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OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS 2016

The International Committee of the Red Cross is an impartial, neutral and independent organization whose exclusively humanitarian mission is to protect the lives and dignity of victims of armed conflict and other situations of violence and to provide them with assistance. In South Sudan it works with the South Sudan Red Cross (SSRC).

2016 has been a difficult year for the people of South Sudan. After a brief period of hope for a sustainable peace, violence broke out in a number of areas across the country, including in Bahr-el Ghazal, Unity, Equatorias and the capital Juba. Many people lost their lives, while others had to flee their homes, leaving everything behind and often losing contact with their loved ones.

In regions that remained stable people faced the severe consequences of the protracted conflict, like the absence of vital services and the worsening economic crisis.

The ICRC responded to a number of emergencies, including the June clashes in Wau and the July outbreak of violence in Juba. In Wau, we delivered food, basic items and provided safe drinking water to tens of thousands of displaced people within 48 hours.

During the crisis in Juba, we distributed food and water to thousands of people across the city and, together with the SSRC, helped collect and bury the dead in a dignified manner. Our surgical teams treated the wounded and we helped people who lost contact with their loved ones get back in touch.

The renewed violence has severely undermined people's ability to feed their families, so the ICRC has been distributing seeds, tools, and fishing kits, and vaccinating livestock to help vulnerable communities get back on their feet.

Deteriorating access to primary healthcare is another issue of increasing concern, and we decided to expand the number of the primary healthcare facilities we support from six to eleven.

Constant dialogue with all the arms carriers on the ground was crucial to

opening humanitarian space and gaining access to the communities affected by violence. The dialogue also allowed us to reinforce knowledge and respect for the Law of Armed Conflict among weapon bearers.

We have conducted regular visits to thousands of detainees across the country to monitor their conditions of detention and to provide support to the prison authorities where it was most urgently needed.

ICRC in South Sudan in 2017

125 million USD budget
17 field bases
4 hospitals and 11 primary healthcare facilities supported
1,5 million beneficiaries
1000 staff (80% local and 20% international)
9 aircrafts and 240 vehicles



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A lack of clean water leads to an increase in water-borne diseases and cholera outbreaks occur every year. The ICRC riverside water treatment plant in Juba has been operating since July 2016, producing an average of 600 cubic meters of clean drinking water per day for more than 40,000 people.



Etienne Gaboreau/ICRC



Lynsey Addario/ICRC

Countless women and children have become victims of sexual violence. Very often women do not seek medical attention over fears they will be blamed or stigmatized. The ICRC works to raise awareness among the affected communities and provide medical treatment to victims.

We distributed seeds, tools and fishing kits to people in need and vaccinated or treated some 1.1 million heads of livestock to help communities rebuild their livelihoods. We work with the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries and the Ministry of Agriculture to support cattle owners and farmers.



Alyona Synenko/ICRC

Protracted conflict has shattered hopes for a functioning medical system. In 2016 the ICRC was supporting six primary healthcare facilities in Akoka, Waat, Motot, Kodok, Udier and Maiwut.



Alyona Synenko/ICRC

As a result of renewed violence, many people could not reach their farms and crops and needed emergency food assistance.



Albert Gonzalez Farran/ICRC

Our surgical teams in Juba, Maiwut and Kodok have been receiving and treating a constant flow of wounded people from the conflict areas. In addition, this year mobile surgical teams were deployed in Wau and Waat in response to the outbreaks of violence.



Giles Duley/ICRC

We are addressing the special needs of people with disabilities through our Physical Rehabilitation Programme. It includes provision, repair and replacement of mobility devices and physical rehabilitation.



Alyona Synenko/ICRC

Together with the South Sudan Red Cross we help people who lost contact with their loved ones get back in touch by providing phone calls, phone charging and tracing services.

FACTS & FIGURES 2016



To respond to people's most urgent needs and to help them build resilience, the ICRC together with the SSRC have:

Distributed over **950,000** food rations, equivalent to more than **13,000** metric tons of food, to people in need

Provided household essentials for **216,000** people

Provided nearly **234,000** people with seeds and tools for farming, and some **90,500** people with fishing kits



Vaccinated more than **793,000** heads of livestock and treated **325,500** animals, benefitting nearly **167,000** people

Trained over **220** community animal health workers and provided them with drugs



Improved access to safe drinking water for over **100,000** people through the rehabilitation of **19** water facilities and over **70** hand pumps

Installed emergency water units benefitting more than **47,000** people in Juba and **24,000** people in other areas



To help improve access to health and provision of surgical care the ICRC has:

Performed nearly **4,550** surgeries

Conducted more than **143,000** outpatient consultations

Evacuated **471** weapon wounded people to give them medical assistance

Conducted First-Aid training for more than **820** weapon bearers and distributed **265** First-Aid kits

Carried out renovation and extension works in **10** health facilities



Provided antenatal consultations for more than **5,700** women, safe deliveries for nearly **1,100** and more than **24,000** vaccine doses for children and women



Assisted some **2,680** people with disabilities with mobility devices and therapy



To help improve conditions for detainees the ICRC has:

Visited more than **5,200** detainees throughout the country

Improved living conditions and implemented preventive measures against malnutrition for some **4,500** detainees



To help reconnect family members separated by the conflict the ICRC and SSRC have:

Facilitated more than **76,650** phone calls between family members separated by the conflict

Helped exchange more than **7,500** Red Cross messages with family news

Reunited **24** children and vulnerable people with their families



To promote knowledge and respect for International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and the International Human Rights Law (IHRL) the ICRC has:

Trained over **3,270** weapon bearers on IHL and IHRL and raised awareness among over **2,600** weapon bearers, health staff and community members on safe access to health care



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