



Khyber Paktunkhwa / 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.

Physical Rehabilitation Program at 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 devices. In the reporting period, 790 patients were assisted in Peshawar, where 170 prostheses, 296 orthoses, 388 elbow crutches and 29 wheel chairs have been delivered.

In the satellite centres located in Bajaur agency, Swat and Bannu districts, 515 patients were assisted, including provision of six prosthetic and 313 orthotic devices.

Paraplegic Centre Hayatabad: follow up program

During the reporting period, 74 patients with spinal cord injuries were assisted at their homes and four house adaptations were completed. A total of 24 wheelchairs, 9 toilet chairs, 12 elbow crutches, 3 standing frames and 2 walking frames were delivered. Moreover, 28 new orthotic devices were delivered to the patients from the orthopaedic workshop in the Paraplegic centre.



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ICRC distribution of shelter kits in Bajaur agency on 2 November 2011

Primary Health Care

The ICRC continues its support (including provision of medical supplies) to PRCS KP & FATA branches in Turkham in Khyber agency, Naivela in DI Khan and a BHU in Benazir camp, Risalpur. 11,062 patients have been assisted in three centres over the past three months.

Over the same period of time, with direct ICRC support, RHC Patrak treated 2,764 residents whereas BHU Shahoo Khel offered basic health care to 2,130 patients, - all residents of the area. Meanwhile, two BHU in Tank district

are offering services to 40,000 residents and 21,000 displaced persons. They respectively treated 5,218 patients in Dabara BHU and 3,496 patients in Kot Hakim BHU.

Support to hospital care (Secondary Health Care)

The ICRC continues to supply medicines on a monthly basis to Bannu and Tank mission hospitals in the southern area of the province and to Dir hospital in the northern area. The southern facilities reported 5,024 outpatients and 811 admissions including 81 wounded patients. For the first time in December, five emergency cases were referred from Mehsud areas to Tank mission hospital. In the northern area, the obstetric department of Dir hospital treated 7,660 outpatients and admitted 591 women. Khar hospital treated 47,618 outpatients and 3,666 in-patients. The ICRC also supports the emergency room & OPD of Thall hospital (Hangu District) with basic medicines, where 13,072 patients were treated and 243 admitted. With the ongoing military operation in Mohmand agency, the ICRC continued its support to Ghallanai hospital, including the referral of patients (83 cases) to Peshawar with rented ambulance service. Ghallanai Hospital also treated 13,448 outpatients and admitted 263 patients.

Closure of four ICRC offices in KP

The ICRC closed its sub-office in Buner at the end of December 2011, following the completion of all the planned activities in the district and thanks to the improvement in the overall situation of the population.

Increasingly over the past year, the ICRC has been facing difficulties in accessing certain areas and populations. A number of issues related to the ICRC's operational procedures, the scope of its activities and set-up in the country have been raised repeatedly. The ICRC had to take the decision to close its offices in Hangu, Timergara and Mingora and three more offices elsewhere in Pakistan at the end of January 2012.

As a result, ICRC activities to support the economic security of vulnerable individuals and communities and to a lesser extent, certain projects improving access to water will be reduced. Medical assistance programmes in KP and FATA will remain the same. The work done in Peshawar in the ICRC surgical hospital for weapon-wounded, the physical rehabilitation program, the mine-risk education, restoring family links, communication activities and cooperation with the PRCS will continue. The ICRC remains ready to respond to humanitarian emergencies in the future.

Improving access to water and rehabilitation works

Buner: The ICRC is in the process of completing Kalpani I & II water supply schemes, which involve changing of pumping machinery and will benefit 15,400 persons. Additionally Koz Shamnal gravity drinking water supply scheme is progressing well, the 5.5 km of pipe network is being laid and two out of three pressure break chambers have been built. Once completed, this project will benefit 3,150 persons.

Mohmand: The ICRC distributed 150 shelter kits, consisting of timber frame and galvanised iron roof and walls. Each shelter kit is meant to benefit one family of seven persons. The ICRC ensured that the shelter kits were delivered to the beneficiaries, and trained them in installation of the kits. 200 more kits are planned to be distributed in January 2012.

Bajaur: The ICRC distributed 150 shelter kits in a similar manner as in Mohmand. The ICRC is in the process of renovating 80 washrooms in Khar hospital and organised training of hospital staff on respective sanitation requirements.

Hangu: The ICRC carried out a minor repair in water supply scheme project in Hangu that benefited 7,000 people. Additionally, it has rehabilitated the male / female ward in Thall hospital, with 24-bed capacity.

Swat: The ICRC is active in four water supply scheme projects. Two projects involve replacement of pumping machinery, while two others are of gravity type. To date, one of each types of projects was completed 28,000 people will benefit from the projects.

Tank: The ICRC replaced pumping machinery for seven rural water supply scheme projects for the benefit of 48,500 people.

Restoring family links

The ICRC team collected 35 and distributed 27 Red Cross Messages and facilitated 43 phone calls between detainees and family members, including video teleconferences, in which 218 family members were present. In addition to that, 19 Salaamats (verbal messages) were exchanged between families and detainees.

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ICRC Surgical Hospital for Weapon-Wounded

During the period under review 358 patients were admitted, the outpatient department made 446 consultations and 1,499 operations were performed.

Cooperation with Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS)

The PRCS KP and FATA established four Emergency Response Teams (ERT) in Bannu, DiKhan, Peshawar and Khyber agency with the technical and financial support from the ICRC. The newly established team in Peshawar is the first ERT consisting of women in the PRCS.

Seventy volunteers from the ERTs received intensive emergency first aid (FA) training, and have been equipped with basic tools. In December, Khyber agency ERT efficiently responded to a bomb blast by providing FA to the injured and evacuating some victims to the nearby hospitals, including the ICRC surgical hospital for weapon-wounded in Peshawar

Distributions of food and other necessary items

In Hangu district, food items have been distributed, in cooperation with the PRCS, to 28,945 hosted IDP families. A total of 162 vulnerable families of Lower Dir and Buner received indirect support through the "cash for work" program. The project aimed at employing daily workers from affected communities for community rehabilitation projects such as repairing pedestrian paths, access roads, drinking water supply systems and irrigation channels. In Buner, 19 vulnerable widows were provided with dairy cows together with their calves and animal feed.

Likewise, through the micro-economic initiatives (MEI) program, 117 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.

ICRC Structural Support

Structural Intervention aims to strengthen the existing government structures and institutions. The ICRC handed over equipment, including semen analyser, artificial insemination with liquid nitrogen containers, plastic vaccination syringes and cold boxes to different Livestock Offices in the KP province.

The ICRC donated winter fodder seeds and fertilisers to 69 farmers in FATA, as well as wheat seeds to 1802 farmers of Lower & Upper Dir and agricultural packages aimed at increasing the yield of vulnerable farming communities to 143 selected farmers from Swat, Buner, DI Khan and Malakand.

Mine risk awareness activities in KP/FATA

The ICRC-trained Community Mobilisers organized 736 risk education sessions for 13,723 people on the danger of mines and other unexploded ordnance for IDPs living in host families in Hangu district and the resident population in Kurram, Bajaur, Orkazai and Mohmand agencies. The distribution of 4,770 leaflets helped to reinforce the messages. In addition, 105 posters/stickers were displayed in various IDPs living localities.