

## LIBYA FACTS AND FIGURES

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While consequences of years of armed conflict continue to linger –access to basic services such as healthcare, water and electricity remain scarce, presence of unexploded ordnances in many urban areas pose risks to life and limb, and the unknown fate of the many missing still bears heavily on families– the general humanitarian situation in Libya saw progressive improvement, with people requiring humanitarian aid decreasing.

In line with that improvement and ICRC's mandate, the ICRC in Libya shifted its programmes from short-term emergency relief projects to more resilience-strengthening and sustainable impact activities, placing its unique Protection and IHL activities at the fore. The ICRC is focused on reinforcing the capacity of the most affected people and of essential services necessary for their coping, amidst decreased economic resources and damages to infrastructure, while at the same time retaining an ability to support a response to acute needs that may still occur.

The ICRC, in partnership with the Libya Red Crescent Society (LRCS), continued to implement joint activities to deliver needed assistance and protection responses to conflict affected communities.

## PRESERVING HUMAN DIGNITY AND REUNITING FAMILIES

In its neutral intermediary capacity, the ICRC continued its engagement with West and East representatives within the framework of the **“International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and Humanitarian Working Group”** it chairs, and continued conversations on protection issues including the promotion and application of IHL. The ICRC supported military authorities in Libya to establish **a mechanism to search for persons missing in relation to conflicts**, with the humanitarian aim of informing their families of their fate and whereabouts. It also supported such authorities in the creation of **a mechanism for the protection, management and identification of human remains**, providing technical advice and guidance. Through such mechanisms, the ICRC facilitates the exchange of lists of missing persons and of feedback on the fate and whereabouts of some of them, and the collection of data on unidentified/unclaimed human remains. Throughout the first half of 2023 the ICRC facilitated **2** meetings and since October 2022, three one-day sub-working group meetings have been dedicated to discuss forensic issues with the respective specialists. Since the creation of the Working Group in 2019, approximately **41** families received news about their beloved one who had been without news for years.

The ICRC continued its **bilateral dialogue** with several Libyan authorities and institutions to raise attention and provide recommendations on various humanitarian issues. These issues **encompassed the needs of the families of missing persons and the protection of civilians**, including **migrants, internally displaced persons (IDPs)**, the wounded and sick and the medical missions, including during armed clashes and law enforcement operations. Within this framework and in connection with the diffusion of IHL among arms bearers, the ICRC engaged with the armed forces in a dialogue on **the respect of IHL**.



- Under its **Protection of Family Links (PFL)** program, the ICRC:
  - Restored and maintained contact between family members separated by conflict, violence and migration, including detainees, unaccompanied minors and vulnerable adults, through **88** phone calls, **9** video calls and the exchange of **204** Red Cross Messages and Salamat (oral greetings). A total of **2,375** persons reported as missing by their families continue to be sought by the ICRC in Libya and **108** are sought abroad on behalf of their families in Libya.
  - Continued coordinating with and strengthening the capacity of staff and volunteers of the LRCS to offer Protection of Family Links services.



- Under its **forensic program**, aimed at supporting the medico-legal system and institutions participating in the management of the dead, the ICRC:
  - Provided **4** management of the dead kits, which include PPE and **60** body bags to multiple Centre for Judicial Expertise and Research (CJER) offices and branches, and medical facilities across Libya for the purpose of emergency response and contingency stock
  - Donated **one laptop, one printer** and cartridges to forensic experts from the CJER, and the IHL Committee
- Under its activities in **places of detention**:
  - The ICRC offers its services to visit detainees in the facilities of the Tripoli-based armed forces and the Benghazi-based armed forces. ICRC services have been also offered to Ministry of Justice to visit the inmates in Correctional and Rehabilitation Institutions.

## RAISING AWARENESS ON INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW (IHL)

- Continued to engage with various interest groups such as authorities, armed forces, academia, community leaders, media etc. to promote knowledge about International Humanitarian Law (IHL).
- During the First Aid trainings across the country, **18 sessions** on the **main principles of IHL were provided** to different weapon bearers, with a focus on the protection of the medical mission.
- Two interlocutors, one from LRCS HQ Benghazi and the other a professor from the University of Tripoli (Law and Sharia department), travelled to Rabat to attend a Training of Trainers (TOT) Regional Arabic Course on IHL.
- One officer from the Ministry of Defense was sponsored to attend the Advanced IHL Course at the International Humanitarian Law Institute at San Remo, Italy.
- **14 senior Libyan officers participated in a high-level workshop on integrating IHL** into military doctrine, education, training, and regulatory frameworks in Tripoli.



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## COOPERATION WITH THE LIBYAN RED CRESCENT SOCIETY (LRCS)

- The ICRC carried out joint activities with LRCS to respond to humanitarian needs of people with restoring family links, management of the dead, weapon contamination, and through support to LRCS's mobile health clinics. ICRC supported LRCS's response to emergent needs by donating more than **1200** food and non-food items to LRCS's contingency stock.
- The ICRC continued its institutional financial support for some of the LRCS HQ departments. The ICRC trained **140** LRCS staff/volunteers in assessment of needs, disseminating Red Cross/Red Crescent fundamental principles and mandates, managing the livelihood projects and weapon contamination.



## SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES AND RESPONDERS AFFECTED BY WEAPON CONTAMINATION

- Provided demining / clearance equipment to local demining organisation Tawasul in Tripoli to support with clearance operations for the protection of civilians.
- Provided monthly workshops in Tripoli, Benghazi and Derna to prepare LRCS volunteers for risk awareness and safer behaviour accreditation and activities.
- Supported the first LRCS risk awareness and safer behaviour team (LRCS branch in Tripoli) to receive accreditation from the Libyan Mine Action Center (LibMAC).

## HIGHLIGHTING HUMANITARIAN ISSUES AND PROVIDING COMMUNICATION CAPACITY BUILDING

- Conducted a training to Libyan journalists in Tunis on understanding the ICRC, humanitarian reporting, IHL, and fact-checking
- Provided training to **15** communication volunteers and staff from several branches across Libya on humanitarian reporting and storytelling, IHL and Safer Access.
- Communicated about the humanitarian situation, stories of beneficiaries highlighting their needs and resilience, and ICRC's ongoing operations through social media and other means.





## SUPPORT TO HEALTHCARE SERVICES

- ICRC regularly supported **25** Primary Health Care facilities (primary healthcare centers (PHCCs), diabetes centers) plus **4** Mobile Health Units (MHUs). These facilities carried out over **622,018** consultations, out of which **152,172** consultations were for children under 5 years old.
- Provided drugs and consumables to **64** health facilities, within which **25** regularly supported PHCCs + Diabetic Centers (DCs), **4** MHUs, **12** ad hoc supported PHCCs and **23** ad hoc supported hospitals.
- Provided insulin, anti-diabetic and non-communicable diseases medicines and laboratory items to **three** diabetes centers in Misrata, Sabha and Al-Bayda, which served around **33,367** registered diabetic patients (**89,739** consultations within January–June 2023).
- Supported three LRCS mobile health clinics in Misrata, Sabha and Kufra regions with medicines, consumables and personal protective equipment reaching **694** underserved population.
- **6,952** persons benefitted from awareness sessions on health promotion and chronic diseases prevention, and **3,364** non-communicable diseases (NCD) patients received support counseling sessions on lifestyle and nutrition under the Community Health Project done in coordination with LRCS. It targeted **four** communities in Tripoli, Misrata, Sabha, and Al-Bayda.
- **59** LRCS CBH volunteers attended two days' workshop on Health Care in Danger. In addition to First Aid Trainings (FAT)-basic and advanced- and Basic Emergency Care (BEC) to **287** participants including ambulance services in Misrata and arms bearers and MoH staff (**270** trained in FAT+**17** Ministry of Health (MoH) staff received BEC training).
- ICRC continued close coordination with central Ministry of Health authorities on various health projects: digitization of Integrated Management of Childhood Illnesses (ALMANACH), emergency care, community health, and physical rehabilitation. Suleiman Khater PHCC was the pilot project for ALMANACH implementation with the aim to implement ALMANACH in **6** more PHCCs with ICRC's Tripoli and Benghazi areas of responsibility.



## SUPPORT TO PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

- ICRC Supported **four** physical rehabilitation centers (PRCs) in Janzour (Tripoli), Misrata, Benghazi and new center at Abuslim Hospital in Tripoli where around **1,400 persons with disabilities** received various services in 2023.
- **Three persons with disabilities from the South (Sabha)** were also referred to centers in Tripoli and Misrata for prosthetic services during this period.
- ICRC Supported **a new prosthetic orthotic center at Abuslim hospital in Tripoli** with prosthetic orthotic, physiotherapy material, tools and online and **on-site hands-on training** since beginning of 2023.
- The ICRC's material support consisted of **imported material** to manufacture artificial limbs, including high quality German Otto Bock technology.
- With ICRC sponsorship, **five students are pursuing prosthetics and orthotics education abroad**. Out of them, two students are continuing **bachelor program** and three students short term diploma program.
- **The dormitory annexed to the Benghazi Physical Rehabilitation Centre** constructed and handed over in December 2022 is ready to be used by the persons with disabilities. The new dormitory will play a pivotal role in allowing persons with disabilities to have free-of-charge accommodation while receiving the required services at the physical rehabilitation center.



## ACCESS TO WATER, SANITATION AND HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE

- An estimated **228,208** people, in different parts of Libya, benefitted from improved access and availability of clean water and better sanitation, through projects delivered by ICRC in the first half of 2023 that focused on the supply of essential materials such as pumps, pipes, and technical advice to various water and sewerage management entities in **7** towns and cities. In addition, the ICRC's support also extends to Man Made River Authority (MMRA) that is a main institution for Man Made River Project (MMRP) which covers the water needs of about **65%** of the Libyan population.
- Continued to work with central and local authorities to develop a rehabilitation master plan for the sewerage system of the city of Benghazi, which has fallen into disrepair and requires major infrastructure rehabilitation for a well-functioning sewerage system.





## PROVISION OF FOOD, ESSENTIAL HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, AND CASH SUPPORT

- A total of **1,470** families (displaced persons, vulnerable residents, and returnees) were supported with food rations allowing them to supplement their food consumption (the rations cover the needs of families of six members, for one month).
- A total of **2,775** food parcels were donated to the Libyan Red Crescent Society (LRCS) to support people affected by conflict and other situations of violence.
- **8,754** vulnerable families were supplied with essential household kits to improve their living conditions.
- **48** displaced families were provided with cash for material and labor.




## LIVELIHOODS' SUPPORT

- A total of **333** vulnerable families received productive grants to launch their own start-up business enabling them to generate income to support their families.
- **27** applicants, from vulnerable families, were provided with financial support to cover the costs of vocational trainings to learn a new skill and support them seeking employment.
- **36** applicants, from vulnerable families, received business skills training to enable them to better run their own business.
- **46** LRCS staff and volunteers, from several branches in the eastern region, enhanced their skills to respond to emergencies through the reception of ICRC relief trainings.



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