses to some participants.

**1,550** police officers were introduced to IHL and the International Human Rights Law (IHRL) through 10 dissemination sessions and training courses.

ICRC invited **4** Egyptian officers to attend the Senior Workshop on International Rules governing Military Operations (SWIRMO) in October.

**155** officers nominated for peacekeeping operations attended orientation sessions on IHL and IHRL.

**60** judges and government officials from the Egyptian National Commission on IHL participated in the two IHL workshops that took place in May and December.

**5** teams from five Egyptian universities competed in the National Moot Court Competition on IHL, held in Ain Shams university in December.



## ASSISTING PEOPLE WITH ESSENTIAL NEEDS

**1,200** unaccompanied migrant children received food and hygiene items every month to help cover some of their basic needs. The distributions were implemented in cooperation with a partner organization.

**50** refugees, aged between 18–24, attended a three-month entrepreneurship course to help them establish their own projects. The ICRC supported 22 of them with **450,000** Egyptian pounds to set up their own businesses in Cairo.



**11,000** families (55,000 individuals) in North Sinai were provided with food parcels, white flour and hygiene kits, which were distributed in cooperation with the Egyptian Red Crescent (ERC).



**50** families in North Sinai received diversified livelihood support (livestock, agriculture, trade and service) to help them establish small projects that generate sustainable income.



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## ENHANCING EMERGENCY CAPABILITIES OF HEALTHCARE SERVICES

**60** responders from the Egyptian Ambulance Organization (EAO), including doctors, incident commanders, paramedics and drivers received four Management of Mass Casualty Incidents (MCIM) workshops.

**56** doctors and nurses from the Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS) received 4 MCIM-Tactical Commanders course.

**58** doctors and nurses from the AFMS participated in three preparatory first aid workshops.

**155** trainees from the AFMS participated in a multi-casualty simulation exercise.

**60** police officers from the Ministry of Interior received a first aid Training of Trainers (ToT) workshop.

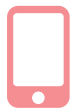
**30** police officers from the Ministry of Interior received two courses on protection of healthcare workers against COVID-19.

### ***Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) Program***

The MHPSS program focuses on protecting the mental health and psychosocial wellbeing of those responding to humanitarian needs. It also builds the capacity of the mental health and psychosocial workforce.

**20** volunteers from the Egyptian Red Crescent's North Sinai branch received a Help the Helpers peer support workshop.

**75** volunteers from the Egyptian Red Crescent's North Sinai branch received a Help the Helpers stress management workshop.



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## BRINGING FAMILIES TOGETHER

The ICRC's Restoring Family Links (RFL) department received **8,615** visits for enquiries and services.

**609** new tracing requests for missing persons were opened by families living in Egypt.

By the end of 2021, the ICRC was actively addressing tracing requests for **2,324** persons with whom contact was lost.

**39** new photos were published on Trace the Face, an online tool aimed at reconnecting migrants who arrived in Europe with their family members.

The ICRC managed to locate **130** missing individuals with the support of the Red Cross and Red Crescent's familylinks network.

**146** Red Cross messages and oral greetings (salamat) were exchanged between families living in Egypt and their relatives who were visited by the ICRC in places of detention abroad.

**2,351** international phone calls were facilitated to help migrant community members in Egypt to maintain contact with their loved ones abroad.

**118** ICRC travel documents were issued on behalf of refugees/asylum seekers exiting Egypt for resettlement in other countries.



## PARTNERSHIP WITH THE EGYPTIAN RED CRESCENT

The ICRC supported the construction of a warehouse in the ERC's Ismailia branch with **2 million** Egyptian pounds

The ICRC supported volunteers with equipment worth **750,000** Egyptian pounds.

**305** individuals from several areas in North Sinai were trained on first aid skills through 14 community first aid workshops under the supervision of ERC first aid trainers.

**25** ERC staff and volunteers received a series of competence building workshops to enhance their capacity in managing the ICRC-ERC livelihood program.

**100** volunteers received emergency response training skills and Health Care in Danger (HCiD) dissemination sessions through four Emergency Response Teams (ERT) workshops.

**25** volunteers received training on the Safer Access Framework and on planning, monitoring, evaluation and reporting (PMER).

**30** volunteers were trained on the collection of Restoring Family Links (RFL) requests.



## ICRC EGYPT COVID-19 RESPONSE

Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic in Egypt in early 2020, the ICRC has been providing support to the health facilities and its partner the Egyptian Red Crescent (ERC) for its COVID-19 preparedness and response plan.

The ICRC donated **9 million** Egyptian pounds worth of PPE and oxygen concentrators to the national health system.

The ICRC donated **3 million** Egyptian pounds worth of personal protective equipment (PPE) and medical supplies to the health ministry's directorate in North Sinai.

The ICRC donated **1.1 million** Egyptian pounds worth of medical supplies, PPE and digital equipment for E-Learning to the Egyptian Ambulance Organization (EAO).

In cooperation with the ERC, the ICRC distributed food and hygiene items to **1,500** families heavily affected by COVID-19 in ten governorates across Egypt.

The ICRC contributed **450,000** Egyptian pounds to the ERC to buy PPE for its COVID-19 response as well as 60 non-contact infrared thermometers.

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 alleviate 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.