

SYRIA

# FACTS AND FIGURES

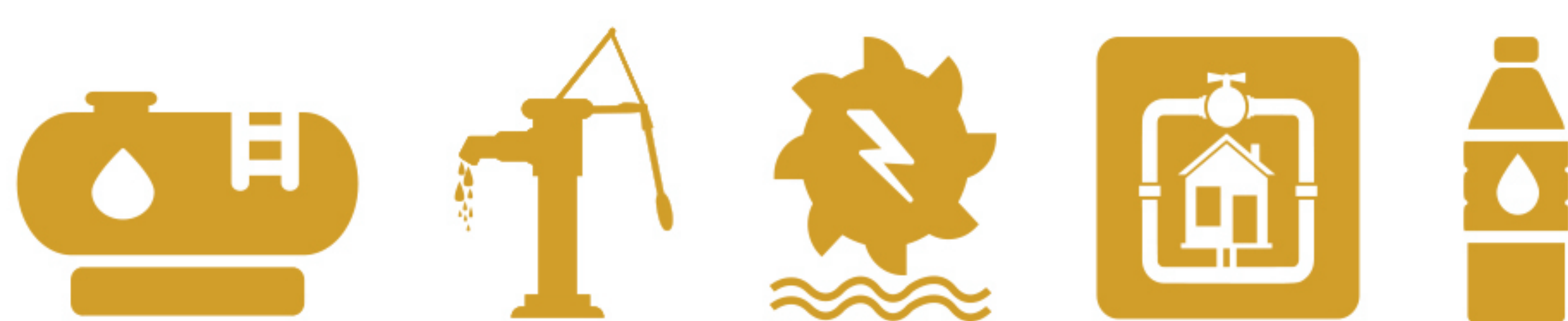
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During the first half of 2022, millions of Syrians have benefited from different vital services provided by the ICRC in cooperation with the Syrian Arab Red Crescent (SARC) across the country.

These services are meant to respond to the most pressing needs and urgent repairs to critical infrastructures, in addition to food distributions to the most vulnerable people and support to healthcare facilities.



## ENSURING ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER AND IMPROVING LIVING CONDITIONS

More than **12.2 M** people benefited from different water and habitat interventions across the country, as follows:

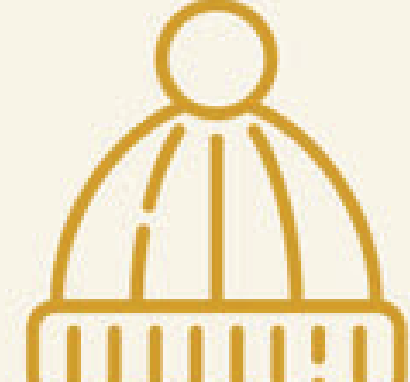
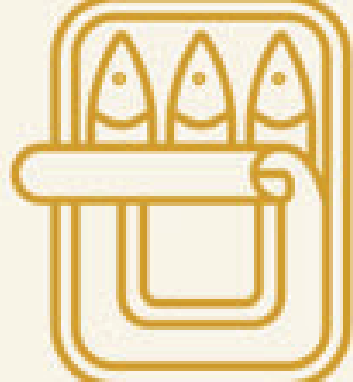
- **11.2 M** people were supported by a disinfection programme to ensure safe drinking water in **12** governorates.
- **450,000** people received water delivered by trucks in Aleppo, Rural Damascus, Raqqqa, and Hassakeh.
- **21** water facilities across the country were rehabilitated and upgraded, and equipped with power transformers, pumps, and generators.
- Some **28,000** displaced people and returnees throughout the country benefited from renovations and upgrading of housing, water, and sanitation in **35** collective shelters and neighbourhoods.
- **5** hospitals, **41** health points, and one physical rehabilitation centre had their infrastructures improved.
- Around **160,000** people benefited from support to **6** public bakeries in terms of supply of production line, rehabilitation works, and power.
- Water, sanitation and hygiene facilities in **208** schools and exam centres in Damascus, Aleppo, Raqqqa, Deir Ezzor, Hassakeh and Rural Damascus governorates were improved.





## HEALTHCARE FOR THE SICK AND WOUNDED

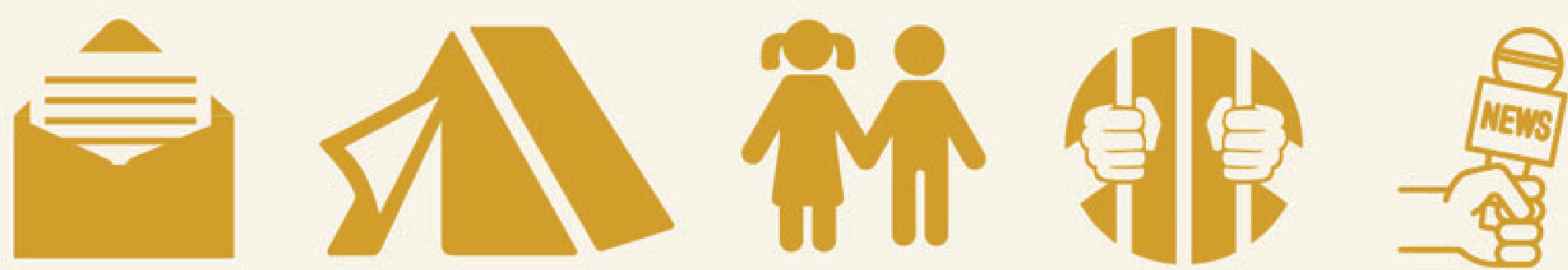
- Over **61,800** people had access to healthcare services through **15** SARC polyclinics and **17** mobile health units supported by the ICRC. More than **21,000** diabetes consultations and over **2,500** leishmaniasis treatment sessions were provided in **27** health facilities of the Ministry of Health across the country.
- Nearly **29,900** wounded and sick people, affected directly or indirectly by the conflict, benefited from emergency and pre-hospital care services provided by ICRC-supported SARC ambulances in **12** governorates and through **41** first aid centres.
- Around **60** SARC volunteers received an advanced first aid training.
- Over **3,000** wounded and sick persons received treatment at the ICRC-SARC hospital in Al-Hol camp, north-east Syria.
- Some **480** people benefited from the ICRC's physical rehabilitation programme in Aleppo, Rural Damascus and Homs.
- Over **1,400** people received Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS).
- **16** hospitals received ICRC donations of various equipment and maintenances, in addition to COVID-19 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
- A total of **40** doctors from the Ministry of Health and the SARC attended the Emergency Room Trauma Course (ERTC), held in both Damascus and Homs.



## DAILY ESSENTIALS AND RESTORING LIVELIHOODS

- About **1.5 M** people in seven governorates received food, nearly half of them more than once.
- Some **482,000** people in **10** governorates received essential household items, including winter clothes, blankets, mattresses, and hygiene materials.
- Nearly **765** households in seven governorates – including returnees, displaced families, women-headed households, and people with disabilities – received grants to initiate a small business.
- About **570,000** people in **13** governorates benefited from local livelihood initiatives, such as the distribution of sheep, poultry, fodder, means to produce hydroponic fodder, beekeeping, fertilizers, and agricultural tools.





## PROMOTING HUMAN DIGNITY AND RECONNECTING FAMILIES

- Over **700** oral greetings and Red Cross Messages were exchanged between separated families.
- More than **960** cases were opened by families in Syria to trace persons unaccounted for.
- **30** visits to detention places were conducted by the ICRC.
- Some **2,300** hygiene kits and **1,900** winter clothes were donated to a central prison.
- Around **150** hygiene kits were donated to the Immigration and Passports Centre.
- **5** central prisons were supported with essential drugs and medication every three months, and supplementary food for vulnerable groups of detainees.
- Detainees in **10** central prisons benefited from ICRC donations of essential drugs, COVID-19 PPE, and medical equipment.
- Facilitated the participation of **5** high-level representatives from the Ministry of Interior and the Ministry of Health in the World Health in Detention Conference in Geneva.
- To support the General Commission of Forensic Medicine (GCFM), some **200** body bags were donated to the Karm Allouz Hospital in Homs and a set of information technology equipment including laptops and printers were presented to the Damascus Identification Centre.
- Autopsy tables and cold chambers were provided to the new forensic facility in Homs after it was renovated by ICRC.
- Disinfection materials and PPE were donated to the Aleppo Burial Office.



## PROMOTING SAFER BEHAVIOR IN WEAPON CONTAMINATED AREAS

- More than **108,000** in **12** governorates attended sessions on risks related to mines/ERWs and safer behaviour practices in weapon-contaminated areas, as held by the SARC's risk education teams, trained and supported by the ICRC.
- Over **9,000** individuals received brochures warning them about the risks of mines/ERWs, and some **984,800** individuals were reached through various social media channels with advice on how to adopt safer behaviour in weapon-contaminated areas.
- One safe recreational area was established to help affected populations mitigate the risks of weapon contamination in Aleppo.
- **56** non-technical surveys were carried out in Homs and Hama governorates.
- Around **30** weapon-contamination casualties were referred to various physical rehabilitation centres for assistance.







## PROMOTING AWARENESS ABOUT THE ICRC AND IHL

- Organised an all-government high-level international humanitarian law (IHL) event for around **50** high-ranking representatives.
- Organized an IHL workshop for **40** diplomats of the Diplomatic Institute at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates.
- Held an IHL workshop for around **30** senior judges of the Ministry of Justice, and an IHL workshop for **70** trainee judges at the Ministry's High National Institute of Judges.
- Conducted an IHL workshop for **25** officers from the Ministry of Defence.
- Organised two IHL workshops for a total of **50** officials from the Ministry of Interior.
- Facilitated the participation of Ministry of Defence officers in an external IHL course and an online consultation on persons with disabilities in armed conflict, as well as the participation of a Ministry of Interior official in an external online course.
- Supported two SARC basic IHL workshops.
- Launched a couple of public campaigns, including one jointly with the SARC, raising awareness about the risks of mines/other explosive remnants of war (ERWs) and shedding the light on the humanitarian consequences of over a decade of conflict in Syria.
- Organised a workshop for **22** Syrian journalists in Tartous and several meetings and sessions with over **20** local journalists based in Aleppo and Damascus.
- Interacted with over **1,700** people across the country, introducing the ICRC and the types of activities it implements across Syria.

## ABOUT THE ICRC

Present in Syria since 1967, the ICRC is a neutral, impartial, and independent organization with an exclusively humanitarian mission. The ICRC works closely with and supports the Syrian Arab Red Crescent (SARC) to meet food, water, and health needs of people affected by the fighting in both emergencies and to help them start rebuilding their lives. They work together to raise awareness about risks from mines and other explosive remnants. The ICRC works to restore links between families who have been separated by the conflict and migration, visits a number of prisons, promotes respect for international humanitarian law. The ICRC also provides advice and support to local authorities and forensics practitioners in managing human remains with respect and dignity. The ICRC's operation in Syria is its largest in the world, with over 850 staff working in its offices in Damascus, Aleppo, Hama, Hassakeh, Homs, and Tartous.

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