

EGYPT

FACTS AND FIGURES

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The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) is an impartial, neutral and independent organization ensuring humanitarian protection and assistance for people affected by armed conflict and other violence. It provides aid while promoting International Humanitarian Law (IHL) — the law that protects victims of war. The ICRC has been operating intermittently in Egypt for over 100 years, dating back to World War I and II, and has continued its humanitarian work throughout all major armed conflicts Egypt has been involved in over the past century. Today, the ICRC continues its humanitarian efforts through its delegation in Cairo, which was permanently established in 1983.

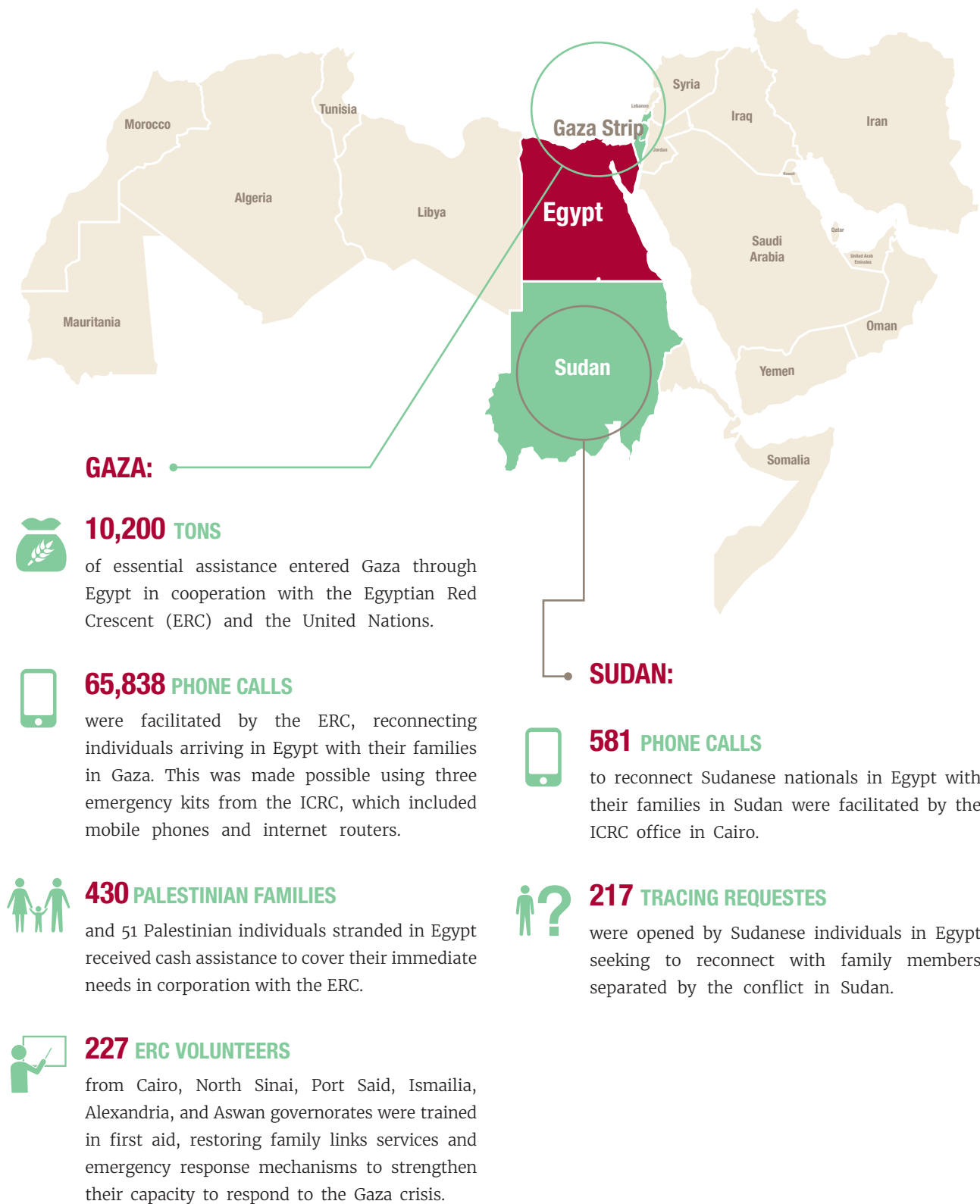
In Egypt, the ICRC:

- **Serves as a key operational hub**, supporting ongoing responses to conflicts in neighboring regions such as Gaza and Sudan, in close cooperation with the Egyptian Red Crescent (ERC).
- **Partners closely with the ERC**, its primary humanitarian partner in Egypt, to address diverse humanitarian needs and assist vulnerable populations both within Egypt and the broader region.
- **Works to reunite families separated by conflict**, violence, or migration, facilitating communication and tracing services to help reconnect loved ones.
- **Promotes and advocates for IHL among various stakeholders**, including military and police officers, judges, diplomats, and academics, in coordination with the Egyptian National Committee on IHL (ENCIHL).
- **Coordinates humanitarian diplomacy efforts** with a range of actors, including the diplomatic community, regional organizations such as the League of Arab States and the African Union, as well as international organizations based in Egypt.
- **Hosts regional teams** that work to strengthen ICRC's presence and engagement within the Arabic-speaking world, including the Regional IHL team and the Regional Communication Center.

In 2024, through its partnership with the ERC and other organizations, the ICRC focused on:

SUPPORT FOR VICTIMS OF ARMED CONFLICTS IN THE REGION

The ICRC in Egypt provides diplomatic, operational, and logistical support to the organization's humanitarian response in neighboring conflict-affected countries as follows:



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WITH THE EGYPTIAN RED CRESCENT (ERC)

The ICRC and ERC are working closely to address humanitarian needs in Egypt and the region through complementary efforts and collaboration in areas such as emergency preparedness and response. In 2024, the two organizations partnered in the following ways:



153 VOLUNTEERS

were trained on safety and security during emergencies to strengthen their understanding and management of the risks associated with humanitarian operations in conflict zones.



100 FIRST AID KITS

were delivered to support the ERC's emergency response capacity.



20 WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICES & LAPTOPS

Were delivered to the ERC to strengthen emergency response capacity.



10 MOBILE STORAGE/WAREHOUSE UNITS

were delivered to support the expansion of ERC's logistical capacities.

BRINGING FAMILIES TOGETHER

As part of its protection mandate, the ICRC works to prevent family separations, search for the missing, and reunite loved ones. Egypt, a transit country for migrants fleeing conflict, often sees people lose contact with family members during their journey. Through its Cairo office, the ICRC helps trace, restore contact, and reunite hundreds of families separated by armed conflict, violence, disasters, or migration. In 2024, the ICRC achieved the following:



6,840 PERSONS

contacted the ICRC through visits, calls and by email for protection enquiries and/or restoring family links services.



25 RED CROSS MESSAGES

and oral greetings (*Salamat*) were exchanged between families living in Egypt and their relatives visited by the ICRC in places of detention abroad.



2,656 TRACING REQUESTS

have been opened by people searching for their loved ones for people, and they are currently being handled by ICRC staff.



397 ICRC TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

were issued on behalf of refugees/asylum seekers in Egypt for resettlement in other countries.



107 PERSONS

who were being searched for have been found through ICRC efforts, such as restoring contact via Red Cross messages, phone calls, or helping families reunite in Cairo. On average, it takes about four years from receiving the tracing request to finding the person.



3,537 PHONE CALLS

were facilitated by the ICRC to help migrant community members in Egypt maintain contact with their loved ones abroad.



A Sudanese mother embraces her daughter at the ICRC office in Cairo after seven years of separation.

PROMOTING AWARENESS ABOUT THE ICRC AND IHL

The ICRC works globally to promote International Humanitarian Law (IHL) to protect people affected by armed conflicts and violence. In Egypt, it raises awareness of IHL at the national and regional levels by engaging with the armed and security forces, judges, media, academics, and key institutions like the League of Arab States and Al-Azhar. In 2024, the ICRC focused on the following:



An ICRC dissemination session on IHL conducted in collaboration with the Egyptian Armed Forces.



Group photo from the first LAS-ICRC meeting on IHL and new technologies, held at the LAS headquarters in Cairo.

ON THE NATIONAL LEVEL:



With the armed and police forces:

3,888 Egyptian officers, cadets, and troops enhanced their knowledge of IHL through **26** training courses and dissemination sessions.

79 Egyptian armed forces officers and **46** Egyptian police officers nominated for peacekeeping operations participated in a training course and **3** orientation sessions on IHL and International Human Rights Law (IHRL).

45 officers from the Military Justice Authority and Egyptian Armed Forces, **2** police officers and **16** members from the National Commission on IHL (NCIHL) participated in **3** roundtables on various IHL topics.

2,515 Egyptian police officers were introduced to IHL and its relationship with IHRL through **7** training courses and dissemination sessions.



With the Egyptian National Commission for IHL (ENCIHL):

59 ENCIHL members and government officials strengthened their IHL knowledge in two workshops, joined by five members of the Saudi Permanent Committee for IHL and seven from the Qatari National Committee for IHL.



With the media and academic circles:

155 students and **75** teachers and professors from Al-Azhar University's faculty of Sharia and Law participated in two workshops, organized by the ICRC and Al-Azhar University, on the commonalities between IHL and Islamic Sharia Law.

200 law students from Port Said university enhanced their IHL knowledge through an awareness session.

25 journalists from different local and regional news outlets were introduced to IHL through one workshop.

ON THE REGIONAL LEVEL:

59 participants from **16** Arab countries, including government and academic representatives, took part in the IHL Regional Arabic Course in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, organized with the League of Arab States (LAS).

61 high and mid-level government officials from **12** Arab countries, along with LAS members, joined the first LAS-ICRC meeting on IHL and New Technologies at the LAS HQ in Cairo.



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