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AFGHANISTAN OPERATIONAL FACTS & FIGURES



PHYSICAL REHABILITATION SERVICES


206,128

patients were assisted in 7 ICRC-supported physical rehabilitation centres


133,482

physiotherapy sessions were held


18,198

new patients were registered, including 1,197 people who underwent amputation


562

patients were granted microcredit loans


30,430

prostheses and orthoses were manufactured


7,600

home visits were done to help 2,534 patients


144

patients were given vocational training


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new physical rehabilitation centre, with a capacity of 60 beds, was constructed in Lashkar Gah



The heating system at Faizabad physical rehabilitation centre, with a capacity of 69 beds, was repaired and upgraded

SUPPORTING HEALTH CARE

PRIMARY HEALTH CARE:



1,202,612 patients, mostly women and children, received primary health care at **47** health facilities of the Afghan Red Crescent Society (ARCS) that are supported by the ICRC



316,642 doses of routine vaccinations were administered at **46** ARCS-supported health facilities



10,736 malnourished children benefited from ARCS's nutrition programme supported by the ICRC in **46** basic-health-care clinics



1,563 patients benefited from mental health and psychosocial support services at primary-health-care centres in Kandahar and Lashkar Gah



7 ARCS and **2** Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) primary-health-care centres were upgraded, improving the working conditions and providing patients with better access to the outpatient departments

HOSPITAL CARE:



33 hospitals with a capacity of **7,057** beds, serving **26** million people, were supported with their salary and running costs from January to April, with around **10,900** health-care workers being paid. Gradually phasing out the support provided as part of the Hospital Resilience Programme, **25** hospitals continued to be provided with financial support for salaries and running costs until August, and contributions towards their running costs until December



4 vehicles were donated to MoPH blood bank to help in blood collection activities



150 nurses, doctors and midwives received emergency room trauma care training



80 health-care workers at Mirwais Regional Hospital were trained in triaging patients in the emergency department



507,719 patients received consultations in the emergency room of the Ghazni Regional and Provincial Hospital, Rokha District Hospital and Mirwais Regional Hospital, Kandahar. The three hospitals were also provided with emergency room equipment, furniture and medical supplies. A large tent was donated to Ghazni Regional Hospital to be used as a patient waiting area/emergency triage reception area



31,400 female patients received specialized treatment and **26,762** babies were successfully delivered at Mirwais Hospital. The 620-bed facility was connected to a dedicated emergency power line of the public grid and equipped with a solar power hybrid system to provide stable and sustainable electricity supplies for improved working conditions. A female waiting area was also constructed



The water supply system at Farah Provincial Hospital, with a capacity of **120** beds, was repaired and upgraded to ensure sustainable water supply



We provided financial support to renovate the heating system of Baghlan Provincial Hospital for better patient care



The paediatric ward in Kabul's Indira Gandhi Hospital treats children suffering from pneumonia.

HEALTH EDUCATION:



608 staff members of the 9 branches of Ghazanfar Institutes for Health Science were supported through the payment of salaries from January to August 2023 to ensure that the training of nurses, midwives and health technicians continues. We also contributed to the running cost of the institutes from January to December



4,348 students enrolled in technical training programmes at 9 Ghazanfar Institutes for Health Science supported by the ICRC. In 2023, **906** students (**504** male and **402** female students), graduated

FIRST AID:



532 government security forces were trained at **34** basic first-aid training sessions in different provinces and **526** first-aid kits were handed over to them

EMERGENCY RESPONSE:



804 emergency trauma kits were donated to hospitals and primary-health-care centres that treat patients involved in mass casualty emergencies. Each kit can treat up to **30** to **100** injured people



Emergency response material was given to authorities and ARCS to support their response to victims of the Herat earthquake and returnees from both Pakistan and Iran

Medical supplies were donated to provincial health authorities and ARCS clinics to manage an outbreak of scabies

ACTIVITIES IN FAVOUR OF PEOPLE DEPRIVED OF THEIR LIBERTY



49 detention visits were carried out in **19** places of detention across the country



8 workshops were organized for more than **190** prison staff members (senior management and guards) on best management practices and common challenges faced in operating prisons



Up to **12,000** detainees in **11** prisons across the country received monthly food rations to cover three daily meals. Food chain training sessions were also held for focal points of the MoPH and prison staff of all **11** prisons in Kabul, Mazar-i-Sharif, Kandahar and Herat regions to improve food chain management



Essential kitchen items and utensils were distributed in **11** prisons to ensure equal and hygienic distribution of meals among detainees



15,476 detainees in **25** places of detention were provided with kits to improve their personal hygiene and sanitary conditions



Almost **18,000** detainees in **26** places of detention under different authorities received winter kits to be protected against the harsh cold



More than **13,000** detainees in **15** places of detention were provided with recreational and educational material, sports equipment and bedding



5,490 detainees benefited from improved living conditions through the repair and upgrading of the premises, water supply, sanitation and electrical systems in **7** places of detention. Moreover, **7,921** detainees benefited from the re-establishment of hygiene and maintenance committees and donation of materials in **3** places of detention



The ICRC provides winter supplies to detainees in Sarpoza detention centre in Kandahar.

 **267** malnourished detainees benefited from treatment in Herat under the nutritional pilot project, of which **74** suffered from moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) and **193** suffered from severe acute malnutrition (SAM)

 Up to **9,000** detainees in Pul-i-Charkhi Central Prison and Nangarhar, Herat and Sarpoza Provincial Prisons received good quality bread through the provision of wheat flour and other ingredients to the prisons' bakeries

 **25** female detainees in Sarpoza Provincial Prison were supplied with sewing kits and provided with training to sew and tailor at the prison's newly restored sewing workshop

 Clinics in Sarpoza and Farah provincial prisons were equipped with medical and other supplies

 **65,483** consultations were provided to more than **4,400** detainees in Herat and Sarpoza Provincial Prisons as part of the ICRC's support to the prison health services package. We also gave financial, logistical and technical support to MoPH for implementing the service

 **3,121** detainees and juveniles benefited from ICRC-supported response to scabies outbreaks in **3** places of detention

 Periodic meetings of Provincial Prison Health Committee and Prison Health Sub-Working Group were facilitated besides joint monitoring visits of MoPH and Office of Prison Administration to various provincial prisons to support the access to quality health-care services for detainees. **23** detainees across the country received physical rehabilitation services

 To prevent hygiene or health hazards among detainees and staff in Herat Provincial Prison during the earthquakes in Herat, we provided a tent to serve as a temporary clinic, along with medical and non-medical supplies and hygiene items

Mazar-i-Sharif. Boy talks to his relative with the support of the ICRC restoring family links programme.



PROTECTION OF FAMILY LINKS

 **213** cases of missing people were solved and their whereabouts were ascertained

 **8** video teleconference calls were facilitated, and **135** Red Cross messages (containing brief family news) were exchanged between detainees held at the Guantanamo Bay Internment Facility and their families in Afghanistan

 **125** Red Cross messages and **79** salamats (oral short messages) were exchanged between detainees and their families

 **3** people were put in contact with their families through the Trace the Face online platform

 **2,771** people contacted the ICRC in Afghanistan to enquire about their loved ones



PROTECTION OF CIVILIAN POPULATION

We continued to monitor the humanitarian situation and, when necessary, we confidentially and bilaterally raised concerns with weapon bearers about their behaviour to help prevent the abuse of people's rights

We engaged with communities in several provinces to better understand their protection concerns and identify ways of limiting the humanitarian impact on them



DIGNIFIED MANAGEMENT OF THE DEAD

The bodies of **6** people were retrieved, transferred and returned to their families with the ARCS's support under our Human Remains Transfer Programme (H RTP)

More than **80** staff and volunteers of ARCS's east, north, north-east and central north-west regions attended a one-day H RTP training session

A five-day forensic specialization training was conducted by Medico-Legal Directorate (MLD), with the ICRC's support, for more than **100** practitioners from 18 forensic medicine departments

A three-day forensic sensitization session was organized for **50** law enforcement agencies in Herat and Kandahar

4 members of forensic medicine departments from Khost, Ghor, Helmand and Bamiyan provinces received financial and technical support for a ten-day exposure visit to Kabul MLD

A round-table meeting was held with military and civilian authorities in Parwan Province on the management of conflict-related deaths

Almost **200** staff from **28** forensic departments were supported with salaries

6 regional offices of ARCS, the Kabul MLD and **26** provincial forensic medicine departments were given body bags, personal protective equipment (PPE), disinfectants and office supplies

IT equipment and other items were donated to Kabul MLD and Khost, Helmand and Parwan forensic medicine departments

2 morgue freezers of Bost Hospital in Lashkar Gah were repaired

The working area of forensic medical departments in Mazar Regional Hospital, Kapisa Provincial Hospital, Ghazni Provincial Hospital and Kabul Forensic Medical Unit were upgraded



People collect water from repaired handpumps in Laghman's provincial Alinigar district.



ASSISTANCE TO COMMUNITIES

10,446 households (**83,568** people) received multipurpose cash assistance in Ghazni, Lashkar Gah, Herat, Farah, Kandahar, Kunar, Nangarhar, Kunduz, Samangan, Faryab, Jawzjan and Panjshir to meet their basic needs

360 households (**3,396** people) who suffered violence or were victims of incidents of weapon contamination received assistance to cope with the financial consequences on them

2,467 households (**19,736** people) earned income through cash-for-work projects in Laghman, Farah, Khost, Kandahar, Helmand, Panjshir, Baghlan, Balkh, Herat and Nangarhar and the communities' irrigation infrastructure was restored

2,498 farmers' households (**19,984** people) in Herat and Farah received cash grants to prepare their land and buy agricultural supplies

100 farmers in Kapisa received training in orchard farming and kits to maintain their fruit gardens in partnership with the Directorate of Agriculture

200 farmers in Gulistan, Farah Province, were trained in resource management and maintenance of irrigation infrastructure

29 households (**232** people) in Mazar-i-Sharif and Kunduz received business skill training and cash grants to start small businesses

907 pregnant and lactating women received nutrition awareness through community relays trained by the ICRC in Kandahar. Monthly cash assistance was also provided to help them buy nutritious food and prevent malnutrition

Over a million people received improved electricity supply through the provision of **75,000** litres of fuel, **4** diesel generators, electrical equipment and transformers to Da Afghanistan Breshna Sherkat (DABS)

More than **660,000** people living in urban areas received access to clean drinking water owing to revamped infrastructure

Over **390,000** people living in rural areas gained access to clean drinking water through **2,000** repaired hand pumps, **3** rural-scale water networks and **219** bio-sand filters

Following the earthquakes in Herat, we helped water service provider UWASS to repair water networks in Herat City and Qala-e-Now



PARTNERING WITH THE ARCS

DONATIONS TO ARCS:

5,000 blankets and **2,000** patous were donated to ARCS west for earthquake victims

28 ARCS basic-health-care centres were provided with Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF) to improve patients' nutrition

46 ARCS basic-health-care centres were supplied with anthropometric materials, non-medical equipment and reporting tools

10 basic-health-care centres under ARCS north were supplied with infection prevention and control materials

40 motorbikes were donated to ARCS to support outreach vaccination in ARCS basic health centres

Financial assistance was provided to cover the salaries of **105** employees, the operating costs of **42** offices and small rehabilitation projects

250 radio sets were donated to ARCS headquarters to enhance security management and radio communication system

32 vehicles, spare parts and tyres were donated to support ARCS's operational response

9 laptops, a TV and ICT equipment were donated

3,000 standard uniforms were produced to be used by ARCS staff and volunteers during operations

JOINT PROJECTS:

12 joint projects were implemented with ARCS west, north and north-east regions to help vulnerable families with multipurpose cash grants and to enable smallholder farmers protect their livelihood through the cash-for-work programme

CAPACITY-BUILDING:

102 participants from all branches of ARCS (west, north, and north-east regions) and 3 from the ICRC completed a course in project management and implementation of relief response

316 ARCS clinical and management staff and **240** community members joined awareness sessions on respecting and protecting health care

332 ARCS clinical staff received financial and technical support to attend various training sessions



A man inspects his home, which was damaged during the earthquake in Herat's Zenda Jan area.

52 technical meetings were organized with ARCS clinical staff in the 7 regions through the ICRC's financial and technical support

651 ARCS staff and volunteers received training in Safer Access Framework to enhance their access, security and acceptance

14 ARCS Safer Access Framework trainers participated in training of trainers sessions

47 ARCS safety and security staff were trained in security risk management

17 security assessments of the regional offices and branches were conducted by ARCS safety and security staff

105 ARCS staff members joined 7 orientation workshops on the ARCS-ICRC partnership



ADDRESSING WEAPON CONTAMINATION

6 ICRC Weapon Contamination (WEC) focal points and 6 ARCS WEC officers received a risk awareness and safe behaviour (RASB) and staff safety refresher ToT training

60 ARCS volunteers received training in RASB

207 ARCS staff members and 160 ICRC staff members received staff safety training

400 reports of weapon contamination incidents were collected



PROMOTING INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW

Legal advice was provided to ARCS leadership and legal adviser on a new law regulating the Red Cross and Red Crescent emblem and status of the National Society

819 staff members from the Ministry of Interior attended sessions on international human rights law, use of force in law enforcement, and the ICRC



OPERATIONAL COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

4,318 community leaders and members attended 150 sessions on operational communication and community engagement

764 religious and community leaders and ICRC contacts attended 24 Iftar gatherings held in various ICRC offices across the country during the month of Ramadan

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