

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) is working alongside its partner the Libyan Red Crescent (LRCS) to respond to the humanitarian needs following the floods on 10 September 2023.



42 000

displaced people

(Source: IOM)



8 500

missing people

(Source: OCHA)



4 345

reported dead

(Source: WHO)



33 600

people received assistance



1 300

tracing requests collected



8 030

body bags donated

Supporting and Coordinating with Partners



28

vehicles donated to LRCS



ICT

equipment provided to
LRCS



90 000

CHF donated to LRCS

ICRC's focus has been on empowering the LRCS, be it through the donation of 28 vehicles, assistance on telecommunication or the payment of the LRCS volunteers' operational incentives in Derna and Al-Jabal Al-akhdar, as well as supporting the LRCS Derna staff and the rental of LRCS warehouse, donating First Aid Kits as well as covering costs for Operations Rooms. Beyond the financial assistance, ICRC also conducted safety briefings regarding weapon contamination after natural disasters for LRCS volunteers and staff traveling to and responding in Derna.



ICRC & LRCS Relief distribution in Shahat of essential household items and hygiene kits to 3180 internally displaced people from Derna.

Within the tripartite partnership agreement between the ICRC, Norwegian Red Cross and LRCS, two Mobile Health Units were deployed in Sousa and Gondula one week after flooding reaching 490 beneficiaries. In addition, 11 LRCS volunteers were trained to provide Psycho-Social Support in selected affected communities whilst emergency water interventions were installed in both Derna and Gondula.

The ICRC enabled the intervention of the German Red Cross to set up 2 water purification units in Derna and Shahat with the aim to provide drinking water to affected communities.

In total, 8,030 body bags and 70 'Management of the Dead' kits were donated upon urgent request to the Ministry of Health, the LRCS, the Emergency Medicine & Support Centre and the security forces. Along with these donations, a practical guidance has been provided to support those involved in body recovery and burial to facilitate the identification and minimize the number of missing persons. Personal protective equipment, such as protective masks and examination gloves were also donated to security forces' team involved in body recovery.

The Judicial Expertise and Research Centre (JERC) in Derna was supported through provision of a set of autopsy tools and an autopsy saw plus a set of relevant forensic textbooks. Moreover, an ICRC forensic specialist provided the LRCS with technical support in body recovery in Derna, and ICRC is working on supporting a coordination mechanism with all entities involved in the management of the dead.

Ensuring the Continuation of Health Care

In the first days following the crisis the ICRC donated three Interagency Emergency Health Kits (Basic Units) to the Ministry of Health, each kit can facilitate consultations for 1000 people. In addition, medical material and essential drugs were also donated to the Al Mkhaili hospital and Al Qubba Polyclinic, filling gaps on drugs urgently needed

Additional medical donations (essential drugs and medical material) will be donated to Primary Health Care Centres of Salim Sasi, Mahmoud Hreish, Taknis, Stata, Gondula and Al Bayhadaah Rural Hospital within the month of October 2023.

Finding the Missing People

The LRCS has collected more than 1300 cases from family members looking for their missing relatives after the floods in Derna and the Al-Jabal Al-akhdar area. The ICRC and LRCS specialists, support the teams in the flood affected areas by helping them to collect and manage data but also develop and establish procedures, processes, and conduct coaching sessions for LRCS volunteers. Moreover, ICRC supports the LRCS in equipping tracing kiosks with internet hotspots, smartphones, computers, and printers.

Helping People Meet their Basic Needs

In the immediate aftermath of the flood, the ICRC, in partnership with the Libyan Red Crescent, responded to the needs of the most affected families with the provision of essential household items and hygiene kits to 3,200 households, which translates to nearly 20,000 people. This assistance was provided in 11 of the worst affected areas, including 120 individuals who were displaced from Derna to Benghazi. Presently, an additional 1,600 families (8,000 people) in Derna are also receiving support in the form of food, hygiene, and essential household items.

ICRC teams in collaboration with the LRCS, initiated the distribution of Water in Emergency Kits, which consist of essential items such as flexible water bladders, generators, pumps, and hoses. Additionally, a complementary training session was conducted for LRCS volunteers, equipping them with the knowledge and skills necessary to effectively deploy these kits in emergency situations.

As a result of these efforts, a total of 600 individuals have already benefited from these water kits.

In Derna, ICRC rehabilitated sanitation facilities in four collective shelters benefiting nearly 500 displaced people. Several water bladders are being installed in the affected remote areas. In addition, light equipment, hand tools and personal protective equipment were donated to the General Company of Water and Waste-Waste (GCWW).



Installation of bladder tank at Gondula village, south of Albayda

