

JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2025



## Sudan Facts and Figures

In 2025, Sudan continued to endure a devastating armed conflict and the world's most severe humanitarian crisis. In response, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), working independently and in partnership with the Sudanese Red Crescent Society (SRCS), provided protection and assistance activities to individuals and communities affected by the fighting across the country.

The ICRC's objective was to address their urgent humanitarian needs, help reduce the risks they face and preserve their dignity. Its work included reuniting separated family members, searching for missing persons, and supporting the respectful and dignified management of human remains to prevent people from going unaccounted for. The ICRC also worked to restore essential services such as water and health facilities and provided emergency assistance to conflict-affected individuals and communities throughout Sudan under its country-wide operational approach.

Recognizing that the crisis in Sudan is fundamentally a protection crisis, the ICRC engaged with all actors involved in the hostilities to promote respect for international humanitarian law (IHL) and to urge measures aimed at reducing harm to civilians, civilian infrastructure and essential services .

Meanwhile, the ICRC advocated for safe and unimpeded humanitarian access . Ensuring sufficient humanitarian space so aid organizations can operate safely, independently and without interference is essential to reaching people in need in a secure and sustained manner.

While the humanitarian needs remain immense, each intervention is a vital step toward alleviating suffering and preserving dignity of those affected by the conflict.

## Re-establishing family links amid conflict

When conflict erupts, families are often among the first to feel its consequences. Loved ones are separated in the chaos of displacement, flight, detention or injury, leaving relatives without news of one another and unsure if those they care about are safe.

Despite the ongoing and shifting violence, the ICRC, in close collaboration with the SRCS, has remained committed to addressing the urgent needs to restoring family links in Sudan. Together, our teams have worked to trace missing persons, facilitate the exchange of family news and reconnect relatives separated by the conflict. The numerous requests received, both from within Sudan and from Sudanese families abroad, reflect the widespread impact of the crisis on family unity.



Helped around **62,000** families reestablish or maintain contact through free phone call services, the vast majority facilitated by the SRCS at sites throughout Sudan.



Enabled **14,368** people to reconnect with relatives through access to Wi-Fi services provided by the SRCS across Sudan.



Supported **8,658** people by providing phone battery charging services at SRCS locations across the country.



Responded to more than **5,857** people through phone calls and in-person visits at its offices across Sudan, including via the ICRC's Restoring Family Links hotline.



Received **1,144** tracing requests and requests concerning relatives reportedly arrested or detained from families in Sudan and **2,220** similar requests from abroad.



Clarified the whereabouts of **846** missing persons in Sudan or abroad.

In 2025, the ICRC focused its engagement with key stakeholders responsible for the management of the dead on strengthening the technical skills required to support the future identification of large numbers of human remains. In parallel, it enhanced the operational capacity of the SRCS to deliver critical, time-sensitive services, ensuring the safe and dignified handling and burial of human remains while improving overall operational standards and preparedness.



Trained **53** additional SRCS volunteers in safe and dignified burial practices, bringing the total number of trained volunteers to **343** since beginning of the conflict.



Provided technical advice on the safe and dignified burial of deceased individuals to stakeholders involved in the management of human remains.



Strengthened the capacity of seven designated focal points to deliver further training in safe and dignified safe burial practices.



Conducted basic training in forensic archeology and anthropology for **14** practitioners to strengthen search and identification capacities.



Provided materials to support dignified burials to relevant civil authorities, SRCS branches and actors involved in the hostilities across Sudan, resulting in the distribution of **21,000** body bags and personal protective equipment.



Convened a coordination in Omdurman with authorities and other stakeholders involved in the management of the dead to improve cooperation and information-sharing.



Equipped morgues and relevant authorities with IT and mortuary equipment to improve record-keeping, operational quality and data management.



The ICRC, in partnership with Iraqi authorities, organized a 5-day visit for Sudanese medico-legal representatives to Iraq. The visit focused on peer-to-peer exchanges about Iraq's procedures for clarifying the fate of missing persons, including the recovery and identification of human remains.



Rehabilitated the Port Sudan morgue (Red Sea State) to improve service delivery and staff working conditions and supported the start of restoration efforts at Omdurman morgue.

## Responding to the immediate needs of conflict-affected people

In 2025, often in collaboration with the SRCS, the ICRC responded to these immediate needs by supporting access to clean water, strengthening health services and providing food, cash and essential household items.

### Access to water and essential infrastructure

In 2025, the ICRC:

- **Donated 16 pumps, control panels**, water treatment chemicals and related equipment to strengthen water supply systems in Khartoum State that improves access to safe and treated water for approximately **2.4 million people**.
- **Supported water authorities in Damazine**, Atbara Ad Damir, Al Gadaref, Al Geneina, Nyala and Al Daein gained access to drinking water thanks to the rehabilitation/solarization of the water supply infrastructure serving **465,000 people**.
- **Rehabilitated and installed hand pumps** in rural areas of Blue Nile, River Nile, Central, West and North Darfur to improve access to sufficient quantities of water to **74,000 people**.
- **Constructed 110 latrines and 105 showers** in Kamara returnee camps (River Nile State), improving sanitation access for more than **24,000 people**.
- **Upgraded an operating theatre** at the **600-bed** Atbara Teaching Hospital to support surgical services.



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The ICRC has supported the Khartoum Water Authority to enhance safe water access and infrastructure, reaching millions of people.

- **Refurnished the 20-bed** Intensive Care Unit (ICU) at Al Daein Hospital.
- **Constructed a 100 m<sup>3</sup>** underground water storage tank at the **150-bed** Al Faw Teaching Hospital to improve water supply and sanitation services.
- **Conducted a joint cholera response**, chlorination, and hygiene campaign with the SRCS in Tawila (North Darfur) and Al Daein (East Darfur), reaching approximately **117,300 people**.
- **Distributed 1,500 water filters** to SRCS in Tawila to help displaced people reduce reliance on unsafe water sources.
- **Conducted water, sanitation**, and hygiene emergency response training for **7,907 people** in coordination with the SRCS.
- **Installed a solar power system** at an orphan care facility in Atbara, supporting essential services for **80 children**.

## Access to Health Care

In 2025, the ICRC:

- **Provided sustained support** including medical supplies, technical accompaniment, human resources, and running costs, to seven hospitals; (River Nile State, Gedaref State, Kassala State, North Darfur, East Darfur, Khartoum State); enabling more than **154,750** emergency consultations and **27,000** surgical admissions, including more than **22,000** weapon-related injuries.
- **Supplied emergency medical** materials to **26** hospitals in **12** states (Red Sea, River Nile, Khartoum, Kassala, Gedaref, Sennar, Blue Nile, North Kordofan, West Kordofan, North Darfur, Central Darfur and West Darfur) to support treatment of over **35,000** surgical cases, including more than **22,000** weapon-wounded patients.
- **Supported 33 health facilities** structures in 10 states (River Nile, Khartoum, Kassala, Gedaref, Al Jazeera, Sennar, Blue Nile, North Kordofan, South Darfur and North Darfur) in responding to cholera, dengue, malaria and malnutrition outbreaks, benefiting to more than **310,000** patients.
- **Enabled 2,039 patients** to receive early physiotherapy services at Atbara Teaching Hospital (River Nile).
- **Supported National Authority** for Prosthetics and Orthotics (NAPO) centers in Damazine, Kassala and Gedaref, allowing approximately **2,195** beneficiaries to access physical rehabilitation services.



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An ICRC physical rehabilitation specialist provides essential care to a war-wounded patient at Atbara Teaching Hospital, a lifeline for thousands each month.

- **Deployed mobile surgical teams** that treated around **150** weapon-wounded patients in Atbara (River Nile) and Blue Nile, and an additional **149** patients in Tawila (North Darfur) in collaboration with local hospitals and partners.
- **Trained 91 health professionals** in trauma stabilization and emergency care in River Nile, South Darfur, West Darfur and North Darfur, strengthening capacity to mass casualty incidents.
- **Conducted first aid training** for approximately **1,295** people, including more than **500** SRCS volunteers from branches across all 18 branches of Sudan, around **400** weapon bearers, and **50** safety officers at the Port Sudan airport.

# Providing food, cash and essentials items



**Provided multipurpose cash assistance** to over **428,890 displaced people** to help cover basic needs.



**Delivered cash assistance** for food and in-kind food assistance to approximately **107,150 displaced people** and returnees to improve food consumption.



**Distributed essential household items** to around **48,670 displaced people** and returnees received to support living conditions



**Provided hot meals** to over **11,000 war-wounded** patients in hospitals, including Al Geneina and Al Saudi Teaching Hospitals in Darfur, to improve their nutritional status.



**Distributed agricultural cash grants** for seeds and tools for more than **95,140 farmers** to help restore livelihoods.



**Supported community kitchens** in Zam Zam camp (North Darfur), reaching more than **13,000 people**.



**Supported vaccination and treatment** campaigns for **170,000 livestock** in River Nile State in partnership with the Ministry of animal Resources and Ranges.

## Working in partnership with the Sudanese Red Crescent Society

The ICRC has maintained a longstanding operational partnership with the Sudanese Red Crescent Society (SRCS) since 1978. Through technical, financial and institutional support, the ICRC works alongside the SRCS to strengthen its ability to respond to humanitarian needs across Sudan.



**Supported the continuity of operations** at SRCS headquarters and across all **18** state branches, including salary support for **35** staff members.



**Strengthened emergency preparedness** by organizing Safer Access workshops and refresher trainings for Emergency Response Teams, benefiting more than **250** volunteers and staff across multiple states.



**Enhanced operational capacity** through the donation of vehicles, first aid kits and essential office and ICT equipment to headquarters and branch offices.



**Supported leadership and coordination** through Branch Directors' meetings and a humanitarian negotiation workshop delivered in collaboration with the Centre of Competence on Humanitarian Negotiation.s.



**Strengthened communication and outreach** capacity through dedicated trainings, equipment support and the organization of an SRCS Communication Forum attended by national media representatives.



**Contributed to reinforcing the visibility** and public engagement of the SRCS, including support for World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day celebrations across the country.

## Promoting respect for International Humanitarian Law

Respect for international humanitarian law (IHL) is essential to limiting the suffering caused by armed conflict. Through training, dialogue and technical support, the ICRC works with authorities, armed forces, police, and other weapon bearers to strengthen understanding and implementation of the rules that protect people affected by war.



**Trained more than 1,900 weapon bearers** across Sudan the country to enhance their knowledge of international humanitarian law.



**Delivered fourteen training courses for 1,150 junior officers** to support the integration of IHL into military operations.



**Conducted ten workshops** for more than **350 mid-level** and senior officers to reinforce the application of IHL and rules of engagement.



**Supported four senior officers** to participate in regional and international IHL workshops, including in Amman and through the through the Senior Workshop on International Rules Governing Military Operations.



**Organized two IHL workshops** for legal professionals - one for **17 consultants** for Ministry of Justice in Port Sudan and another for **16 attorneys** from the Sudanese Public Prosecution.

**Cover Photo:** Displaced to Tawila, North Darfur, thousands of women and girls seek safety. This image captures a fraction of them, highlighting the severe humanitarian crisis in Sudan.



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