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THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS IN YEMEN

OVERVIEW

Yemen's dreadful conflict has entered its second year amid major humanitarian needs. Ordinary people have paid the price for the violence which has left millions of Yemenis in urgent need of a safe shelter, food and water. Reports estimate that 6,500 people have been killed and 32,000 people injured up to date. A number that regrettably rises every day.

Across the country, civilian infrastructure, including health facilities, public buildings and markets have been severely damaged and destroyed by shelling, airstrikes and ground fighting. In comparison to last year, the humanitarian situation is still grim with hospitals running out of supplies, electricity and water systems disrupted and food and other basic commodities critically low in some areas. Delivering supplies and essential goods into cut off areas, remains a challenge in 2016. Moreover, the restrictions on the import of goods prevent enough food, medicine and fuel from getting into the country.

Nevertheless and in spite of various constraints and challenges including recurrent security incidents, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) has maintained its presence and operations in Yemen always striving to respond to the mounting humanitarian needs in a strictly impartial and neutral manner.

This leaflet singles out ICRC's activities in Yemen between January and June 2016.



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An ICRC team is seen on a truck amidst a distribution of food and household items to displaced people

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE INCLUDING FOOD AND OTHER ESSENTIAL ITEMS

The ICRC provided various forms of assistance to over 350,000 people. This assistance was distributed in close coordination with the Yemeni Red Crescent Society (YRCS) and other organizations during 32 different distributions as follows:

- food rations including rice, beans, lentils, oil, tea and sugar were distributed to about 111,000 people in the governorates of Aden, Amran, Ibb, Hadramout, Saada and Sana'a.
- close to 84,200 people in the governorates of Abyan, Amran, Saada and Taiz benefited from the distribution of blankets in addition to hygiene items (including soap, washing detergent, shampoo, personal hygiene items, etc.) and other essential household items (including kitchen utensils, buckets, jerry cans and sleeping mats).
- more than 1,000 people and their dependents benefited from cash-for-work activities.

In addition to the above, the ICRC supported more than 2,000 people in covering their essential needs through cash transfer programs. People with disabilities as well as women headed household in Taiz benefited from this support.



The ICRC recently supported an animal vaccination campaign for livestock owners

More than 17,500 farming families also benefited from a livestock vaccination and treatment campaign targeted around 415,000 animals.

PROVISION OF CLEAN WATER AND UPGRADING WATER AND SANITATION SERVICES

The ICRC works to ensure that people affected by violence have access to clean water and acceptable sanitary conditions. During the first six months of 2016, more than 2.3 million people benefited from ICRC's activities in the field of water and sanitation. Highlights of these activities include:

- various forms of support to the local water and sanitation corporations in Aden, Dhamar, Rada'a, Sana'a, and Taiz. The support which aimed at ensuring the continued provision of clean and potable water included repair works, water treatment material, incentives, technical assistance and donations of generators and other items.



An ICRC water technician is checking one of the main water pumping stations which supplies hundreds of thousands of Yemenis with clean drinking water

- support to sewage cleaning in Aden and Dhamar as well as donation of sewage pumping trucks
- several projects were carried out in Taiz, Amran and Saada to facilitate water collection for residents and displaced people in a number of areas in these governorates.
- support to various hospitals in Yemen with general maintenance and rehabilitation works and improvement of water and main power systems. The list of hospitals supported includes Al-Jumhori and Al-Kuwait in Sana'a, Dhamar and Al-Wahdah hospitals in Dhamar as well as Harf Sufyan, Al-Hayfa and Khaiwan health centres in Sana'a and Amran.
- repair works of the damaged water network in Al-Nasr neighborhood of Sana'a to the benefit of more than 32, 000 residents.
- technical hands-on training in water and sanitation for 20 employees from the Sana'a water board.

HEALTH CARE FOR THE SICK AND WOUNDED

Less than 30% of the needed medicines and medical supplies entered Yemen in the first half of 2016. To address some of these shortages and to help treat wounded people across the country, the ICRC:



An ICRC physician tends to a war wounded patient

- supported 52 hospitals and 16 health facilities in 14 governorates through hundred donations of medical and surgical supplies enabling the treatment of more than 15,000 war wounded.
- supported 19 key primary health centers in six governorates with monthly medications and supplies to the benefit close to 150, 000 patients out of which more than 20 % were children.
- supported six referral hospitals in six governorates with material to stabilize and treat surgical emergencies.
- donated equipment including ventilators, defibrillators, monitors, anesthesia machines and mortuaries to three main hospitals.
- provided various forms of support to Al-Mansoura hospital in Aden including, incentives, medical staff and supplies.
- organized a three-day seminar on war surgery for 21 surgeons from the south.
- administered eight first- aid training sessions to 151 arms carriers and health personnel.

PHYSICAL REHABILITATION PROGRAM (PRP)

The ICRC supports four Physical Rehabilitation Centers in Sana'a, Aden, Mukalla and Taiz that are subordinated the Ministry of Public Health & Population.

Since January 2016, more than 35,000 people with disabilities benefited from physical rehabilitation services provided at these centers. An average of 16,000 patients received physiotherapy treatment while more than 500 prostheses and 8,000 orthoses were fitted and delivered.

Special physiotherapy, prosthetic and orthotic training machines and equipment were also donated to the High Institute of Health Sciences in Sana'a. 11 Yemenis were also sponsored and supported to obtain a three-year diploma in prosthetic and orthotic technology abroad.



An ICRC staff manufactures an artificial limb to help a patient walk again

BILATERAL DIALOGUE AND RESTORING FAMILY LINKS

The 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:

- in its role as neutral intermediary, and in cooperation with the YRCS, facilitated the collection of the mortal remains of more than 70 people from some of the most conflict affected areas of Yemen. Mortal remain retrieval kits as well as body bags were also donated to authorities and arms carriers. A two-day training session on the management of the dead was carried out twice for local authorities.
- supported refugees, asylum seekers, and migrants to find their families and stay in contact with them through the exchange of more than 1,800 phone calls and messages of various forms.



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

- supported families in looking for their missing loved ones who are presumed to be detained or who have gone missing.
- helped Yemeni nationals detained abroad (in Guantanamo and other US detention facilities) to stay in contact with their families. More than 26 regular phone calls and 35 videoconference calls were carried out between the Yemeni nationals held abroad and their families in Yemen.

PEOPLE DEPRIVED OF LIBERTY

Since January 2016, the ICRC visited about 9,000 detainees. It also supported places of detention through the provision of mattresses, blankets, hygiene and recreational items. During the first half of 2016, approximately 3,000 detainees benefited from an anti-scabies campaigns conducted in places of detention.



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An ICRC staff explains the organization's mandate and emblem to representatives of different authorities

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 ten public communiques on the humanitarian situation including news releases and articles to local press all of which were widely covered.
- gave more than one hundred TV and radio interviews to local, regional and international media outlets.
- arranged five photo missions and produced three audio-visual clips that were shared on various media platforms.
- conducted more than 35 dissemination sessions and workshops across the country to raise awareness of ICRC and its mandate as well as International Humanitarian Law (IHL).
- held three journalist roundtables in Aden and Sana'a for lead Yemeni journalists.



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ICRC and YRCS staff are often seen working hand in hand

SUPPORT TO THE YEMENI RED CRESCENT SOCIETY

During the first half of 2016, the ICRC coordinated the Red Cross and 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 select branches across the country.

YRCS and ICRC staff and volunteers risked their lives every day to help communities throughout Yemen. They retrieved 70 bodies, provided first aid assistance to 44 wounded and conducted 23 first-aid trainings to 340 community members and volunteers.

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. It has been working in Yemen since 1962 and has offices in Sana'a, Taiz, Aden and Saada.

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