

EGYPT

FACTS AND FIGURES

JANUARY – DECEMBER 2022

Egyptian Red Crescent (ERC)

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) delegation in Egypt works to promote the international humanitarian law (IHL) and ensure humanitarian protection and assistance for victims of conflict and violence, including from the broader region. It facilitates ICRC operations worldwide through dialogue with multilateral organizations, civil society and diplomatic officials and helps reestablish contact between family members separated by conflict, other situations of violence, and migration.

The ICRC delegation also works with healthcare providers to help them enhance their emergency response and works closely with the Egyptian Red Crescent and other partner organizations. The ICRC has been intermittently present in Egypt for over 100 years.

Dating back to as early as the two world wars and other crises, including the 1956 Suez crisis and the 1973 war, the ICRC visited and assisted tens of 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 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 carries out a wide range of activities.

In 2022, the ICRC continued its work in promoting IHL and responding to humanitarian needs. Through different activities and partnerships, the ICRC worked on:



PROMOTING INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW (IHL)

On the National Level:

4902 Egyptian armed forces officers, cadets and troops were introduced to IHL through **27** training courses and dissemination sessions.

2768 Egyptian police officers were introduced to IHL and International Human Rights Law (IHRL) through **12** training courses and dissemination sessions.

18 Egyptian armed forces officers and **49** Egyptian police officers nominated for peacekeeping operations took part in orientation sessions on IHL and IHRL.

ICRC contributed to the training of **35** African officers attending a peacekeeping course in Egypt, organized by the Egyptian Armed Forces.

ICRC participated in the multinational military exercise “**Hercules – 2**”, conducted at the Mohamed Naguib Military Base for special forces, where it gave lectures on IHL and attended the main phases of the exercise.

ICRC participated in the multinational naval exercise “**Medusa – 12**”, where it gave a lecture on IHL and maritime warfare.

2 armed forces officers were invited to attend the Senior Workshop on International Rules governing Military Operations (SWIRMO) and **4** EAF officers were invited to attend the International Military Course on the Law of Armed Conflict in Sanremo.

30 judges and government officials from the Egyptian National Commission on IHL enhanced their IHL knowledge through one workshop.

30 journalists from different local and regional news outlets were introduced to IHL through two workshops.

On the Regional Level:

62 participants representing 18 Arab states from the governmental and academic circles took part in the IHL Regional Arabic Course organized in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, in cooperation with the League of Arab States.

40 diplomats from 14 Arab states participated actively in the Regional IHL Course for Arab Diplomats that took place in Abu Dhabi, UAE.

10 teams from 10 Arab countries participated in the third Regional Moot Court Competition co-organized with the Omani National Commission on IHL and Sultan Qabus University in Muscat, Oman.

2 professors from Al-Azhar university participated in two workshops on the protection of the environment from an IHL and Islamic perspectives in Amman, Jordan.

ICRC organized the **5th** IHL writing competition in Arabic on “Climate change, Environment, and Armed Conflict” to engage Arabic-speaking scholars in relevant IHL discussions.



ASSISTING PEOPLE WITH ESSENTIAL NEEDS

5,000 families (25,000 individuals) in North Sinai were provided with food parcels and wheat flour in cooperation with the Egyptian Red Crescent (ERC).

50 refugees, aged between 18–24, attended a three-month entrepreneurship course to help them establish their own projects, in cooperation with a partner organization, and received over 415,000 Egyptian pounds to set up their own businesses in Cairo.



Egyptian Red Crescent (ERC)

Over **6 million** Egyptian pounds were provided to set up livelihood projects for the identified families in North Sinai.



Egyptian Red Crescent (ERC)

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



ENHANCING EMERGENCY CAPABILITIES OF HEALTHCARE SERVICES

30 health personnel and officers from the Ministry of Interior received first aid training.

58 health personnel and officers from the Ministry of Defense received tactical Mass Casualty Management training.

34 health personnel from the Ministry of Defense benefited from the Basic Emergency Course.

29 junior surgeons under training in the Ministry of Defense's different hospitals benefited from the Fundamentals of War Surgery course.

15 health instructors from the Ministry of Defense attended a first aid training of trainer (ToT) course to enhance their capacity to coach 120 participants from the ministry to become first aid responders.

15 oxygen concentrators were donated to support the health facilities of the Ministry of Health and Population in North Sinai.

4 Weapon Wounded Kits were donated to support health care in the Ministry of Defense's hospitals.

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

5,279 people from North Sinai benefited from MHPSS services provided by the Egyptian Red Crescent (ERC), with the support of the ICRC.

163 volunteers from the ERC in North Sinai and Ismailia benefited from MHPSS services, with the support of ICRC.



BRINGING FAMILIES TOGETHER

The ICRC's Restoring Family Links (RFL) department was contacted by 4,632 persons for enquiries and services.

By the end of 2022, the ICRC was actively addressing tracing requests for 2,346 persons with whom contact was lost.

107 sought persons were successfully located because of a conclusive ICRC action.

Contact was restored with 21 sought persons through Red Cross Messages (RCM), with 69 sought persons through phone call, and with 17 sought persons through direct family reunification in Cairo.

80 RCMs 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.

133 oral greetings (Salamat) were exchanged between families living in Egypt and their relatives who were rescued as part of the collaboration between the Movement and SOS Méditerranée during the rescue operations of the Ocean Viking ship.

2,706 international phone calls were facilitated to help migrant community members in Egypt maintain contact with their loved ones abroad.

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



PARTNERSHIP WITH THE EGYPTIAN RED CRESCENT (ERC)

305 persons 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.

124,000 Egyptian pounds worth of material and equipment were provided to the ERC branch in North Sinai.

660,000 Egyptian pounds worth of equipment were provided to support the work of ERC volunteers.

25 ERC staff and volunteers enhanced their capacities in managing the ICRC-ERC livelihood support program in North Sinai through a series of workshops.

100 ERC volunteers received emergency response training skills and Health Care in Danger (HCiD) dissemination sessions through four workshops.

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.

Cover Photo: ERC volunteers oversee one of the livelihood projects part of the ICRC-ERC joint program in North Sinai.