Liberia: Facts and figures 2016

The International Committee of the Red Cross continues to help the Liberian authorities respond to humanitarian needs while also strengthening the capacities of institutions in the country.

Below is an overview of the ICRC's work in Liberia in 2016.

People deprived of their freedom

- 2,200 detainees visited while monitoring conditions in places of detention
- 76 Red Cross messages collected and 34 distributed; 84 detainees communicated with their families through phone calls
- 25 middle and senior penitentiary officials received training in social welfare and rehabilitation
- 60 correctional officers and inmates reinforced their capacity in maintenance of water and sanitation facilities
- 4 locally made stoves installed and 2 new outdoor recreation areas constructed at prison facilities
- 1,200 detainees and prison staff benefited from improved water, sanitation and hygiene facilities in 13 prisons
- 22,420 pieces of soap distributed at places of detention
- 648 mats, 828 blankets, 64 barrels, 266 buckets, 265 jerry cans 826 toothpaste, 826 toothbrushes, 350 spoons, 490 plates, 58 hygiene pads, 20 hygiene towels, 28 mattresses and 183 mosquito nets provided to detainees
- 60 detainees with medical problems were given medical treatment, while 13 prison clinics were supplied with essential drugs for treatment of detainees
- 110 malnourished detainees received extra food

Restoring family links

- 536 phone calls were made to family members from people in 3 refugee camps
- 95 Red Cross messages collected for children and vulnerable adults and 42 distributed
- 31 children reunited with their loved ones

Access to water and improved sanitation

- 28 wells constructed, rehabilitated and 7 communities declared Open Defecation Free by the National Technical Coordination Unit with ICRC’s support, benefiting 10,300 residents
- 75 water and sanitation groups formed and trained in hygiene promotion for maintenance of water and sanitation facilities in 15 communities. These communities learnt about behavior change through the teaching of hygiene and the promotion of good hygiene practices

Promoting international humanitarian law and humanitarian principles

- 1,244 law enforcement officials learned about humanitarian principles and the Red Cross Movement
- 480 manuals on international humanitarian law were delivered to the Armed Forces of Liberia
- 153 peacekeepers from troop-contributing countries were briefed about IHL and the Red Cross Movement
- 140 students and professors attended IHL forums
- 125 Armed Forces of Liberia soldiers received pre-deployment briefings on the Red Cross Movement and IHL
- 70 troop members of the Armed Forces of Liberia participated in an IHL field training exercise, while 24 senior and non-commissioned officers received IHL training
- 20 instructors of different law enforcement officials received training in international rules and standards for policing

Supporting the Liberian Red Cross

- 15,431 flood victims received household items

- 1,244 law enforcement officials received basic first aid training
- 331 storm-victim families benefitted from construction materials
- 198 vulnerable women received vocational training and 198 startup kits in cosmetology, food and nutrition and tailoring and interior decoration
- 83 fire-victim families (498 people) received essential household items
- 35 members of the emergency response team had first aid kits replenished and 30 first aid trainers received refresher training