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THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS IN YEMEN

OVERVIEW

Yemen is approaching two years since the conflict started, and the country's humanitarian needs are still multiple and massive. Currently, around three million people—ten percent of the population—displaced, and ten million reportedly are uncertain of how they will provide food for themselves. Moreover, millions of Yemenis lack access to safe water and health care services.

Humanitarian needs in Yemen are huge and the world needs to understand that this is one of the most massive humanitarian crises in the world.

In spite of all constraints and challenges including recurrent security incidents, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) managed its humble and humanitarian efforts to help around 3 million people across Yemen in 2016.

We hope peace returns to Yemen as without an end to the conflict, no amount of assistance can cover the massive needs as the huge majority of Yemenis continue to have no access to potable water or health facilities amid a damaged infrastructure.

This leaflet singles out the ICRC's activities in Yemen during 2016.



One of the ICRC water tanks to provide locals with potable water

PROVISION OF CLEAN WATER AND UPGRADING WATER AND SANITATION WORKS

The ICRC works to ensure that people affected by violence have access to clean water and acceptable sanitary conditions.

In 2016, more than 3.3 million people have benefited from ICRC activities in the field of water and sanitation. Highlights of these activities include the following:

- The local Water and Sanitation Corporations in Aden, Al-Bayda, Dhamar, Hodeida, Ibb, Sana'a, Sa'ada and Taiz have been supported in sustaining their services to provide clean and potable water supply. ICRC has assisted in connecting water pipelines, constructing public water intake points, and re-operating wells through generator repair, provision and installation of generators and other missing parts such as rising pipes, water booster pumps, jetting pumps, submersible pumps, water treatment material, and maintenance tools in addition to spare parts and consumables.
- The ICRC also has significantly contributed in rectifying sanitation issues through repairing sewage networks, fixing damaged sewage trucks, providing sewage pumps, manhole covers, and other necessary sewage equipment and material in Aden, Dhamar, and Al-Bayda.
- The public Electrical Company in Aden has benefitted from the donation of electrical materials (wooden poles) while the supply of transformers is expected in the coming months.
- In rural areas, the ICRC has completed the rehabilitation of water networks in Al-Madahij (Taiz), Al-Taweelah (Sa'ada), Al-Hamazat (Sa'ada), and Al Bander (Abyan).
- Furthermore, installation of protection covers for open wells and hand pumps to facilitate water collection has been implemented in Al-Hayfan (Taiz).
- ICRC has also supported Rada'a Cleaning Fund in garbage collection, ensuring safe and clean environment for more than 90,000 person.
- 130 technicians/operators from Sana'a, Dhamar, Al-Bayda, and Hodeida Water & Sanitation Local Corporations have benefited from training on the operations, maintenance and troubleshooting of critical equipment in their stations. In addition, 14 staff of Dhamar Local Corporation are being trained on Chlorination process.
- supported on monthly basis five main hospitals, with medical and surgical supplies, in addition to equipment, enabling them to perform 3,449 surgeries, and provided inpatient care to 2,361 weapon wounded patients.
- supported holistically one hospital in Aden to enable emergency room, surgical and inpatient and outpatient care; where 2,048 surgeries were performed.
- supported on monthly basis 20 key primary health centers in Saada, Amran, Sana'a, Al Bayda, Abyan, Taiz and Al-Dahle governorates; with monthly medications and other medical supplies, that benefited directly 292,457 individuals.
- supported other 80 health facilities (mainly referral hospitals and field hospitals) in 17 governorates, with over 150 ad-hoc donations of medical and surgical supplies, responding to their emergency needs; enabling healthcare for 27,477 war wounded patients; and 30,292 surgeries been performed.
- supported the continuation of treatment for diabetes patients; with the donation of 200,000 vial of insulin to the Ministry of Public Health and Population (MoPHP).
- conducted two War Wounded Surgery Seminars for 57 key surgeons from at least 13 governorates including Sana'a, Taiz, Aden and Hodeida.
- donated generators to four main referral hospitals in Sana'a, Dhamar and Marib Governorates; as well as to the central Laboratory, to ensure the continued functioning of vital hospital equipment.
- installed and equipped morgues in main hospitals in Saana and Dhamar. Hospital staff were trained on utilization and maintenance.
- conducted 13 first aid training sessions to 242 arms carriers, health personnel and community volunteers; strengthening the first-line care response.



HEALTH CARE FOR THE SICK AND WOUNDED

In 2016, the conflict continued to cause severe shortages of medical and surgical supplies across the country. To address some of these shortages and help treating weapon wounded patients and other health emergencies in Yemen, the ICRC:



PHYSICAL REHABILITATION PROGRAM (PRP)

The ICRC assists four physical rehabilitation facilities under the Ministry of Public Health and Population in Sana'a, Aden, Mukalla and Taiz where more than 70,000 persons with disabilities received services in 2016, including more than 7,000 persons with amputations and 300 mine survivors. In total, 1000 prosthesis and 20,000 orthosis were delivered. 36,000 persons received physiotherapy services. Additionally, construction of a temporary orthopedic workshop in Saada was initiated by the end of 2016.

Student scholarships in assistive technologies were provided to 16 Yemeni students for studies in India and Tanzania. Moreover, six students were sponsored by the ICRC to pursue a three year diploma in physiotherapy at the High Institute of Health Sciences in Sana'a.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE INCLUDING FOOD AND THER ESSENTIAL ITEMS

Millions of Yemenis reportedly lack the necessary means to provide for their families' basic food needs. With the start of the conflict, more than 3 million Yemenis became displaced and grew increasingly dependent on the provision of humanitarian assistance.

In 2016, the ICRC provided various forms of assistance to over 734,000 people, of which 263,400 displaced and 470,600 residents. This assistance was distributed in close coordination with the Yemeni Red Crescent Society and other community representatives. 47 different assistance distributions of emergency relief aid (food and non-food items) took place as follows:

- food rations including rice, beans, lentils, oil, tea and sugar were distributed to about 210,430 people in 21 districts in Aden, Hodeida, Amran, Hadramout, Ibb, Lahj, Saada, Sana'a, Shabwa, and Taiz governorates.
- close to 105,000 people in 24 districts of Abyan, Aden, Lahj, Amran, Saada, Sana'a, Shabow and Taiz



ICRC provided basic food needs to hundreds of thousands of IDPs in most conflict affected areas in the country

governorates benefited from the distribution of blankets in addition to hygienic items (including soap, washing detergents, shampoo, personal hygiene items, etc.) and other essential household items (including kitchen utensils, buckets, jerry cans and sleeping mats).

- more than 39,000 people and their dependents benefited from cash-for-work activities.
- more than 48,000 displaced and vulnerable persons in Al-Jawf, Marib, Saada, Aden governorates covered their essential needs through an ICRC supported cash transfer program.
- agricultural support activities benefiting 220,600 person in Amran, Dhamar, Ibb, Saada, and Sana'a carried out in collaboration with Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation. Assistance included Livestock health support, seeds, tools and rehabilitation of the ministry's farms.



The ICRC maintains a confidential and bilateral dialogue with all parties to the conflict in which it outlines potential violations against civilians and civilian infrastructure

BILATERAL DIALOGUE AND RESTORING FAMILY LINKS

ICRC maintains a confidential, bilateral dialogue with all parties to the conflict on the conduct of hostilities and the respect for the international humanitarian law with the ultimate aim of protecting the civilian population. In addition to this ongoing dialogue, since the beginning of the year, the ICRC has:

- Repeatedly acted as a neutral intermediary liaising with parties to enable the provisions of essential humanitarian services as well as humanitarian assistance.
- Facilitated, in its role as neutral intermediary and in cooperation with YRCS, the collection of the mortal remains of tens from some of the most conflict areas of Yemen.
- Provided more than 1,920 body bags and 45 retrieval kits to authorities and arms carriers.
- Organized and delivered five training sessions on management of the dead for more than 111 participants from local authorities, YRCS and weapons bearers.
- The organization continued to address the Restoring Family Links (RFL) needs of refugees, asylum seekers, and migrants through its network of ten ICRC RFL volunteers in the country and strengthened coordination and cooperation with other organizations and ICRC regional delegations
- 2,229 Red Cross messages collected and 2,802 phone calls for people visiting the delegation for protection matters.
- 209 tracing requests/allegations out of 313 were closed.

Yemeni nationals detained abroad in Guantanamo and other US detention facilities used RFL services for exchange of family news. The ICRC facilitated the exchange of 41 regular phone calls and 73 videoconference calls for Yemeni nationals detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

The ICRC also supported 27 family visit reunions for resettled Guantanamo detainees in Oman, Ghana, Georgia and Montenegro. Moreover, the ICRC collected 2 Red Cross Messages (RCM) from relatives of Guantanamo detainees; the Institution also distributed 58 RCMs from Guantanamo detainees to their relatives in Yemen.

PEOPLE DEPRIVED OF LIBERTY

Visiting people deprived of their liberty remains a priority for ICRC, which stands ready to visit people held by one side or another any time the opportunity would arise. Although this activity was slowed down by the current hostilities, the ICRC managed to visit 6 places of detention since the beginning of the year, monitoring the living conditions of more than 11,000 detainees.

Material assistance in the form of an electrical generator, blankets, hygiene kits, dressing kits and water filters was also provided to a number of places. Medical assistance was also provided to four former detainees upon their release.



YRCS and ICRC are working hand by hand in the field to facilitate the distribution of food to IDPs

MOVEMENT COORDINATION AND SUPPORT TO THE YEMEN RED CRESCENT SOCIETY

During the year 2016, the ICRC has coordinated the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement humanitarian response in Yemen and significantly increased its support to the Yemeni Red Crescent Society (YRCS) emergency response activities. This included technical, logistical and financial support to YRCS headquarters and selected branches across the country.

YRCS and ICRC staff and volunteers risked their lives every day to help communities.

Throughout the year, the ICRC supported the YRCS to provide First Aid and hospital transfer to 134 weapon-wounded, retrieve 125 dead bodies, distribute 10,700 food and household rations, and deliver First Aid training for 1,040 volunteers and community members.



An ICRC delegate in a discussion with the people to clarify the role of ICRC

RAISING AWARENESS OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW AND THE HUMANITARIAN SITUATION

To highlight the difficult humanitarian situation in Yemen and to shed light on the plight of the people,

The ICRC's communication department carried out the following activities:

- issued more than 20 public communiques on the humanitarian situation including news releases and articles to local press all of which were widely covered.
- gave more than 150 TV and radio interviews to local, regional and international media outlets.
- conducted around 50 dissemination sessions and workshops across the country to raise awareness of ICRC and its mandate as well as International Humanitarian Law (IHL).
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- generated content including photos and videos to highlight the impact of the conflict on the daily life of civilian population.
- held four journalist roundtables in Aden and Sana'a for lead Yemeni journalists.

A GLIMPSE INTO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), is a neutral and impartial humanitarian organization founded 153 years ago. It is active in more than eighty countries around the world including Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan and the occupied Palestinian Territories. Working in Yemen since 1962, it has offices in Sana'a, Taiz, Aden and Saada.

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