

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa / FATA

The ICRC has been active in Pakistan since 1947, when it helped the government establish refugee camps for the millions of people displaced by the partition. In the 1980s, the ICRC remained in Pakistan, providing relief and medical assistance to the victims of the Afghan War. The ICRC has been permanently present in Peshawar since 1980, continuously helping vulnerable people.



James Reynolds, ICRC Head of Sub-Delegation in Peshawar and Syed Ilyas, CEO Paraplegic Centre Hayatabad shaking hands after the hand-over of the vehicle

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Distributions of food and other necessary items

In Hangu district, food items have been distributed, in cooperation with the Pakistan Red Crescent Society, to 24'234 hosted IDP families. A total of 570 vulnerable families of Lower Dir and Buner received indirect support through the 'cash for work program'. The project is aimed at employing daily workers from affected communities, and to engage them in community rehabilitation projects such as repairing pedestrian paths, access roads, drinking water supply system and irrigation channels. In Buner, 161 vulnerable widows were provided with dairy cows together with their calves and animal feed.

Likewise, through the micro-economic initiatives (MEI) program, 347 people have been provided with small business grants in Buner, Lower Dir and Upper Dir. Recent monitoring has shown that the beneficiaries have been earning an average of PKR 9'000 per month, which is roughly sufficient to cover the monthly essential expenses of a rural household in the area.

Improving access to water and rehabilitation works

Buner: The upgrade of Torwarsak water supply scheme (WSS) has been completed. The project consisted of a water supply relying on gravity as well as pumped water. ICRC constructed approximately 6'000 feet of pipe and a 20'000

gallons brick water reservoir.

Swat: Construction of two pumped water supply systems in Odigram Mera, Khair Abad and three gravity WSS in Machine Abad, Cheena Patay, Bar Lalkoo is ongoing.

The rehabilitation of irrigation channel project is in the planning stage and will go parallel with the cash for work project of the ICRC.

Tank: The rehabilitation of the labour room in Kot Hakim BHU is ongoing. Seven rural water supply schemes consisting of replacing pumping machinery are being completed.

Mohmand: Rehabilitation of Ghalanai headquarters hospital is at the final stages. This project includes rehabilitation of medical, surgical, ICU and children ward.

Bajaur: In Khar AHQ Hospital, additional rehabilitation of 41 washrooms and emergency ward is ongoing. Additionally, one WSS was also constructed for the benefit of returnees.

Timergara: Following recent acute watery diarrhoea (AWD) outbreak, ICRC is taking preventative measures by carrying out works to improve the drinking water standard in 4 communities.

Medical assistance

Primary Health Care

ICRC continues its support (including provision of medical supplies) to Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS) KP & FATA branches in Turkham in Khyber Agency, Naivela in DI Khan and a BHU in Benazir camp, Risalpur. The estimated catchments population for these 3 units is 29,738 individuals. For the period under review, the 3 basic health services reported 10'608 patients.

In the reporting months, with direct ICRC support, RHC Patrack treated 3'841 residents whereas BHU Shahoo Khel offered basic health care to 1'573 patients, all residents. Meanwhile, two BHU got support in Tank district, offering services to 40'000 residents and 21'000 displaced persons. They respectively treated 3'661 in Dabara BHU and 2'438 in Kot Hakim BHU.

Support to hospital care (Secondary Health Care)

Regular ICRC support continues in Bannu and Tank Mission hospitals in the southern area of the Province and in Dir Hospital in the northern area with monthly drug supplies.

The southern facilities reported 5'816 outpatients and 1'547 admissions including 124 wounded patients. In the northern area, the obstetric department of Dir hospital treated 9'073 outpatients and 645 women were also admitted. Khar Hospital treated 55'574 outpatients and 4'542 in-patients.

ICRC also supports the emergency room & OPD of Thall Hospital (Hangu District) with basic medicines, where 13'993 patients were treated and 158 admitted.

With the resumption of fighting and an increased number of emergency cases in Mohmand Agency, the ICRC restarted the rented ambulance service for Gallanai for the referral of patients (24 cases since mid September) to Peshawar and continued its support to the hospital. Gallanai Hospital treated 17'391 outpatients and admitted 390 patients.

As regards to Acute Watery Diarrhoea outbreak, the ICRC supported MoH with two Diarrhoea Treatment Centres (DTC) in Thall (Hangu District) and Dir Hospitals.

The DTCs treated respectively 358 patients in Thall and 773 in Dir in the period under review.

Restoring Family Links

ICRC team collected 31 and distributed 33 Red Cross Messages. In total 48 RFL related phone calls were performed, including in some cases video teleconference calls, in which 213 family members were present. In addition to that, 15 Salaamats were exchanged between families and detainees.

ICRC Surgical Hospital for Weapon-Wounded

During the period under review 366 patients were admitted, the outpatient department made 404 consultations and 1'645 operations were performed. It has to be noted also that one female patient treated for a weapon wound gave birth to a baby-girl.

Orthopaedic Programme in Peshawar (Hayatabad) PIPOS

The ICRC supports the Pakistan Institute of Prosthetic and Orthotic Sciences (PIPOS/PRSP-Peshawar) whose objective is to assist in fitting physically disabled, primarily from KP and FATA, with orthopaedic appliances. In July -September of this year, 996 patients were assisted in Peshawar in which 165 prosthesis, 348 Orthosis, 386 elbow crutches and 3 wheel chairs have been delivered.

In the satellite centres located in Bajaur, Swat and Bannu agencies, 536 patients were assisted in which 16 prosthesis, 314 Orthosis devices have been delivered in all the three centres.

Paraplegic Center Hayatabad: follow up program

The new orthopaedic workshop for orthotic devices using ICRC polypropylene technology has been setup in the paraplegic center. A 4x4 vehicle for the field follow up program has also been donated. During this period a total of 57 patients were assisted, 57 home visits completed, 5 standing frames supplied, 1 walking frame, 4 elbow

Health Care in Danger

On 12 September 2011, the ICRC has launched an international campaign known as the Life and Death Campaign, which aims at:

- Raising awareness about the obstacles that prevent access to health care in situations of violence, and which put health care workers, infrastructure and the wounded and sick in danger.
- Ensuring greater security for health-care personnel, buildings and transport and improve access to health care for victims

Over the next four years, the ICRC will mobilize support from Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies, the health-care community, governments, military forces and armed groups around the world. By creating a strong community of concern, it seeks to safeguard the delivery of effective and impartial health care in armed conflict and other situations of violence.

crutches 13 toilet chairs and 42 wheelchairs have been delivered.

Mine Risk Education

Community Mobilizers in Hangu District, Orakzai, Mohmand and Kurram Agencies and in Jalozai IDP Camp organized 635 mine risk education sessions for IDPs belonging to Kurram, Mohmand and Bajaur Agencies and for returnees belonging to Feroz Khell area of Orakzai Agency. A total of 113'528 individuals participated in those sessions. In addition, informative leaflets were distributed and posters were affixed in various IDP locations.

Communication

Basic information about the ICRC and its working modalities was explained to different audiences at different locations. In Peshawar, regular disseminations were carried out for 151 patients and attendants in the ICRC Weapon Wounded Hospital and for 65 patients and attendants of the PIPOS centre.

Dissemination session was also carried out for 80 constables and officers of KP police stationed in Peshawar. Another such session was also done for 10 participants of 5 important local NGOs of Peshawar. Additionally, the communication department also organized a first aid training for 18 journalists from different electronic and print media.

Cooperation with the Pakistan Red Crescent Society

ICRC fully supported the Pakistan Red Crescent Society, FATA branch in the establishment of its Agency branch in Mohmand. The branch which started functioning from 1st of August has already imparted a first aid training to 20 students of Commerce College, Ghalanai. Apart from its engagement in the recruitment of volunteers from different communities of the agency, the branch with the support of the ICRC, just concluded the formation of a 20-member Emergency Response Team (ERT).



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