

ICRC SUDAN

# FACTS AND FIGURES 2017

An overview of ICRC's work from January 2017 to December 2017



The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the Sudanese Red Crescent Society (SRCS) continued to provide relief to people affected by armed conflict and other situations of violence. The ICRC has increased its field assistance operations following the Sudanese authorities' invitation in 2017. The ICRC and the SRCS conducted needs assessments and launched projects. The ICRC works to provide humanitarian assistance and restore dignity for returnees, displaced people and others affected by armed conflict and other situations of violence.



ICRC Head of Delegation Kedir Awol Omer (R) shakes hands with SRCS Secretary General Osman Gaafar (L) following the inking of the Note of Memorandum of Understanding in July 2017.



## SRCS COOPERATION

The Sudanese Red Crescent Society is the ICRC's main operational partner in the country. In July 2017, the ICRC and the SRCS renewed their commitments to increase cooperation and partnership and signed a Note of Mutual Understanding. Together, they conducted limited needs assessments in Central Darfur and South Kordofan and were able to implement a few initial assistance projects with the collaboration of the concerned authorities.

The ICRC has also stepped up its support to the SRCS by enhancing its logistical capacities, by

supporting new offices, warehouses, training halls and other equipment.

The SRCS continued to provide family-links services, first aid and material assistance to vulnerable people with the ICRC technical, financial and logistical support to a number of its branches in Khartoum, Blue Nile, South Kordofan, the five Darfur states and through the newly opened office in Golo.



## CONNECTING FAMILIES

To restore family links, the ICRC, with the SRCS, offers phone calls between loved ones separated as result of the armed conflict or violence. In 2017, the ICRC helped thousands of people to re-connect via phone to exchange family news. The efforts resulted in the reestablishment of **5675** family links through telephone calls, and **347** red cross messages were distributed to family members and loved ones.

**Four** reunifications took place resulting in reuniting families that had lost contact with loved ones. A young Sudanese child in the Central African Republic was reunited with his family in Sudan. A young girl was located in Cameroon and brought to live with her mother in Sudan and

two young Eritrean girls were reunited with their mother in Germany.

Through the Geneva Conventions, the international community has mandated the ICRC to visit both prisoners of war and civilians interned during armed conflict. Wherever possible, the ICRC also visits people detained in other situations of violence. ICRC detention visits aim to ensure that detainees, whatever the reason for their arrest and detention, are treated with dignity and humanity, in accordance with international norms and standards. In 2017, ICRC visited places of detention abroad and was able to relate **44** verbal messages from detainees to their families in Sudan.



## WATER AND SANITATION

To alleviate some of the humanitarian suffering caused by the lack of clean drinking water amongst internally displaced persons and host communities, the ICRC, in cooperation with SRCS and the Sudanese Water Environment Sanitation department, repaired **37** hand pumps allowing for the delivery of safe drinking water to around **10,000** IDPs living with host communities in Kadugli, South Kordofan.

In the same place, the ICRC, in cooperation with the Urban Water Corporation, also initiated the

rehabilitation of the Salamat Water Yard, which had not been functional for the last 3 years.

In Zalingei, the ICRC repaired two water yards (Jacob and western pump stations) and donated a 120 KVA generator, 4 booster water pumps and repaired 3 overhead tanks to make the Jacob water station fully operational after two years of partial functioning, boosting production and bringing clean drinking water to **600** additional families.



## ASSISTANCE

In Kadugli, **1,264** internally displaced families received cash or cash vouchers to assist with their everyday food and essential living costs. In Golo (Central Darfur), some **1500** households received

items that included clothing, jerry cans, blankets, mosquito nets, kitchen items and a set of tools intended to help families rebuild their homes.



## SUPPORTING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES



The ICRC Physical Rehabilitation Programme (PRP) supported the National Authority of Prosthetics and Orthotics (NAPO) with imported raw materials and technical support to improve the quality of services provided to persons with disabilities at NAPO's main centre in Khartoum and to seven centres located in Damazine, Dongola, Gedaref, Kadugli, Kassala and Nyala, Al-Obaid, as well as to its mobile clinic. Some of these centres received people referred from other states, including Kordofan.

Under the supervision of ICRC Prosthetics & Orthotics technicians, **5,878** physically challenged persons, including women and children, received various services from ICRC supported centres, including prosthetics, orthotics, crutches and physiotherapy.

To further promote the social and economic inclusion of people with disabilities the ICRC supported the Disability Challengers Organization and Khartoum Cheshire Home (KCH) with a donation of **12** basketball wheelchairs to establish two female teams.

Seventy physically disabled persons from Darfur who have received physical rehabilitation services at the ICRC supported center in Nyala, received financial assistance through the PRP Micro Economic Initiative (MEI) program to help them start their own small businesses.

The ICRC also provided training and imported raw materials for the KCH, which offers physical

rehabilitation services to children. Up to **1,120** children with physical disabilities, mainly club foot, received these type of services.

The ICRC provided physiotherapy training to **20** physiotherapists and physiotherapy assistants from NAPO centres, wheelchair assessment training for **17** participants of PRP stakeholders. And internships to 12 students from Ahfad University. It is also training **14** Bench Workers to assist in making artificial limbs and 14 students to obtain Sudanese Diploma for Prosthetics and Orthotics.

A student was sponsored for 18 months to study Orthopedic Shoe Technology in the Vietnamese Training Centre for Orthopedic Technologies. Four students were sponsored to obtain a Physiotherapy Diploma at National University Sudan.



## IHL AWARENESS

The ICRC worked with the Sudanese authorities, the National Commission on International Humanitarian Law (NCIHL), the Sudanese Armed Forces, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Justice, the police, several universities and civil society organizations and community leaders to promote awareness of International Humanitarian Law (IHL), International Human Rights Law (IHRL) and humanitarian values, and their integration into domestic legislation, education and training. With the ICRC's collaboration and support, NCIHL continued to guide the domestic implementation of IHL.

Over **1400** participants, including diplomats, lecturers, Islamic scholars, police, students, community leaders and journalists benefited and furthered their understanding of IHL and IHRL and discussed developments through a series of roundtables, workshops, training programmes and national IHL competition events in Sudan and abroad.

In May, the ICRC and the Ministry of Interior signed a three-year MoU aimed at helping the ministry build its capacity to train police personnel in applying IHL, IHRL and other applicable norms in their operations.



## NEUTRAL INTERMEDIARY



The ICRC is a neutral, independent and impartial humanitarian organization. In its capacity as a neutral intermediary, the ICRC is often called upon to facilitate the release of persons held as a result of armed conflict and repatriate prisoners of war to their respective authorities.

In March, the ICRC assisted in the repatriation of **125** persons released by the Sudan Peoples' Liberation Movement-North (SPLM-N) and provided humanitarian assistance to **253** detainees released by the Government of Sudan.

The ICRC helps people around the world affected by armed conflict and other situations of violence, doing everything it can to protect their dignity and relieve their suffering, often with its Red Cross and Red Crescent partners. The organization also seeks to prevent hardship by promoting and strengthening humanitarian law and championing universal humanitarian principles.

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