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## Afghanistan: Facts and figures – 2015

The ICRC's work in Afghanistan, in collaboration with the Afghan Red Crescent Society, focuses on visiting detainees to monitor their living conditions and treatment, providing basic aid and medical care, improving access to water and sanitation, and reconnecting families separated by ongoing conflict.

Below is an overview of the ICRC's work in Afghanistan in 2015.

### Visiting detainees and maintaining family contact

- Carried out 115 visits in 31 detention centres (housing over 27,000 detainees)
- Visited nearly 2,000 people in detention centres that were arrested in relation to the conflict, of whom 1,230 for the first time
- Helped 53 released detainees to travel home
- Exchanged over 4,700 Red Cross messages between detainees and their families, with support from the Afghan Red Crescent Society
- Helped families of detainees in the Afghan National Detention Facility to re-establish and maintain contact with relatives through more than 7,800 phone calls and 4,650 family visits
- Organized 28 family visits for detainees held in Pul-i-Charkhi prison
- Received 225 queries from families about arrested or disappeared relatives and 443 tracing requests from abroad, of which 195 were successfully resolved
- Facilitated the transfer of more than 2,260 remains of fighters and civilians to their families

### Supporting health care

- Transported 2,158 war-wounded patients to medical centres
- Supported Mirwais and Sheberghan Hospitals, which admitted 65,157 patients to their surgical, medical, obstetrics and gynecology wards, and carried out surgical operations on 20,607 patients and more than 428,000 outpatient consultations
- Donated drugs, disposables and medical equipment, and provided organization and support for training, on the job training, and financial and managerial support
- Provided first aid and stabilization material to first aid workers and health staff in direct contact with weapon-wounded people
- Organized first aid training for 1,790 persons in direct contact with wounded people
- Assisted hospitals with influxes of weapon-wounded patients during emergencies
- Organized a surgery seminar in Kabul for 35 health staff directly involved in treatment of weapon-wounded people
- Provided technical and financial support, training and medical supplies to 47 Afghan Red Crescent clinics and community-based health and first-aid volunteers
- In those clinics, over 905,298 outpatient consultations were performed and more than 506,987 doses of vaccine for routine childhood diseases were administered
- Continued to support the Provincial Prisons in Kandahar (Sarpoza) and Herat with incentives for staff, drugs, disposables and medical equipment
- Provided 18,122 curative consultations in those prisons

## **Providing limb-fitting and physical rehabilitation services**

- Registered 9,274 new patients, of whom 1,261 were amputees
- Assisted a total of 130,982 patients in seven ICRC prosthetic/orthotic centres
- Made 18,973 prostheses and orthoses
- Provided 266,273 physiotherapy treatments to patients
- Granted micro-credit loans to 564 patients to start their own small-business ventures
- Facilitated the ongoing vocational training of 181 patients, of whom 178 graduated
- Made 8,239 home visits, assisting 1,694 patients with spinal cord injuries and training their families

## **Providing basic aid**

- 147,161 people received basic aid, such as food, blankets and hygiene kits, in partnership with the Afghan Red Crescent Society
- 4,563 people worked in 151 cash-for-work projects which have improved infrastructure such as irrigation channels, protection walls and water gates
- 232 households (approximately 2,581 individuals) received cash assistance for emergency medical treatment and funeral expenses for family members injured or killed in the conflict
- 89 vulnerable households received support (poultry, sheep and other items) and training to help them increase their income
- 109 ICRC-supported veterinary workers received drugs, helping them de-worm and treat farm animals against diseases, and improve the health and productivity of these animals
- 1,110 farmers attended livestock training, learning how to better manage and protect their animals – farmers also received concentrated animal feed and basic tools

## **Improving water and sanitation services**

- Helped over 262,800 people in conflict zones gain access to water of adequate quality through the renovation of conflict-damaged or neglected water infrastructures in 13 provinces
- Improved water sources for 4,400 detainees in Pul-e-Charkhi Central Prison in Kabul, and for over 900 detainees in other places of detention
- Completed three distributions of hygiene items in places of detention, benefiting approximately 36,900 detainees (including children) and prison staff
- Completed the construction of a new visitor shelter and the renovation of a kitchen in Kabul Pul-e-Charkhi prison (housing around 8,500 detainees)
- Completed renovation and construction works (kitchens, family visiting areas, clinics) in seven Provincial Prisons
- Continued construction of an extension to the family visitor building at the Afghan National Detention Facility in Bagram
- Completed construction and rehabilitation works at physical rehabilitation centres in Faizâbâd, Lashkar Gah, Kabul and Mazar-e-Sharif
- Continued renovation works at Provincial Hospitals in Kandahar (new laundry building and paediatric and neonatal facilities) and Shebergân (new emergency ward)

### **Working in partnership with the Afghan Red Crescent Society (ARCS)**

- Commenced work on eight activities and projects in the areas of health, family assistance, restoring family links and emergency preparedness, based on the partnership framework agreement (2015–2017)
- Held an orientation session about the International Red Cross/Red Crescent Movement's history and Fundamental Principles for the Afghan President's representative who will facilitate all ARCS-related affairs with the Afghan President (patron of the ARCS)
- Reviewed the 2012–2015 strategic plan and specified the Mission, Vision and Value Statement for the new strategic plan (2016–2020) with representatives of the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), the ICRC, UN and Government Emergency and Respond Committee
- Shared information and experiences on emergency preparedness/response and volunteer management during peer-to-peer meetings with the Central Asian National Societies in Dushanbe and with the Iran Red Crescent in Tehran
- Conducted pre-Provincial Assembly assessments in 16 branches and Provincial Assemblies in 15 branches ahead of the 2016 General Assembly

### **Promoting compliance with international humanitarian law (IHL)**

- Conducted briefings on IHL for more than 42,000 people, including civil society members, community elders, religious scholars, political authorities, members of the national army, national police, local police units, National Directorate of Security, armed opposition and people receiving ICRC assistance