Cover image: With ICRC support, 350 tailors stitched over 123,000 fabric face masks in just two weeks for the displaced families in Myanmar’s Rakhine State.

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MESSAGE FROM THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR

In a year marked by the COVID-19 pandemic and its dire consequences for health care, economies and the well-being of populations around the world, I would like to share with you the contribution that the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) teams made in several critically affected countries in Asia and the Pacific during 2020. The efforts were aimed at supporting communities and the authorities in trying to prevent, control and manage the effects of COVID-19 on the most vulnerable.

Though we have stepped into 2021, the pandemic is far from over. With the second and third waves striking many nations across the world, countries continue to rely on restrictive measures and lockdowns to mitigate the effects of the pandemic. As I write this, more than two million people have lost their lives to COVID-19 worldwide and the confirmed cases have surpassed 97 million. Of these, 14.5 million confirmed cases and more than 228,000 deaths have been reported from Asia and the Pacific.

At the same time, there is a glimmer of hope in the vaccination campaigns that have unrolled in many countries. We are advocating to ensure that people affected by conflict and violence, who might otherwise be forced to the back of the queue, have an equitable access to the vaccine. Similarly, other marginalized communities like the internally displaced people, migrants, asylum seekers and detainees must be taken along in this journey towards immunization.

The ICRC, together with our National Red Cross and Red Crescent Society partners, is ready to support national vaccination campaigns and facilitate access to the COVID-19 vaccine for those in difficult-to-reach vulnerable and marginalised populations in countries affected by armed conflict and violence.

To continue supporting the efforts of local communities and authorities to respond to COVID-19 and other vulnerabilities, the ICRC is appealing for CHF 2.3 billion in 2021. That this is our largest-ever budget highlights the reality of the growing needs that we are witnessing in many countries. A significant part of this budget, including in the Asia-Pacific region, will be allocated to coping with the mid-to long-term impacts of COVID-19 on vulnerable communities.

In the following pages, you will find the scope of our response in the Asia-Pacific region in 2020, ranging from providing support to hospitals and improving sanitary conditions in prisons to aiding the efforts of National Societies and in the forensic expertise involved in the dignified management of dead bodies. As part of our COVID-19 response in the region, at least 150 hospitals, 630 prisons, numerous detention and isolation facilities and police stations, 47 physical rehabilitation centres and over 34 camps for displaced populations have been supported in Asia-Pacific during the year.

Even as they continue to work hand in hand as and with responders despite challenging personal and professional circumstances, I am proud of my colleagues’ efforts in helping increase proximity to the communities that were left even more vulnerable due to the pandemic. Moreover, I am thankful for the generous political and financial support we have continued to receive from all of you.

With the hope that 2021 will be an easier year for us all, especially those in the most vulnerable situations,

Yours,
Christine Cipolla
Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific

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ASIA-PACIFIC

14,412,593 | 13,562,290 | 228,877
TOTAL CASES | TOTAL RECOVERED | TOTAL DEATHS

*Figures related to COVID-19 as on 20 January 2021

PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE

- 47 Physical Rehabilitation Centres supported
- 150 Hospitals supported
- 34 IPD camp supported
- 25,000 PPE kits distributed

INFECTION-CONTROL IN DETENTION FACILITIES

- 512,735 Beneficiaries
- 45 Police stations supported
- 529 Prisons supported
- 28 Immigration Detention Centres supported
- 28 COVID-19 isolation facilities supported

HUMANITARIAN FORENSICS

We are working with the government authorities, funerary services, forensic experts and NGOs to devise specific protocols related to COVID-19. This includes dignified management of the bodies and material support, including body bags. Over 16,318 body bags have been distributed as part of the assistance.

PARTNERING WITH NATIONAL SOCIETIES

In the Asia-Pacific region, 39 National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies along with thousands of volunteers have been working tirelessly to extend the required support to multitudes of people at the grassroots. Apart from helping build capacities of the staff and volunteers, we are extending financial and material support to these National Societies.

*Source: Johns Hopkins University (Coronavirus Resource Center) https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html
STATISTICS ON COVID-19 FOR THE ASIA-PACIFIC

NUMBER OF CONFIRMED CASES OF COVID-19 IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION FROM 1 MARCH TO 31 DECEMBER 2020**

NUMBER OF CONFIRMED DEATHS LINKED TO COVID-19 IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION FROM 1 MARCH TO 31 DECEMBER 2020**

PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE

KANDAHAR (Mirwais Hospital)
- Provided recommendations for safe surgery and infection control measures
- Provided recommendations and material for pandemic response and management of those suspected of having COVID-19
- Organized pathways for COVID-19 patients
- Awareness sessions on COVID-19 prevention for staff and visitors
- Hand-washing points installed at strategic points of the hospital
- Ten washbasins installed in morgue
- Emergency generator fuel tanks filled to capacity
- PPE donated
- Training and awareness on preparing chlorine solution provided
- Infectious disease ward equipped with furniture, small equipment
- Screening teams established at gate
- Financial aid to additional staff assigned to COVID-19 tasks (in MRH)
- Supported Ministry of Public Health with a border screening team at Spin Boldak

TYPE OF ACTIVITIES
- Infection-control in detention facilities
- Public health response
- Humanitarian forensics
- Partnering with Afghan Red Crescent Society

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12 FIELD HOSPITALS (Kandahar, Zabul, Uruzgan, Farah, Herat, Badghis, Faryab, Laghman, Kunar and Nangarhar provinces)
- PPE distributed
- Guidance on surgical safety given
- Protective measures for first responders reinforced

KABUL MEDICAL UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS (KMU)
- PPE kits and hygiene materials donated to:
  - Ali Abad (250 beds)
  - Sharara (20 beds)
  - Cardiac Hospital (20 beds)
  - Miawand (250 beds)
  - Eye Hospital (20 beds)
  - Stomatology Unit (6 beds)

SEVEN PRP CENTRES (Gulbahar, Jalalabad, Faizabad, Kabul, Lashkar Gah, Herat and Mazar)
- Hygiene items donated to seven Physical Rehabilitation Centres

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INFECTION-CONTROL IN DETENTION FACILITIES

AT A GLANCE:
- 42 places of detention received either hygiene materials or medical supplies or dead body management materials between January and December 2020
- 170 distribution drives were carried out to these 42 places
- 44,090 people benefited from these distributions


Hygiene supplies donated to 37 places of detention, benefiting 385,431 people

Chlorine, soap, detergent distributed

295 hand-washing basins installed (in 32 places of detention)

Training on preparation of chlorine solution provided

Pul-i-Charkhi Central Prison: Allocated an isolation ward with a capacity of 199 beds. Set up by the ICRC, the isolation room at Herat Provincial Prison has been designated for COVID-19 patients

Pul-i-Charkhi Central Prison, PDF-P ANA (Bagram Prison), Herat Provincial Prison and Sarpoza Provincial Prison: Financial incentives to 46 health staff to perform COVID-19 screening and isolation work for six months, starting April 2020

Daily surveillance and data collection related to COVID-19 outbreak within the four priorities places of detention, among others, to adapt the response and interactions with authorities

Provided the four priority detention places with infection control supplies. PPE, personal and facility hygiene supplies

Continued to organize COVID-19 Emergency Response Committee meeting and other relevant coordination meetings with MoPH, Office for the Prisons Administration (OPA) and other detaining authorities to make sure that the national COVID-19 guidelines were being implemented in prisons and places of detention

ISOLATION FACILITIES
- Six isolation rooms in four places of detention – Herat Provincial Prison (male and female sections), Herat National Directorate of Security and Mazar Provincial Prison
- Advice on decongestion measures extended to authorities via ongoing high-level dialogue
- 31 letters with technical advice for implementing emergency response plans in detention centres and promoting decongestion measures were sent

MANAGEMENT OF THE DEAD:
Materials donated to 13 places of detention
These included overalls, gowns, body bags, boots, disposable aprons, gloves, reusable gloves, eyewear and N95 masks (Paktika Provincial Prison, Paktya Provincial Prison (Gardez), Khost Provincial Prison, IEA Parwan & Khost, Kabul Female Prison, Velayat Tawqif CP, Pul-i-Charkhi Central Prison, Herat Provincial Prison, Sarpoza Provincial Prison, Nangarhar Provincial Prison and Directorate 501 - Interrogation Centre)

REPRESENTATIONS AND MEETINGS
- 75 representations (oral and written) with various authorities, including IEA, Afghan Police, Defence Ministry, Second Vice-President
- 13 meetings with Ministry of Health, Ministry of Defence, IEA, NDS, Bagram Authorities and Second Vice President
KABUL, Ministry of Public Health’s Forensic Medicine Department

- **Technical advice**
- **One Land Cruiser donated** for the transfer of unclaimed remains to the municipality for timely burial
- **Consultations with Afghan government authorities** and non-State armed groups on recommendations to be dispensed to communities through their leaders on the safe management of the dead related to COVID-19

GHAZNI, Directorate of Public Health

- **50 body bags**

LASHKAR GAH, Forensic Medicine Department

- **30 body bags**
- **20 N95 masks**
- **50 surgical masks**
- **154 pairs of reusable gloves**

(Others: Reusable boots, reusable aprons, chlorine sprayer, chlorine and eyewear)

KANDAHAR

- **Mirwais Regional Hospital (morgue)**
  - **300 body bags**
  - Overalls, eyewear, N95 masks, gloves, boots, reusable aprons, chlorine sprayer and surgical masks
  - **Assistance with tracing** of eight unclaimed bodies of Afghan National Security forces
  - **Assessment of a morgue request** for Maywand District Community Health Centre from the Department of Public Health

- **Forensic Science Organization (FSO)**
  - Hand sanitizers, masks and disposable gloves
  - **Online training workshop** on “Medicolegal documentation of sexual violence in Afghanistan context” in collaboration with FSO and Open Society Afghanistan from 13–18 June

KHOST, Khost Provincial Prison

- **Technical advice**, guidelines on handling the dead bodies and use of body bags and PPE kits provided
- **Info-as-aid**: Posters shared with Afghan Forensic Science Organization, the disaster unit of Agha Khan Agency for Habitat, and MSF for further dissemination

Support to other places of detention:

- **Material provided** to Paktya Provincial Prison, Paktika Provincial Prison, Herat Provincial Prison, NDS-501, Khost IEA detention centres and Sarpoza Provincial Prison
- **Online meeting done** with Westex Medical Services and Medico Legal Directorate, Kabul

- **Hygiene, infection control** and management of the dead supplies provided to:
  - Herat Regional Hospital
  - Herat Ambulance Service
  - Herat Regional Hospital Morgue
  - Shindand District Hospital - Mazar
  - Mazar Regional Hospital Morgue
  - Forensic Medicine Department – Ghazni
  - Ghazni Provincial Hospital Morgue
  - Forensic Medicine Department – Khost
  - Khost Provincial Hospital Morgue
  - Forensic Medicine Department – Khost

Training on management of the dead: Sessions for staff and volunteers of:

- Herat Regional Hospital
- Herat Ambulance Services
- Herat Municipality
- Guzara Hospital
- Shindand District Hospital
- Shaidee Hospital
- Anomina Hospital
- Sarpoza Provincial Prison
- Forensic Medicine Directorate
- Mirwais Regional Hospital
- ARCS
- Taxi drivers
PARTNERING WITH AFGHAN RED CRESCENT SOCIETY

ARCS KABUL DISTRICT HOSPITAL
• Training workshop for staff, including sponsoring a ten-day WHO / MoPH training on critical care management. Built a waste management centre, completed the water well and distribution system, assessed the total electricity demand and advised the ARCS on generator provision
• Technical support for establishing 50-bed District Hospital in Kabul for COVID-19 case management of mild to moderate cases, including triage and screening, testing, isolation and management of clinical symptoms
• Construction of a morgue with the capacity of four bodies in ARCS district hospital in Kabul. Donation of body bags and freezer for the morgue
• Technical support on PPE, infection control, hygiene and patient care protocols
• Training for existing staff on infection control, use of PPE and basic nursing care
• Setting up screening / triage facility
• Training in management of the dead by sharing of resources like guidelines, SOPs, etc.

ARCS BASIC HEALTH CLINICS
• Drugs and medical consumables donated to 46 ARCS Basic Health Clinics in southern, western and central regions and ARCS Kabul District Hospital
• SOPs drafted and shared for ARCS volunteers on management of deaths related to COVID-19
• Online training sessions conducted for ARCS DM officers of seven regions and volunteers
• Five Land Cruisers donated to support transfer of mortal remains. Vehicle in Jalalabad repaired to help for the same.

PPE AND OTHER MATERIAL SUPPORT

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OPERATIONAL ORIENTATION

• In Afghanistan, the ICRC is part of the COVID-19 task force led by the Ministry of Public Health, along with World Health Organization, Afghan Red Crescent, International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, and others.

• Our operational response to COVID-19 focuses on prevention and infection-control in places of detention and supporting the health facilities. Additionally, we are also adapting our existing water and sanitation activities.

RELATED ACTIVITIES

• The key recommendations on PoC, safer access to health care and protection of health personnel that were developed and submitted at central level to both ANDSF and the IEA continue to be used in oral and written dialogue at field level. Basis the request by security forces, copies were also shared with the ANP regional centre in Kandahar.

• Field commanders from ANA and ANP were contacted to update them about the ICRC’s response to COVID-19. Across Afghanistan, seven IHL / IHRL dissemination sessions were carried out, involving 138 military, security and police personnel.

• As a part of our War Wounded Assistance Programme (WWAP), we work with a network of taxi drivers who transport the war-wounded and sick from hard-to-reach places to medical facilities. As many as 109 taxi drivers have been trained in the management of dead bodies and human remains and provided with PPE and body bags. Till now, 270 war-wounded people have been transferred to medical facilities via this taxi service. For emergency stabilization and initial surgery of the patients, 102 dressing packs, 69 oral packs and 33 IV packs have also been supplied.

• Working along with the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and Norwegian Red Cross, we advised ARCS on contingency planning for their existing 140 clinics / mobile health teams to respond to COVID-19 needs.
Donation of PPE kits to hospitals and health-care facilities:
Beneficiaries – 507 Staff members
- (3,000) Southern Philippines Medical Center, Davao City
- (2,500) Davao Regional Medical Center, Tagum City
- (1,900) Zamboanga City Medical Center, Zamboanga City
- (200) Zamboanga City PNP Office
- (300) Sulu Provincial Hospital, Jolo City
- (200) Basilan General Hospital, Isabela City
- (3,700) Cotabato Regional Medical Center, Cotabato City
- (2,100) Northern Mindanao Medical Center, Cagayan de Oro City
- (2,100) Amai Pakpak Medical Center, Marawi City
- (500) Lanao del Sur Integrated Provincial Health Office
- (300) Maguindanao Integrated Provincial Health Office
- (700) Davao Jubilee Foundation, Davao City

Donation of basic medical equipment (thermometer, BP apparatus), dressing sets, PPE kits and / or disinfectants to:
Nine regularly-supported hospitals for weapon-wounded throughout Mindanao:
- Cotabato Provincial Hospital
- Maguindanao Provincial Hospital
- Tamparan District Hospital
- Amai Pakpak Medical Center
- Davao Regional Medical Center
- Agusan del Norte Provincial Hospital
- Sulu Provincial Hospital
- Basilan General Hospital
- Zamboanga City Medical Center

4 ad hoc supported military hospitals
- Camp Teodulfo Bautista Station Hospital in Sulu
- Camp Navarro General Hospital in Zamboanga City
- Camp Evangelista Station Hospital in Cagayan de Oro City
- Camp Siongo Station Hospital in Maguindanao

Setting up of an isolation facility at Cotabato Regional Medical Center, including latrines / shower, hand-washing stations and provision of four air coolers, medical supplies, hygiene and disinfection materials. Coordinated support with the National Society and followed-up with the hospital on their COVID-19 response and readiness with advocacy to ensure non-disruption of access to health care for the population

Sagonsongan Community Quarantine Facility in Lanao del Sur
- Four tents donated by the ICRC and installed by the Integrated Provincial Health Office, benefiting around 150 patients transiting daily through the screening facility

Financial support for the training of health-care workers and support staff on infection prevention and control (IPC), proper waste management and prevention of stigma against health-care workers and COVID-19 patients

Technical assistance and coordination:
- Meetings with management and staff of ICRC-assisted hospitals in Mindanao to assess the situation in their ongoing response to COVID-19, particularly following requests for material and technical support
- Ensure integration of proper IPC measures to support readiness of health-care providers, such as protective shields in hospital-based Women & Children Protection Unit (WCPU) centres for victims of sexual violence

MHPSS SUPPORT
- Training sessions for 297 health-care workers in 13 institutions in Mindanao:
  - Ministry of Health, Bangsamoro Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao (BARMM)
  - Maguindanao Provincial Hospital
  - Maguindanao Integrated Provincial Health Office
  - Cotabato City Health Office
  - Marawi City Health Office
  - Marantao Rural Health Unit, Lanao del Sur
  - Northern Mindanao Medical Center
  - Amai Pakpak Medical Center
  - Southern Philippines Medical Center (SPMC)
  - Davao Region Mental Health Hotline

Seven MHPSS information and training sessions for 129 community and religious leaders and social workers in Davao and Cotabato

Basic MHPSS service provision and capacity-building to support COVID-19 response in detention:
- Online mental health training session organized for 12 staff of the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP)
- Participation of 20 front-liners from BJMP’s New Quezon City Jail COVID-19 Isolation Centres in the MHPSS training session

Four sessions focusing on self-care conducted for staff of Davao Jubilee Foundation (DJF), benefiting 16 of its staff, and assessment to map out strategy for capacity building on MHPSS service provision in DJF

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INFECTION-CONTROL IN DETENTION FACILITIES

**PRISONS: 53** Facilities supported; **35,869** Beneficiaries

**Donation of hygiene supplies:**

- **58,784** Surgical masks
- **14,112** N95 masks
- **13,457** Gowns
- **18,566** Pairs of gloves
- **2,240** Eyewear
- **9,130** Shoe covers
- **9,297** Surgical caps
- **8,458 litres** Alcohol solution
- **12,252 litres** Bleach / disinfectant
- **8,853** Soap bars

- Coordination meetings, monitoring and assessment visits to ICRC-assisted places of detention and COVID-19 isolation centres.
- "Training the Trainers Programme" in infection prevention and control and isolation centre management for BJMP personnel, which resulted in graduation of 17 new trainers across BJMP offices in the National Jail Management and Penology Training Institute.
- Providing detention facilities with info-as-aid posters and audio recordings in Tagalog for the benefit of detainees in 430 operational jails (BJMP) and seven Bureau of Corrections facilities across the country.
- Supervised and evaluated the first training programme in MoTD that was delivered by the newly trained BJMP trainers for infection prevention and control in detention places; total participants: 202 jail officers.
- A training module was conducted for the Bureau of Immigration’s detention nurses on infection prevention and control and contact tracing; 15 participants.

**ISOLATION AREAS IN PLACES OF DETENTION: 10** Facilities supported; **1,444** Beds

**Types of support:**

- Infrastructure support to build screening / triage / isolation facilities
- Donation of **5,690 PPE kits**, medical equipment, cleaning / disinfecting / waste management materials, hygiene supplies like soap, towels, dental hygiene material and buckets and furniture.
- Technical advice (Training sessions, guidelines, capacity-building of staff)
- Facilitate coordination between LGUs, CHOs and DOH in terms of testing, contact tracing and mobilization.

**IMMIGRATION DETENTION CENTRE: 1** (NCR)

- Donation of hygiene material and cleaning supplies
- Screening of those with symptoms
- Technical advice on creating an isolation quarter coupled with the support to renovate the existing clinic.

**POLICE STATIONS: 22** Facilities supported; **3,500** Beneficiaries

**Types of support:** Donation of hygiene supplies and cleaning material and training of staff.
HUMANITARIAN FORENSICS

Provided training in post-mortem COVID-19 infection prevention and control measures to over 500 BJMP personnel, including over 200 people who participated in a Training of Trainers course.

As many as 65 participants, including health and other officials from BARMM, scholars, religious leaders and humanitarian workers, joined a webinar on COVID-19 and Islamic burials.

Around 20 religious leaders provided PPE and hygiene materials for the safe burial of those who died due to COVID-19.

Dialogues with Islamic scholars and Catholic religious leaders, enabling the funerary customs to be adapted to the evolving COVID-19 landscape, including design and dissemination of posters (relating to Catholic and Christian funerary customs).

Donations of PPE and body bags to medicolegal facilities nationally, including PNP SoCo, DILG, NBI and detention facilities throughout 2020, in response to identified needs and as the pandemic has progressed throughout Philippines.

GUIDELINES (Zamboanga, NCR)

Guidelines to ensure safe and dignified funerary and burial customs for COVID-19 patients (SOPs, training sessions, capacity-building):

- COVID-19 guidelines on the management of the dead for Christian burials prepared and distributed among various organizations. The guidelines summarize information based on references compiled from the authorities, international agencies, the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines and the recommendations from ICRC forensic unit.
- Prison staff in five isolation facilities.

DISTRIBUTION OF BODY BAGS

- Medicolegal departments in NCR, Davao Region and Northern Mindanao Region.
- Isolation centres in National Capital Region.

INFO-AS-AID SUPPORT (Lanao Del Sur, BARMM, Zamboanga, NCR)

- Posters on management of the dead bodies, translated in four languages and distributed among:
  - Government authorities
  - Medicolegal departments
- Dissemination of inter-agency guidelines (ICRC, IFRC, WHO, CDC) on management of the dead to Davao Del Norte Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office.

PARTNERING WITH THE PHILIPPINE RED CROSS

- Provided financial assistance amounting to SFr 145,000 to support COVID-19 local response (surveillance and community action) of PRC chapters (28 chapters in Mindanao, five chapters in Bicol, two chapters in Negros and one chapter in Eastern Visayas).

- Provided financial assistance to enable PRC chapters in BARMM to provide assistance to local health systems and authorities. This included funding support for:
  - As many as 5,000 individual hygiene kits for community or hospital quarantine areas
  - Complete set of equipment for two molecular laboratories (in Zamboanga and Cotabato) capable of performing 2,000 COVID-19 tests daily
  - Additional provision of 10,000 N95 masks for these sites.

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Provided financial assistance to the Red Cross, enabling the funerary customs to be adapted to the evolving COVID-19 landscape, including design and dissemination of posters (relating to Catholic and Christian funerary customs).
**OPERATIONAL ORIENTATION**

- The recent months have been characterized by a gradual transition from emergency COVID-19 response to **resuming of protection and assistance activities** in the conflict-affected areas of the country. The difficulties being experienced by people in conflict-affected areas are compounded by COVID-19 health concerns. In key areas of operation in Mindanao, the ICRC (in many instances, in coordination with authorities who have the main responsibility to provide assistance) strives to look into and alleviate the situation of people affected, as may be gleaned from the range of activities in this report.

**RELATED ACTIVITIES**

- **Protection of civilian population:** Continuous dialogue with parties to the armed conflict on the health situation and relevant provisions of IHL applicable to COVID-19 pandemic has been on. To promote compliance with IHL and humanitarian norms, we have sent 11 letters with recommendations to parties to the conflict. We are regularly **monitoring the conflict-affected areas** to assess the situation with regards the safety of civilians and health-care workers. We are also observing the situation with respect to the conflict-affected populations to determine if they have received government assistance such as cash and relief food items, and if they have access to farms and markets.

- Regular liaison with the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) and their Civil-Military Operations Control Centre (CMOCC). Contacts, information and advice / recommendations shared as needed, ICRC movements notified in enhanced community quarantine areas and channels to CMOCC kept open in case use of military (air) assets as a last resort are needed for the ICRC activities.

- **Re-establishing family links to help detainees stay connected with their families** – 79 tablet devices with prepaid data distributed to COVID-19 isolation centres of BJMP, Bureau of Corrections, Bureau of Immigration and to a selection of 25 BJMP jails in NCR and in Zamboanga, allowing detainees to maintain contact with their loved ones despite the suspension of family visits due to COVID-19.

- As many as **964 patients** of Davao Jubilee Foundation, a physical rehabilitation centre supported by the ICRC, benefited from **multipurpose cash grants to support** their household needs during the pandemic lockdown.

- As many as **669 families** with missing persons from the Marawi siege benefited from multipurpose cash grants to support their household needs during the pandemic lockdown.

- **Awareness-generation messages** spread via SMS in **five** languages and social media posts, reaching over **200,550** people.

- **Community engagement:** Reaching out to past and planned beneficiaries of food, household items and cash grants, reassuring that though postponed, the projects have not been shelved.

- **Promoting mental health:** Info-as-aid messages in Tagalog promoting mental health awareness disseminated via social and audio-visual media.

- **A webinar on “Management of the dead and Islamic burial at times of COVID-19”** was jointly organized by the BARMM, Institute of Islamic Studies of University of the Philippines and the ICRC. As many as **65 participants**, including health and other government officials from BARMM, scholars, religious leaders and humanitarian workers, shared their insights on the topic.

- **Translation of COVID-19 information posters:** Info-as-aid posters were translated for detainees into the following languages - Chinese, Korean, Japanese and Vietnamese. These serve the informational needs of over **300 foreign detainees** in the Bureau of Immigration.
PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE

KACHIN, RAKHINE, SHAN STATES

45 health structures in Myanmar received PPE, including face shields, face masks and medical gowns, and COVID-19 information posters

As many as 230 state-run quarantine centres received hygiene supplies, medical equipment and technical assistance in Kachin and Shan States

Over 14,000 PPE items like face shields, face masks and medical gowns were produced in Myitkyina, Kyaing Tong and Hpa-An Physical Rehabilitation Centres

Almost 146,000 people in Kachin, Rakhine and Shan States received health and hygiene items such as face masks, face shields, hand gel and soap. These included 20,800 people in 40 quarantine sites

As many as 300 awareness sessions were organized for communities in Maungdaw and Sittwe Townships, Rakhine State, reaching over 193,800 people

PPE and information material on COVID-19 prevention were shared with 14,600 people in 34 IDP sites in Rakhine State

400 staff members of Ministry of Health and Sports and 20 community health workers were trained in infection prevention and control in Kachin, Rakhine and Shan States

As many as 1,400 people suspected or confirmed with COVID-19 were transported for medical treatment with ICRC support

Resumption of activities at the Physical Rehabilitation Centres in Kyaing Tong and Myitkyina in September for patients in urgent need of assistance

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*Source: Johns Hopkins University (Coronavirus Resource Center) https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html
As many as 34,000 detainees benefited from operations to disinfect the premises in ten places of detention.

With the ICRC’s technical support, 84,000 face masks were produced in five prisons.

Over 10,000 COVID-19 posters from the Ministry of Health and Sports were delivered to the Prisons Department for distribution.

COVID-19 prevention information, financial support and hygiene items were provided to 2,500 people after their release from detention through the “Safe Return Home” programme.

As many as 880 released detainees in quarantine sites from Rakhine were supported with food, blankets and hygiene material.

SOPs for the prevention and control of COVID-19 in places of detention were shared with the Prisons Department.
PARTNERING WITH MYANMAR RED CROSS SOCIETY

Across Myanmar, many of our programmes are implemented alongside MRCS. With the onset of COVID-19, the ICRC was able to complement the MRCS efforts with additional support, namely:

- **Support the MRCS in manufacturing 10,800 Red Cross identification aprons and providing 14,000 Red Cross volunteers with waistcoats and protective helmets**

- **COVID-19 insurance coverage and specialized training** on the use of COVID-19 PPE and masks to 3,600 MRCS staff and volunteers

Contingency stock of PPE items handed over to MRCS Yangon office:

- 8,000 Face shields
- 425,000 Surgical masks
- 1,400 Protective eyewear
- 56,500 Pairs of latex gloves
- 200 Contactless Thermometers
- 3,000 Hand-gel disinfectant

Provision of additional items to MRCS branches in Kachin, Rakhine and Shan States:

- 1,400 Face shields
- 143,700 Surgical masks
- 500 Protective eyewear
- 41,000 Pairs of latex gloves
- 250 Contactless thermometers
- 800 Bottles of hand-gel

Cloth for close to 9,000 reusable masks distributed to communities in Rakhine and to the MRCS in Shan State, along with equipment and material such as sewing machines, fabric, thread, elastic bands, etc.

- As many as 45 township branches in Yangon Region **financially supported for COVID-19 response activities**. As many as 224 Red Cross volunteers from other states and regions were deployed to work in COVID-19 treatment centres in Yangon

- **152 Red Cross township branches financially supported with office administration costs** during the COVID-19 response

- **Financial contribution made to the MRCS Emergency Management Fund** for COVID-19 response and transportation cost covered for PPE items to township branches in Rakhine State

OPERATIONAL ORIENTATION

- Since March 2020, we – the ICRC, in coordination with the MRCS and the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies – have adapted our humanitarian response throughout the country to the new COVID-19 environment while supporting the Government of Myanmar and the communities affected by armed conflict and violence in their efforts to prevent and mitigate the risks associated with the pandemic.

- We implement a multisectoral approach that aims at strengthening primary public health services, increasing access to safe water and sanitation and supporting the livelihoods of communities affected by the socioeconomic impact of COVID-19. We also engage in awareness-raising activities with community leaders, ethnic armed and ethnic health organizations, religious circles and local media, as part of its comprehensive response.

- Together with the MRCS and the IFRC, we are committed to pursuing our ongoing response to COVID-19 in 2021 to ensure that no one is left behind, and that communities affected by armed conflict and violence receive the aid and protection to which they are entitled to in line with International Humanitarian Law.
RELATED ACTIVITIES

- As many as **147,800** people (including students, teachers and volunteers) benefited from upgraded health and sanitation systems in **77** health structures as well as schools, quarantine centres and IDP camps.

- Over **1,990** hand-washing stations installed in IDP camps, health facilities, quarantine centres and township hospitals, benefiting over **107,600** people.

- Approximately **75,000** bars of soap distributed in Rakhine State and **15,000** bottles of liquid soap distributed in northern Shan State for IDP camps and hospitals.

- As many as **44** quarantine centres with a capacity to accommodate approximately **6,300 people** benefited from renovations or donation of water and sanitary materials.

- As many as **170** emergency latrines constructed with the MRCS in quarantine centres for returning migrants.

- As many as **3.5 million Facebook users reached with #InfoAsAid digital messaging** focusing on hygiene promotion and COVID-19 prevention. Over **186,600** people engaged with the ICRC on Facebook for more information or to share COVID-19 prevention messaging.

- Close to **70,000** posters containing information approved by the Ministry of Health and Sports, shared with communities in Kachin, Rakhine and Shan States.

- Over **38,800** pamphlets containing preventive tips and information distributed and **ten** billboards put up to raise awareness.

- An advocacy note on **“IHL and COVID-19”** shared with civilian and military authorities, ethnic armed organizations and other stakeholders.

- ICRC guidelines on management of the dead in context of COVID-19 shared with the armed and security forces of Myanmar.

- **Recommendations on risk and prevention measures** related to law enforcement operations were shared with the Myanmar Police Force.

- Over **20,400** people supported with **multipurpose cash grants** in Kachin and Shan States in IDP camps with a high rate of loss of employment and labour opportunities due to COVID-19.

- As many as **2,000** COVID-19 prevention kits supplied to persons with disabilities as part of a partnership with the Disability Inclusion Committee.

- To support their income generation, we helped over **340** tailors in IDP sites in Kachin, Rakhine and Shan States produce over **174,500** face masks.

- As many as **600** people in quarantine facilities in Kachin and Rakhine States received phone cards to stay in touch with family members and loved ones during their quarantine period while **28 “Safe and Well” messages** were collected from quarantine sites in Rakhine State.
BANGLADESH

529,031 TOTAL CASES
473,855 TOTAL RECOVERED
7,942 TOTAL DEATHS

*Figures related to COVID-19 as on 20 January 2021

PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE

COX’S BAZAR

Sadar District Hospital
- Setting up 16 triage and 12 isolation beds
- Providing PPE kits (200 suits)
- Providing refrigerated container for management of the dead
- Sharing preventive measures and providing training
- Mentoring and capacity-building of staff
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Pekua Health Complex
- Infrastructure support for setting up 30 isolation beds

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DHAKA DIVISION

Kishoreganj District Prison
- Infrastructure support for setting up 28 isolation beds

PARTNERING WITH BANGLADESH RED CRESCENT SOCIETY

DHAKA, CHITTAGONG HILL TRACTS, COX’S BAZAR

Economic Security activities
- Food distribution carried out in partnership with the National Society in 64 districts:
  - 150,000 Beneficiaries (30,000 households)
  - Food parcel consisted of 7.5 kg of rice, 1 kg of lentil, 1 litre of oil, 1 kg of salt, 1 kg of sugar, 500 gm of semolina
- Unconditional cash grants given to 6,006 households (30,030 people) in Chittagong Hill Tracts as part of food assistance

Donation of PPE kits, hygiene material:

- 780 PPE kits
- 5,000 Masks
- 5,000 units Gel disinfectants
- 5,000 Pairs of gloves
- Others: Thermometers

Financial support:
- Donation agreement for Sfr 500,000 between the ICRC and the National Society to cover the following kinds of assistance related to COVID-19:
  - Public awareness and media campaign along with production of communication material to raise awareness
  - 300,000 emergency food packets
  - Disinfection of 16 hospitals and public places
  - Mobilization and financial support to volunteers involved in Restoring Family Links (RFL) services
  - Insurance-related assistance for front-line staff and volunteers
- Financial aid for ambulance support to Directorate General of Health Services

Other support:
- Hand-washing stations constructed, thermometers handed over and technical support provided

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**HUMANITARIAN FORENSICS**

**DHAKA, TEKNAF, COX’S BAZAR, CHITTAGONG HILL TRACTS, CHATTOGRAM, KONARPARA**

**Management of the dead:**
- 320 body bags were handed over to government authorities and 735 were given to NGOs
- 100 burial cloths were handed over to NGOs

**PPE material** handed over to government authorities, medicolegal departments and NGOs:

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**Others:** Cleaning material and info-as-aid posters

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**INFECTION-CONTROL IN DETENTION FACILITIES**

68 Prisons supported; 89,000 Total beneficiaries

- **Material aid** (hand rub, surgical masks, hand sanitizer, chlorine, etc.) distributed with monitoring support by the National Society
- **8,550 sanitizers** distributed
- **USB keys (72)** with training material for prison guards and detainees
- **100 bottles of hand-rub disinfectant**

**Emergency material** consisting of surgical masks, hand sanitizer, chlorine, information leaflet, handheld sprayer, packing material given to prison directorate (38 units) and guards (180 units)

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**OPERATIONAL ORIENTATION**

- Preventive messaging on COVID-19 is being relayed for the displaced populations in Cox’s Bazar and host families, as well as for people living in Chittagong Hill Tracts.

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**RELATED ACTIVITIES**

- As many as **5,550 cloth masks** were distributed among people at Konarpara Camp, Cox’s Bazar, benefiting 3,105 people.

- Food rations were distributed among **2,210 households** (10,600 people) in Tumbru, Teknaf and Cox’s Bazar.

- **Public service announcements** on de-escalation of violence and **respect for health staff** being continuously broadcast at Sadar Hospital in Cox’s Bazar. On an average, close to **100** patients and their attendants visit the hospital every day.

- **Phone calls** made to 239 households in Horikhola host community (Cox’s Bazar) for collecting feedback for the shelter material provided; positive feedback overall.

- More than **300** households in Chittagong Hill Tracts contacted via phone calls for a **post-distribution monitoring exercise**. The respondents said they preferred the hotline service to provide feedback to the ICRC.

- **Livelihood support** for **78** people with disabilities who were benefiting from PRP social-inclusion activities and MEI and who are not part government safety net programme.

- **Weekly audio messages in Bangla** and local languages being sent to **200** community leaders in Chittagong Hill Tracts to reach communities that may not have access to other mediums of communication.

- **Information education material** (6,000 posters) on good hygiene practice and hand hygiene, along with Health Care in Danger hotline number, distributed in areas including Chittagong Hill Tracts.

- **Leaflets developed by the Health Department** on preventive measures distributed along with medical kits, including 1,114 in detention facilities.

- As many as **1,500** posters on **preventive measures, use of PPE, safe burial practices, and health in detention** distributed in places of detention.

- **Info-as-aid and preventive messages** being relayed in Cox’s Bazar and Konarpara camp using tomtom (carriages) and mosque loudspeakers.
**PAKISTAN**

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<td>Rescue 1122</td>
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<td><strong>MUZAFFARABAD</strong></td>
<td>Pakistan-administered Kashmir Health Department</td>
<td>11,769</td>
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- **Infrastructure support** to set up screening / triage / isolation facilities
- **Other supplies**: Close to 11,000 food parcels for COVID-19 patients, disinfectant, chlorine, sanitizers, medical equipment, waste bins, garbage bags, plastic buckets, clogs, blankets, quilts, etc.

**PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE**

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ATTACKS AGAINST HEALTH CARE:

- Under our Health Care in Danger (HCiD) framework, we – along with our partners – analyzed emerging trends of violence against health care in the midst of COVID-19 to tailor relevant responses. The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) provincial assembly approved the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Healthcare Service Providers and Facilities (Prevention of Violence and Damage to Property) Act, 2020, jointly drafted by the Health Department, KP and the ICRC. The Act prohibits violence against patients, their attendants and health-care workers; damage to health-care facilities and equipment; broadens the relevant legal definitions to offer protection to health-care workers across various cadres and health-care settings, prohibits obstruction and disruption of health-care services; prohibits entry of unauthorized weapons inside health-care facilities; and elaborates responsibilities of health-care workers and facilities to protect the rights of patients and their attendants. We are working on a mass awareness campaign to restore trust in and develop empathy for health-care workers responding to COVID-19.

- The Sindh provincial cabinet approved the Sindh Healthcare Service Providers and Facilities (Prevention of Violence and Damage to Property) Bill, 2020. The bill, which is in the process of being put before the provincial assembly for approval, has been jointly drafted by the Health Department, Sindh and the ICRC.

- Along with the leading medical universities of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Punjab and Sindh, we launched a research study to analyze the frequency and determinants of violence and stigma experienced by health-care workers in COVID-19 isolation units, intensive care units and laboratories in three big cities of Pakistan.

- We participated in a webinar on “Prevention of violence against health-care workers amid COVID-19 pandemic”, organized by the department of Emergency Medicine, Aga Khan University, in collaboration with Johns Hopkins – Afghanistan Pakistan International Collaborative Trauma and Injury Research Training Programme. The participants and audience included students, researchers and faculty members from AKU and other collaborating institutions.

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Others:
- Financial support for 500 food parcels to Society for Special Persons, Multan.
- As many as 2,907 people with disabilities across Pakistan received financial assistance to buy lifesaving essentials during the pandemic.
INFECTION-CONTROL IN DETENTION FACILITIES

SINDH PROVINCE
26 Prisons in Sindh Province supported, 17,472 Beneficiaries
Support extended with the support of PRCS:
- Preventive measures: Guidelines, training sessions, capacity-building and info-as-aid material distributed
- Hygiene material:
  - 616 L Bleach
  - 58,500 Hand sanitizers
  - 52,584 Soap bars
  - 167 kg Chlorine
- Medical supplies: 60,000 masks, 53 contactless thermometers
- Prison: 1
  Women's Jail Sukkur: Donation of 700 masks and 50 units of disinfectant

KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA
21 Prisons in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa supported, 11,130 Beneficiaries
Support extended with the support of PRCS:
- Preventive measures: Guidelines, training sessions, capacity-building, 1,095 info-as-aid posters
- Hygiene material:
  - 145 kg Chlorine
  - 33,408 Soap bars
  - 5,000 units Hand sanitizers
  - 1,100 L Bleach
- Info-as-aid material
- Medical supplies: 42 contactless thermometers, 40,000 surgical masks

HUMANITARIAN FORENSICS

PESHAWAR, QUETTA, LAHORE, KARACHI, PAKISTAN-ADMINISTERED KASHMIR
Distribution of body bags
- Government authorities
- Hospitals
- National Society
Total: 4,405 body bags

LAHORE, PESHAWAR, QUETTA, PAKISTAN-ADMINISTERED KASHMIR, SINDH, BALOCHISTAN, PUNJAB
Preventive measures
Guidelines, training sessions and capacity-building with respect to disaster management

TYPE OF ACTIVITIES
- Infection-control in detention facilities
- Humanitarian forensics
- Public health response
- Partnering with Pakistan Red Crescent Society

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- Financial support of Sfr 162,723 for COVID-19 response:
  - Mobilization of NS volunteers (National Headquarters, 7 branches)
  - For awareness-generation campaign on COVID-19 preventative measures
  - For providing PPE kits for staff and volunteers
  - For purchasing cleaning material and disinfectant for office spaces
  - For increasing insurance coverage of volunteers

- Financial support of Sfr 30,578 to provide food rations to 1,550 vulnerable families in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Merged Districts and Pakistan-administered Kashmir

- Financial support of Sfr 3,270 to provide 1,200 vulnerable families in Gilgit-Baltistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa with pre-paid mobile cards so that they can remain in contact with loved ones, including those in quarantine facilities or hospitals

OPERATIONAL ORIENTATION

- To support the collective humanitarian response to COVID-19 in Pakistan, the ICRC redirected a part of its annual budget towards measures and initiatives to be taken in the face of the pandemic.

RELATED ACTIVITIES

- In collaboration with the Government of Pakistan’s “We Care” campaign, we have launched the HCiD campaign “Bharosa Karein”. The campaign aimed to increase respect for health-care workers. Mobilizing the popular social and audio-visual media, we also successfully engaged with various groups like the media, religious circles, front-line workers and health staff. This included our popular campaign for Ramzan that focused on being kind to health-care heroes at the front line. We are also supporting the PRCS ‘Muhafiz’ volunteer force in spreading awareness on preventive measures among the public. Besides these, we released a home-care video subtitled in Pashto and Hindko in collaboration with WHO.
**INFECTION-CONTROL IN DETENTION FACILITIES**

**Donation of cleaning materials and medical supplies:**

37 Prisons; 31,356 Beneficiaries
(Colombo, Kalutara, Negombo, Pallansena, Mahara, Ambepussa, Homagama, Meethirigala, Kandewatta, Wariyapola, Hangilipola, Jaffna, Vavuniya, Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa, Trincomalee, Batticaloa, Monaragala, Badulla, Talden, Angunakolapelessa, Matara, Galle, Boosa, Pitabederra, Kadurugasara, Weerawila, Kuruwita, Dumbara, Kegalle, Pallekele, Kandy)

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- **Technical advice**, guidance and capacity-building
- **Others:** Masks, boots, sanitary napkins, razors, detergent, masks, boots, wheelbarrow, feet sanitizing mats, toilet cleaner, toilet brush, material for toilet construction and maintenance of kitchen

5 Police Stations; 125 Beneficiaries
(Colombo, Vavuniya)

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- **Technical advice**, and guidance
- **Others:** Gloves, goggles, contactless thermometers, handheld sprayers

1 Immigration detention centre; 123 Beneficiaries
(Colombo)

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- **Others:** Gloves, eyewear, contactless thermometers, waste bins, etc.
- **Guidelines and technical expertise** shared with all places of detention

*Figures related to COVID-19 as on 20 January 2021*
HUMANITARIAN FORENSICS

MEDICOLEGAL DEPARTMENTS
(Colombo, Jaffna, Batticaloa, Kilinochchi, Trincomalee, Nuwara Eliya, Mannar, Puttalam, Chilaw, Kegalle, Embilipitiya, Ratnapura, Balapitiya, Hambanthota, Badulla, Monaragala, Mulleriyawa)

- Donation of protective equipment and medical supplies to Institute of Forensic Medicine and Toxicology, among other centres:
  - 555 Body bags
  - PPE kits for chemical protection (doctors, technicians)
  - Material for maintaining chain of custody
  - Disinfection supplies for mortuaries and dead body holding areas
  - Materials for post mortem examination
  - Materials included aprons, masks, gloves, hair mesh, gowns, body tags and cable ties, eyewear, coveralls, face shields, boots, tents, biohazard labels, liquid soap, concentrated detergent
- Preventive measures (Guidelines, capacity-building):
  - Assessment conducted on biosafety measures that need to be developed and implemented to minimize COVID-19 transmission. Various factors that lead to cross-contamination were identified and mitigation measures proposed
  - Assessment conducted on COVID-19 diagnostic sample collection from remains of individuals highly suspected of COVID-19 who will need an inquest into death and autopsy

GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES
(Ministry of Health in Colombo)

- Donation of protective equipment and medical supplies to benefit the morgues attached to the 35 COVID-19 treating hospitals:
  - 400 Body bags
  - 2,000 Body tags and ties
  - 2,000 Pairs of gloves
  - 2,000 Masks
  - 1,000 Shoe covers
  - 300 Gowns
  - 150 Coveralls
  - 70 Eyewear
  - 200 Hair mesh
  - 600 kg Chlorine
  - 22 Sprayers
  - 20 PPE kits
  - Others: Liquid soap, concentrated detergent

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TYPE OF ACTIVITIES

Infection-control in detention facilities
Partnering with The Sri Lanka Red Cross Society
Humanitarian forensics

PRISONS
(Weikada Prison Hospital, Angunukolapelessa Prison, Negambo Prison and Mahara)

- Donation of cleaning material, protective equipment and medical supplies for mortuaries and dead body holding areas:
  - 300 Masks
  - 300 Pairs of gloves
  - 30 Gowns
  - 40 Body bags
  - 120 kg Chlorine
  - 400 Shoe covers
  - 150 Overalls
  - Others: Eyewear, garbage bins, sprayers, PPE kits, liquid soap, concentrated detergent

Others: Liquid soap, concentrated detergent
PARTNERING WITH THE SRI LANKA RED CROSS SOCIETY

Economic Security activities

Food assistance in partnership with National Society:
Ration: **1,500 households (7,500 people)** *(Colombo district, Puttalam, Jaffna, Kandy, Kalutara)*

- The nutritional value for the food packs distributed is of an average **2,100 kcal / person / day** as per WFP and UNHCR food assistance guideline by the UCL Institute of Global Health. One pack of food ration will cover the requirement for one week / household with **five** members

Food vouchers* distributed in partnership with NS:

- **Households: 9,648 (48,240 people)**
- **3,500–4,500 Lankan rupees (LKR) per household** *(Ampara, Anuradhapura, Badulla, Batticaloa, Colombo, Galle, Gampaha, Hambantota, Kalutara, Kegalle, Killinochchi, Kurunegala, Mannar, Matale, Matara, Monaragala, Mullativu, Nuwaraeliya, Polonnaruwa, Ratnapura, Trincomalee, Vavunyia)*

*The cash vouchers can be redeemed from any of the Lanka sathosa stores island-wide within a period of three months, in one go or broken down into any number of purchases within the granted amount based on the requirement

Preventive measures shared *(Training sessions, guidelines, capacity-building)*: Shared guidelines on infection prevention and control within medicolegal settings

SLRCS headquarters:

- **Sfr 44,400** Financial contribution to the NS for purchasing PPE :
  - *12,000 Coveralls*  
  - *20,000 N95 masks*  
  - *19,000 Pairs of gloves*

- Donation of **500 overalls** to be given to Ministry of Health *(Sfr 5,160)*

Transmission risk reduction in public places:
*(Gampaha, Colombo, Kalutara, Puttalam, Matale, Kandy, Kegalle, Kurunagala, Nuwara Eliya and Jaffna districts)*

- **Sfr 33,000** Financial assistance and technical assistance for disinfection, trainings, capacity-building
- **Sfr 2,350** Financial assistance for info-as-aid
- **Sfr 37,500** Material and financial contribution for cleaning items

- Joint video produced by the ICRC and NS on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS), broadcast in Tamil, Sinhala and English on SLRCS social media platform. Viewed by almost **48,000 people**
- Capacity-building: Technical support to produce awareness material on Restoring Family Links (RFL) services
OPERATIONAL ORIENTATION

- The ICRC’s response plan in Sri Lanka rests on three pillars – support to places of detention, support to public health structures and support to the Sri Lanka Red Cross Society – and it aims to prevent and / or mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

RELATED ACTIVITIES

- Multipurpose cash aid (5,000 LKR each) given to over 2,400 families, benefiting close to 32,000 people living in Mullaitivu, Trincomalee, Kilinochchi, Mannar, Vavuniya, Batticaloa, Jaffna, Matara, Hambantota, Monaragala, Rathnapura, Kegalle, Anuradhapura, Matale, Galle, Kalutara, Kandy, Polonnaruwa, Gampaha, Colombo, Gampaha, Kalutara and Kurunegala.

- As many as 100 posters (in English & Sinhala) on RFL services handed over to Department of Prisons for distribution in prisons and places of detention.

- Support to families of those missing due to COVID-19 – Adapting our Accompaniment Programme (under MHPSS) by signing an MoU with three partner organizations. The remote MHPSS programme includes adaptation and development of the training tools for accompaniers. Training I content consists of refresher on MHPSS training, remote MHPSS communication and MHPSS to specific populations in isolation. Training II content includes sexual and gender-based violence, child abuse, substance abuse and suicidal ideation in Sinhala and Tamil and update of the resource mapping of service providers to refer beneficiaries in time of COVID-19.
  - Tools to train the accompaniers in providing psychosocial support remotely; designed and translated in Tamil and Sinhala.
  - Resource mapping of service providers updated.
  - 39 accompaniers trained in MHPSS through 23 remote sessions conducted by three ICRC psychologists.
  - As many as 75 families were provided with information on services to help meet their economic, medical, mental health and legal / administrative needs. A follow-up was also done.
  - The accompaniers have conducted as many as 4,003 sessions for families.
  - As many as 284 families interested in the forthcoming accompaniment programme cycles were contacted telephonically to confirm their participation and to address any COVID-19 related questions.
NORTH OF THAILAND
- Supported five community health organizations to be trained and equipped to carry out COVID-19 prevention and screening activities in their communities along the border and enable them to safely continue ongoing health services
- Distributed hygiene items to two Immigration Detention Centres in Mae Sai of Chiang Rai and Mae Sot of Tak as well as to Thai Military Task Forces in Tak, Chiang Mai and Mae Hong Son
- Supported nine Border Sub-District Health Promotion Hospitals covering three border provinces with a catchment of approximately 90,000 individuals, with infection prevention and control materials
- Supported Border Ranger Unit 36 and 17th Infantry Regiment Task Force in Mae Hong Son Province with protective equipment like face shields, masks, latex gloves, disposable gowns, sanitizer, etc. The items were further distributed at its check points along the border
- Protective equipment, soap, disinfectant, etc. provided to community based-organization (CBO) of Myanmar NSAGs
- Soaps, sanitizers, disinfectant and non-touch thermometers provided to Thai sub-district municipality offices in Chiang Mai for migrant communities
- Hand-wash facilities and masks, latex gloves, disposable gowns and sanitizer provided to Mae Tao Clinic in Mae Sot for patients from Myanmar
- Covered COVID-19 testing and hospitalization fee for 42 Myanmar nationals without financial means

SOUTH THAILAND
- In South Thailand, protective equipment and hygiene material were delivered to MoJ Pattani Provincial Office. This included posters on RFL services, 45 boxes of alcohol wipes, three bottles of alcohol disinfectant, three bottles of hand sanitizers, ten face shields and two boxes of disposable face masks.

VIET NAM
Support extended to Orthopaedic and Rehabilitation Hospital in Ho Chi Minh City

CAMBODIA
Khmer-Soviet Friendship Hospital
- As many as 1,800 coveralls for ambulance drivers and first-aid teams

Physical Rehabilitation Programme:
- Technical advice, guidelines, PPE, sanitation and hygiene materials to:
  - 11 Physical Rehabilitation Centres
  - 25 Physiotherapy departments in the Provincial Referral Hospitals
  - 50 Online training sessions for clinical staff

- Hygiene and sanitation materials like chemical spray sets (including protective clothing), chlorine, hand gel, soaps, electric hand dryers and cleaning alcohol
- Supported two ICRC Physical Rehabilitation Centres (PRC) and five Ministry of Social Affairs PRCs (180 staff and 4,000 service users) by providing:
  - 58,000 Surgical masks
  - 1,350 Reusable fabric masks
  - 1,196 L Cleaning Alcohol
  - 30,000 Pairs of surgical gloves
  - 6 Electric hand dryers
  - 361 Face shields
  - 540 Bottles of sanitizer
  - 3 Hand-wash basins
  - 8 Contactless thermometers

- Hygiene and sanitation materials such as chemical spray sets (including protective clothing), chlorine, hand gel, soaps and cleaning alcohol provided to the Cambodian Physiotherapy Association Clinic
- 50 spinal cord injury patients were provided with food items, PPE, COVID-19 prevention information and hygiene materials.
- 20 small businesses run by people with disabilities received cash grants to prevent financial collapse due to loss of earnings during lockdown

*Bangkok Regional Delegation (Thailand, Cambodia, Viet Nam, Laos)*

14,682
11,460
106
TOTAL CASES
TOTAL RECOVERED
TOTAL DEATHS

*Source: Johns Hopkins University (Coronavirus Resource Center) [https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html](https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html)*
INFECTION-CONTROL IN DETENTION FACILITIES

CAMBODIA
- 28 Prisons supported; 38,000 Detainees; 4,000 Staff

- 62,050 Pairs of gloves
- 10,194 L Sanitizers
- 792 Eyewear
- 11,050 kg Chlorine

- 7,890 Surgical gowns
- 103 Cleaning kits*
- 81,550 Masks
- 1,295 N95 masks

- 64 Non-touch thermometers
- 400 Info-as-aid posters
- 1,422 kg Detergent
- 14,457 Pieces of soap

- 5,104 Hygiene kits**
- 10 Hand-wash stations

*Cleaning kit: Apron, goggles, heavy-duty gloves, boots, jerry can, drum, bucket and sprayer tank

**Hygiene kits for women, juveniles and dependent children included soap, detergent, toothbrush, toothpaste, laundry brush, towel; sarong and sanitary pads for women’s kit and baby essential items for babies’ kit

Capacity-building:
- Trained prison staff and staff from the General Directorate of Prisons (GDP) in use of chlorine and other hygiene material, benefiting 10,000 detainees at four prisons
- Trained GDP Rapid Response Unit in infection prevention and control, triaging, case management and management of the dead
- Mobilized and financially supported MoH CDC to provide training to 39 prison health staff on COVID-19 prevention and patient management
- Mobilized and supported MoH CDC and GDP to provide refresher training to 41 non-health, health staff and GDP Rapid Response Officers on influenza and COVID-19 prevention and control, Health Information Systems reporting and nutrition in prisons
- Assisted the Inter-Ministerial Health in Prison Technical Working Group to develop COVID-19 Prevention and Control Standard Operating Procedures

Normative guidance to the General Directorate of Prisons

THAILAND

Prisons
- Guidelines on controlling COVID-19 in detention facilities shared with the Department of Corrections in Thailand
- 50 RFL kits consisting of info-as-aid posters, alcohol wipes, latex gloves and hand sanitizers distributed in nine prisons to help detainees make phone calls

6 Immigration Detention Centres

Donation of hygiene supplies:

- 235 Face shields
- 800 Masks
- 75 Boxes of gloves
- 14 Eyewear

- 120 units Sodium chloride
- 17 Contactless thermometers
- 12 units Alcohol-based disinfectants
**HUMANITARIAN FORENSICS**

**THAILAND**

Central Institute of Forensic Science

- Protective gear and body bags donated:
  - 500 Body bags
  - 1,000 Pairs of gloves
  - 100 Masks
  - 100 N95 masks
  - 70 Face shields
  - 70 Disposable gowns
  - 1,000 Pairs of shoe covers
  - 200 Info-as-aid posters

- Guidelines on preventive measures shared with Department of Corrections, Ministry of Public Health and Thailand Immigration Bureau
- Guidelines on COVID-19 related measures to be taken for proper management of the dead shared with government authorities:
  - The Central Institute of Forensic Science
  - The Royal Thai Police
  - Forensic science or forensic medicine departments of a few universities (Rangsit, Prince Songkhla, Mahidol Universities)

**VIET NAM**

Other than in Thailand, guidelines on COVID-19 related measures shared with the National Institute of Forensic Medicine of Viet Nam and National Institute of Forensic Medicine of Malaysia, and with the Ministry of Health in Lao PDR

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**PARTNERING WITH NATIONAL SOCIETIES**

**THAI RED CROSS SOCIETY**

- Working with the Thai Red Cross Society (TRC), the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and the Migrant Working Group (MWG) on promoting awareness and preventive measures related to COVID-19 among the migrant communities in Thailand:
  - Info-as-aid 25,000 posters (10,000 each in Burmese and Khmer and 5,000 in Vietnamese) and 150,000 leaflets (80,000 in Burmese, 50,000 in Khmer and 20,000 in Vietnamese)
  - Dubbing and subtitling of ICRC video on stigmatization into six languages - Thai, Khmer, Burmese, Vietnamese, Laotian and Bahasa Melayu
- Financial support of Sfr 12,785 provided to TRC provincial chapters in the South of Thailand:
  - 341 households
  - 1,000 Meals for five days
  - 29,500 Bottles of alcohol spray
  - 1,500 Hand sanitizers
  - 1,500 Hygiene kits*

*Hygiene kit: Detergent, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap and shampoo

- A total of 110 TRC posters and 200 brochures in Burmese on COVID-19 prevention were distributed to Immigration Detention Centre TaK (Mae Sot), Mae Tao Clinic and four Sub-district Health Promotion Hospitals (Poengkloeng and Phob Phra in Tak and Mae Sam Laep and Sala Chiang Tong in Mae Hong Son)
- Other support included 100,000 surgical masks and Sfr 15,019 for making cloth masks

**CAMBODIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY**

Material support:
- Printing of 20,000 posters and leaflets each
- Printing of 80,000 leaflets on “migration and Restoring Family Links services” to be distributed in quarantine centres and for border crossings
- Reprinted 40,000 copies of flyers on hygiene promotion
- Donation of hygiene items and posters in 25 NS branches, including 5,000 bars of soap and 614 units of liquid handwash

Capacity-building:
- Trained 25 provincial staff in carrying out needs assessment
- Supported 1,300 volunteers carry out awareness sessions on hygiene practices
- Supported hygiene and disease prevention dissemination activities in 13 branches through Red Cross volunteer network

Financial support extended to organize awareness sessions for community members. As many as 86,662 people from 478 villages in 13 provinces participated in these sessions

**LAO RED CROSS**

Donation of protective equipment to NS: 300 surgical face masks, 1,750 N95 masks

**VIET NAM RED CROSS SOCIETY**

Financial support for emergency cash assistance to vulnerable populations:
- Hanoi – 225 beneficiaries got Sfr 41 each
- Ho Chi Minh City – 200 beneficiaries got Sfr 41 each

Awareness and sensitization:
A video produced by the ICRC on “COVID-19 and stigmatization” provided to the National Society in Vietnamese
**OPERATIONAL ORIENTATION**

- Our **multidisciplinary response** aims to address the immediate humanitarian needs as well as long-term structural impacts of COVID-19 crisis, focusing on protection including detention, health and water activities.

**RELATED ACTIVITIES**

- **In quarantine centres** in the South of Thailand (Pattani, Narathiwat, Yala and Songkhla), we distributed relief items worth **Sfr 79,082**, benefitting **1,950** people. The items included **1,950** bedding sets (mattress, pillow, pillow cover and blanket), basic hygiene material (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, mosquito repellent, etc.), snacks, **50** electric fans and **37** water boilers.

- **Under the framework of three ICRC multidisciplinary visits carried out** with DGP officials from Health Rapid Response Unit, Construction & Maintenance Office and Operations and Administration Departments, hygiene items were distributed to more than **2,500** juveniles, women and accompanying children in three places of detention housing more than half of the country’s vulnerable detainees among the total **6,000** prison population.

- **1,000 “Safe phone calls” posters** (COVID-19 context specific) co-designed by the ICRC and DGP were published and distributed to all places of detention for the benefit of **40,000** detainees and **4,000** prison staff.

- As many as **10,000 pre-printed RCMs / “Family News Form”** co-developed with the CRC and printed for future use interchangeably with the RCMs in the framework of ICRC-CRC RFL services in prisons. This is crucial due to **re-introduction of the blanket ban on phone services** in prisons as of mid-August 2020.

- We provided food assistance to **500** people with disabilities in **five** provinces of Viet Nam – Quang Ngai, Da Nang, Bing Dinh, Binh Phuoc and Can Tho.

- To tackle **Mental Health and Psychological Support (MHPSS)** needs of populations as well as to address the issue of stigmatization, communication products and animation videos were run as part of a campaign with partners of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

- A **media campaign** focused on COVID-19 in detention settings, and calling for support to tackle the issue, was launched in Cambodia.

- **Donation of 50,000 masks** to the **Royal Thai Police** for officers involved directly in COVID-19 response operations.

- Analysis of restrictive measures and legal policies in Thailand, Cambodia, Laos and Viet Nam.

- **Donation of food items and hygiene materials** to **44** members of the Battambang and Kampong Speu **Wheelchair Basketball teams**.

- **Presentations on hygiene measures, patient screening and disinfection** done for staff of physiotherapy departments of **five referral hospitals**, namely Siem Reap, Svay Rieng, Trorlach, Banteay Meanchey and Korng Pisey.
# REGIONAL DELEGATION TO INDONESIA AND TIMOR-LEASE

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*Figures related to COVID-19 as on 20 January 2021

## PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE

### PRISON HOSPITALS (Jakarta)

**Donation of medical supplies**, hygiene items and awareness material on prevention:

- **20** Info-as-aid posters
- **500** Soap bars
- **190 L** Disinfectant
- **1,500** Pairs of gloves
- **1,500** Masks
- **280** Eyewear
- **10** Body bags
- **816** PPE kits
- **500** Aprons
- **400** Face shields

**Others:** Water containers, contactless thermometers, sprayers, boots, leaflets

### MILITARY HOSPITAL (East Java)

- **200** PPE kits

### ISLAMIC BOARDING SCHOOLS (East Java, West Java, Central Java, Yogyakarta, South Sulawesi)

**Donation of medical supplies:**

- **28,500** Masks
- **700** Surgical masks
- **200** Face shields
- **47** Contactless thermometers
- **480 L** Sanitizer
- **243 L** Disinfectant
- **20** Sprayers
- **600** Pairs of gloves

**Others:** Water containers, contactless thermometers, sprayers, boots, leaflets

### HOSPITALS (Papua, West Papua)

- **600** PPE kits
- **600** Face shields
- **15** Contactless thermometers

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*Source: Johns Hopkins University (Coronavirus Resource Center) [https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html]*
### INFECTION-CONTROL IN DETENTION FACILITIES

**113** Prisons, **87,000** Beneficiaries *(Jakarta, West Java, Banten, Central Java, East Java, Bali, Lampung, Papua, South Sulawesi, South Papua, West Sumatra, South Kalimantan, Yogyakarta)*

Donation of hygiene material and medical supplies:

- **96,740** Soap bars
- **16,576 L** Bleach
- **65,000** Pairs of gloves
- **88,150** Surgical masks
- **1,660** Eyewear
- **463** Contactless thermometers
- **2,432** Info-as-aid posters
- **9,603 L** Sanitizer
- **2017** PPE kits
- **5,315** Face shields
- **500** Aprons
- **1,424** Water containers
- **221** Sprayers
- **608 L** Disinfectant
- **68,200** Cloth masks

**6** Military detention centres *(West Java, DKI Jakarta, East Java, South Sulawesi, Papua)*

Donation of hygiene material and medical supplies:

- **1,872** Soap bars
- **3,192 L** Bleach
- **1,600** Pairs of gloves
- **2,000** Surgical masks
- **1,000** Cloth masks
- **12** Sprayers
- **130** Face shields
- **10** PPE kits
- **132** Info-as-aid posters
- **56 units** Sanitizer
- **16** Contactless thermometers

**14 POLICE STATIONS** *(Jakarta province)*

Donation of hygiene material and medical supplies:

- **150** Goggles
- **500** Face shields
- **2,016** Soap bars
- **608 L** Disinfectant
- **3,300** Pairs of gloves
- **2,950** Surgical masks
- **17** Contactless thermometers
- **15** Water containers
- **28** Sprayers
- **90** Body bags
- **1,200** Masks
- **150** Eyewear
- **300** PPE kits

### HUMANITARIAN FORENSICS

**HOSPITALS:** 3 Military Hospitals *(Jakarta, West Java, East Java)*

Donation of protective equipment and medical supplies:

- **90** Body bags
- **1,200** Masks
- **150** Eyewear
- **300** PPE kits
- **600** Pairs of gloves
- **30 L** Sanitizer
- **300** Aprons

**GENERAL HOSPITALS ACROSS INDONESIA:** 24

Donation of protective equipment and medical supplies:

- **4,350** Pairs of gloves
- **1,100** Special masks
- **6,000** Masks
- **1,966** PPE kits
- **105** Eyewear
- **550** Aprons
- **420** Info-as-aid posters
- **129** Pairs of shoe covers
- **760** Body bags

**GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES:**

Online info-as-aid sessions to spread awareness
PARTNERING WITH NATIONAL SOCIETIES

INDONESIAN RED CROSS

Financial aid and technical advice provided for modification of eight ambulances to prevent infection when transferring COVID-19 patients.

A total of 142,000 personal protective items, technical support and recommendations were provided for PMI staff and volunteers.

The ICRC supported the PMI in ensuring that all mortal remains recovered are identified, and if not, are transferred to the INP-DVI for scientific process.

ICRC-PMI workshops were organized in Bandung, Bogor, DIY and Bali to enhance capacity of volunteers to handle bodies of those who died due to COVID-19.

Donation of protective equipment and medical supplies for management of the dead and Restoring Family Links services:

- 2,000 Body bags
- 6,500 Special masks
- 20,000 Masks
- 101,800 Pairs of gloves
- 5,000 Face shields
- 5,000 Aprons
- 2,000 PPE kits
- 650 Eyewear
- 300 Pairs of boots

• Sharing guidelines and SOPs: Partnering with PMI to develop guidelines to ensure that the mortal remains recovered are identified, and, if not, transferred to the police for scientific process.

TIMOR-LESTE RED CROSS

Supported the Timor-Leste Red Cross (CVTL) in the process of making cloth masks at branch level and reach out to the field for delivering hygiene material like soaps, hand sanitizers, hand washing tanks and cloth masks.

Support was also extended to volunteers and staff in the sensitization of COVID-19 information at the community level.

Technical advice was provided to develop policies, volunteer guidelines, online dissemination for Red Cross first responders and community messaging in relation to the pandemic, including guidelines to ensure that mortal remains recovered were identified and / or transferred to the medical facility and authority concerned.
OPERATIONAL ORIENTATION

• It was a challenging year that forced everyone to change and adapt, including the ICRC. More than half of the budget for ICRC Jakarta was reallocated for COVID-19 response to reach prisons, hospitals, boarding schools and volunteers, among others, in different locations of Indonesia. Some of our regular programmes were still carried out, but by pivoting our approach to adjust to the “new normal”.

• Financial support from the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) enabled us to further expand our programme and technical support to more prisons than was initially planned. The Directorate General of Corrections of the Ministry of Law and Human Rights also adopted some of the ICRC recommendations into their COVID-19 guidelines.

• We have been coordinating with the ASEAN and its affiliated institutions (i.e. AHA Centre) to strengthen cooperation on key humanitarian agendas and thematics. Moreover, we have accelerated to establish cooperation with ASEAN Member States, ASEAN Secretariat and other key agencies within the ASEAN.

RELATED ACTIVITIES

• We reached out to our network of academics, religious and community leaders to pass appropriate messages of prevention that are adapted to specific audiences. We also approached various embassies to explore potential collaborations.

• As part of a refresher series, webinars on “management of the dead during pandemics” were organized for volunteers and first responders from faith-based organizations. The delegation recently participated in a discussion organized by Keluarga Buddhayana Indonesia, a Buddhist community. A two-day workshop was also organized in partnership with Humanitarian Forum Indonesia and attended by participants from all over the country. Radio talk shows were aired in Jakarta, Makassar and Padang to convey key messages on COVID-19.

• Hygiene material was distributed to 36 religious boarding schools (Pesantren, seminaries, Buddhist schools) in the provinces of East Java, Central Java, West Java, Yogyakarta and South Sulawesi.
## PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE

### DONATION OF HYGIENE SUPPLIES AND PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT:

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### NEPAL

#### Advocacy and dialogue
- Advocacy measures by apprising the authorities at Ministry of Health and Population during the COVID-19 Chief Operation Meeting
- Ongoing dialogue with DG of Prison Management Department

#### Donation of hygiene items, protective equipment:
- Donation of 25 aprons, 10,000 pairs of gloves, 560 soap bars, 1,540 bottles of disinfectant, 5,000 surgical masks, five contactless thermometers and 50 face shields to enable people with disabilities continuously and safely access rehabilitation services at Green Pastures Hospital in Pokhara, Kaski district
- PPE material including 20 surgical caps, 10 goggles, 20 face shields, 300 surgical masks, 20 special masks, 100 pairs of shoe covers, five boxes of disposable gloves, 50 pairs of surgical gloves, 20 gowns and 10 litres disinfectant provided to Army Rehabilitation Centre (Kathmandu) for provision of rehabilitation services with COVID-19 precautionary measures in place

*Source: Johns Hopkins University (Coronavirus Resource Center) [https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html](https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html)*
INDIA

Technical support in the form of guidelines and SOPs on management of remains of those who died due to COVID-19 shared with government authorities, hospitals, NGOs, National Society and other organizations, namely:

- Ministry of Home Affairs
- Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- National Disaster Management Authority
- NITI Aayog
- HoD Forensic Medicine, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi
- Indian Red Cross Society
- Coordinator - International Centre for Humanitarian Forensics at Gujarat Forensic Sciences University - Gujarat

Info-as-aid:
- The International Centre for Humanitarian Forensics (ICHF) – an initiative of the ICRC-GFSU Gujarat – held a webinar on “Management of the Dead – Ensuring their protection and dignity in the COVID-19 Era” for non-forensic staff handling mortal remains in institutions in Maharashtra, Delhi, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat. The participants included those from State Disaster Management Authorities, COVID-19 dedicated hospitals and municipal authorities dealing with the transport and / or burial of the bodies
- The ICHF also organized a webinar for the staff of “Doctors for You”
- A webinar was held as part of the GFSU Webinar Series 2020: Planning for Mass Fatality Response
- A joint session with ICHF was held on COVID-19 at the first International Virtual Congress of Forensic Medicine. Also provided ICHF with resources available on the management of dead bodies in context of COVID-19
- Posters on “Hinduism and management of the dead” shared with partner organizations and forensic practitioners
- Produced posters on Sikhism and Management of the Dead during COVID-19 and on Dignified Management of the Dead in Tribal Communities during COVID-19
- A webinar titled “Interfaith Dialogue - The Right to Dignified Disposal of Dead Bodies in the times of COVID-19: International Perspective” was organized with the support of religious and community leaders

MALDIVES

Technical support in form of guidelines and SOPs on management of remains of those who died due to COVID-19 shared with National Society, prisons and government authorities, namely:

- Maldives Ministry of Home Affairs
- Maldives Correctional Services
- Maldives Police Services
- Maldives Controller General of Immigration
- High Commission of the Republic of the Maldives in New Delhi

NEPAL

Technical support in form of guidelines and SOPs on management of remains of those who died due to COVID-19 shared with:

- Government authorities
- Prisons
- National Society
- Medicolegal departments
- Hospitals
- One-day orientation session and three-day workshop on management of the dead organized for security personnel, health workers and staff of the municipality in Kailali district; 45 participants
- Donation of 150 masks to Department of Forensic Medicine, Patan Hospital (Kathmandu)
- Donation of body bags:
  - (150) Nepal Police
  - (60) Dhalikhel Hospital, Kavre
  - (50) Armed Police Force Hospital, Kathmandu
  - (10) Koshi Zonal Hospital
  - (10) B.P. Koirala Institute of Health Science, Dharan (via NS)
  - (50) Tribhuvan University Teaching Hospital, Kathmandu
  - (30) Metropolitan Police (crime division), Kathmandu

BHUTAN

Technical support in the form of guidelines and SOPs management of remains of those who died due to COVID-19 shared with National Society and government authorities, namely:

- Bhutan Ministry of Home and Cultural Affairs
- Royal Bhutanese Embassy in New Delhi
- Bhutan Red Cross Society
**INFECTION-CONTROL IN DETENTION FACILITIES**

**NEPAL**

40 Prisons; 21,890 Beneficiaries  
(Jhapa, Sunsari, Parsa, Makwanpur, Rupandehi, Morang, Banke, Kaski, Chitwan, Dang, Siraha, Mahottari, Kailali, Saptari, Rautahat, Kapilvastu, Nawalparasi, Bardiya, Kanchanpur, District Jail Chitwan, District Jail Mahottari, District Jail Dhankuta, Taplejung, Ilam, Panchthar, Terathum, Dhankuta, Bhujpur, Okhaldunga, Tanahu, Syangja, Baglung, Lamjung, Gorkha, Argakhanchi, Gulmi, Nawalparasi West, Pyuthan, Doti, Darchula, Baitadi, Dadeldhura)

- Donation of hygiene supplies, including 4,850 bars of soap, 20 kg of bleach, 1,000 L of drinking water, water tank and hand-washing stations, 172 aprons, 2,450 pairs of gloves and 2,020 surgical masks, in partnership with National Society

- Other support (some with support of NS): 6,000 Beneficiaries  
  - Dili Bazar Jail (400 bars of soap and 100 L of chlorine)  
  - District Jail, Chitwan (250 bars of soap)  
  - Central Jail Kathmandu (1,454 L of chlorine)  
  - Nakhu Jail (492 L of chlorine)

- Dialogue and advocacy efforts during meeting with Prison Management Department - DG office regarding guidelines to control spread of COVID-19

**MALDIVES**

Technical advice:  
Shared a checklist for prison directors and guidelines on decongestion measures in places of detention with the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Commissioner of Prisons, the Inspector of Correctional Services, the Commissioner of Police and the Controller General of Immigration

**PARTNERING WITH NATIONAL SOCIETIES**

**INDIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY**

Protective equipment provided to the National Headquarters of the Indian Red Cross Society:

- 1,500 Jackets  
- 10,500 Pairs of gloves  
- 9,500 Masks  
- 2,000 Body bags  
- 2,000 Coveralls  
- 2,000 ID tags & cable ties  
- 10,000 Blankets

- Support for Cyclone Amphan: 50,000 tarpaulins provided (17,000 for West Bengal and 33,000 for Assam)  
- Support extended to volunteers providing RFL services during the pandemic by sharing guidelines and recommendations. Also engaged with the district branches of the National Society on the same  
- Supported the production of an animation video promoting IRCS Blood Donation App  
- Produced a video highlighting importance of blood donation, especially during COVID-19, to support NS efforts  
- Posters describing the safety measures to be taken by those handling mortal remains shared with the NS

**NEPAL RED CROSS SOCIETY**

- Material support provided:  
  - 500 Body bags  
  - 2,000 Info-as-aid posters  
  - PPE items given to eye hospitals run by NS in Jankpur and Surkhet  
    - 40 Pairs of eyewear  
    - 90L Disinfectant  
    - 35 Pieces of face shields  
    - 75 Aprons

- Material support to volunteers providing Restoring Family Links (RFL) services in quarantine centres:
  - 5,400 Pairs of gloves  
  - 5,400 Masks  
  - 440 Aprons

- As many as 28 people helped to make phone calls as part of RFL services  
- Technical advice in the form of guidelines, SOPs, training sessions and supervision provided  
- Joint coordination with partners of International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement to raise awareness about COVID-19  
- Production of video to mark World Red Cross Red Crescent Day on 8 May  
- Joint visits organized to holding centres in Kathmandu and Bhaktapur district  
- RFL services offered in quarantine centres, three people benefited from them  
- Production of posters (in Nepali) on management of the dead and one highlighting the stigma surrounding COVID-19

**MALDIVIAN RED CRESCENT**

Protective equipment provided:

- 50 Pairs of gloves  
- 100 Masks  
- 60 Coveralls  
- 60 ID tags and cable ties  
- 30 Body bags  
- 30 Non-woven bags for making kits

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OPERATIONAL ORIENTATION

- The ICRC regional delegation in New Delhi is closely working with the Indian Red Cross Society in its response to COVID-19. More than 40,000 IRCS volunteers are present on the front lines in all districts to support communities in this time of crisis.

RELATED ACTIVITIES

- Physiotherapists from ICRC-assisted centres and CBM India attended a webinar on “Role of Physiotherapist in the Management of COVID-19”.

- Guidelines on activities related to our Physical Rehabilitation Programme were shared with the ICRC-supported centres in the Indians states of Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Chhattisgarh, Assam and Jammu & Kashmir.

- Held a webinar on “COVID-19 – Challenges and opportunities at workplace for people with disabilities”.

- Produced an inclusive leaflet on “COVID-19 protective measures – including for persons with disabilities and caregivers”.

- Produced a video on “Staying active for mental and physical well-being” for people with disabilities.

- Led a session on “Ethics of Reporting in Situations of Emergencies such as COVID-19 pandemic” during a webinar organized by Nirmala Memorial Foundation College of Commerce and Science, Mumbai and Griffith University, Australia.

- Collaborated with the UNHCR and NITI Aayog on audiovisual content addressing stigma related to COVID-19.

- Produced poster on “stigma during COVID-19” for dissemination among public as part of Twitter series #RespectFrontlineWorkers.

- The RFL guidelines and RFL call log book was shared with the IRCS NHQ and circulated among the state branches that are conducting orientation for district branches.

- In collaboration with the Wheelchair Basketball Federation of India, we organized an online training workshop for new players to combat the effects of COVID-19 on their mental and physical fitness, and to acquire professional skills for the game.

- Organized a panel discussion and Annual Awards for Best Article and Photograph on “Superheroes: Battling at the Front line in the Times of Crisis”.

- We are providing support and guidance to the Maldivian Red Crescent to identify needs related to RFL services among the migrants.
KUALA LUMPUR REGIONAL DELEGATION
(MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE & BRUNEI DARUSSALAM)

224,742 TOTAL CASES
186,725 TOTAL RECOVERED
662 TOTAL DEATHS

*Figures related to COVID-19 as on 20 January 2021

PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE

KUALA LUMPUR
Ministry of Health
• Special masks donated: 8,000

SABAH
Awareness on prevention
• Info-as-aid posters and audio messages translated in local languages and communicated via social media channels
• Beneficiaries: 30,000 in Sabah (Telipok, Kota Kinabalu, Kinarut and Papar)

Infection prevention and control
• Together with the MRCS and CHV, supported DHO in polio vaccination campaign in the settlements adapted to new COVID-19 SOPs in Sabah (Telipok, Kota Kinabalu, Kinarut and Papar).
• Beneficiaries: 886 Children (ages one month to 13 years)

INFECTION-CONTROL IN DETENTION FACILITIES

Donation of hygiene items and protective equipment:

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• Material support for Restoring Family Links (RFL) services: Webcams and speakers to facilitate video calls between detainees and their family members: 84
• Dialogue & persuasion: Note related to release of detainees sent to authorities at headquarters

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HUMANITARIAN FORENSICS

KUALA LUMPUR
Medicolegal departments: 200 body bags donated

*Source: Johns Hopkins University (Coronavirus Resource Center) https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html
PARTNERING WITH NATIONAL SOCIETIES

SINGAPORE RED CROSS

Financial support:
• for setting up screening / triage / isolation facilities
• to meet the urgent needs of the most vulnerable sections of society

BRUNEI DARUSSALAM RED CRESCENT SOCIETY

• Financial support to aid their COVID-19 response

MALAYSIAN RED CRESCENT SOCIETY

• Financial aid to support COVID-19 response, including distribution of family kits among 1,500 vulnerable migrants around peninsular Malaysia; aid to meet the needs of children in migrant families in Sandakan (Sabah) under MATCH-MRCS programme; mobilization of volunteers involved in the pandemic response
• Material support: Sewing machines donated for MRCS PPE sewing project, apart from fuel and logistical support during food aid distributions; 50,000 masks
• Capacity-building: Support in organizing online training sessions for branches and others
• Infection prevention: 50,000 masks donated for volunteers and staff
• Preventive measures: Financial and technical support to organize COVID-19 training sessions by DHO for NS volunteers on awareness, best practices and PPE standards and procedures
• Communication support for MRCS and funding for online quiz competition to promote COVID-19 response, IHL and others

OPERATIONAL ORIENTATION

• Malaysia: Extended technical advice on health care in detention to authorities and continued to engage with them in a bilateral dialogue on other areas of support.

RELATED ACTIVITIES

• Continued engagement with other humanitarian organizations via participation in a Risk Communication & Community Engagement Working Group (RCCE-WG). Commissioned by the MoH via the WHO, the RCCE-WG was formed among key humanitarian actors in the country at the peak of the pandemic. It continues to hold bi-weekly meetings and serves as an information exchange and coordination platform to encourage collaboration and remove duplication of efforts.

• Delivered a lecture to the armed forces and police personnel on the “Military Involvement in Security Operations in COVID-19 Response” at the Malaysian Armed Forces Staff College as part of the Command and Staff Diploma Course.

• Successfully organized a three-day Maritime in Security Operation seminar with the Centre for Military and International Humanitarian Law. The theme of the seminar was “COVID-19: Balancing Border Security Needs with Humanitarian Concerns”. As many as 58 participants from enforcement agencies, academic institutions and international organizations attended the seminar.

• Playing an advisory role to the Joint HQ Police and Military during the Movement Control Order. Weekly meetings being organized.

• Playing an advisory role to the National Security Council on humanitarian concerns in the development of SOPs. Daily virtual meetings being organized.

• Distributed reusable bags with information on prevention printed on them among the communities in Telipok and Kinarut in Sabah.

TYPE OF ACTIVITIES

Infection-control in detention facilities
Partnering with National Societies

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PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE

RURAL HEALTH CENTRES: 6
(Enga Province, Southern Highlands Province, Hela Province)
120 consultations per day
40 staff, 180 village birth attendants
• Supported with:
  - Infrastructure to set up 12-bed isolation ward
  - Setting up three canopy structures for screening patients
  - Others: Stethoscope, sphygmomanometers, IV stands and oxygen flow meters
  - Technical guidance in form of SOPs, guidelines regarding disinfection
  - One MHPSS training session for 17 front-line health staff members

TARI PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL (100 beds)
(Hela Province)
• Two training sessions on MHPSS for 30 front-line health staff members

WABAG PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL (86 beds)
(Enga Province)
• Two training sessions on MHPSS for 29 front-line health staff members

MT HAGEN PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL (245 beds)
(Western Highlands Province)
• Supported with:
  - Infrastructure to set up 12-bed isolation ward
  - Setting up three canopy structures for screening patients

MENDI PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL (222 beds)
(Southern Highlands Province)
• Two training sessions on MHPSS for 34 front-line health staff members
• Training and other guidelines provided to staff to build their capacities
• Two screening facilities set up
• Four washing stations constructed

BUKA GENERAL HOSPITAL (14 beds)

VILA CENTRAL HOSPITAL - VANUATU HEALTH DEPARTMENT
(Port Vila, Vanuatu)
• Supported with:

*Figures related to COVID-19 as on 20 January 2021
INFECTION-CONTROL IN DETENTION FACILITIES

PAPUA NEW GUINA
9 Police lockups
(Arawa, Buka, Buin, Mt Hagen, Mendi, Wabag, Porgera, Tari and Lae)
6 Prisons
(Beikut, Kerevat, Bomana, Baisu, Bule-ibi and Buimo)

Beneficiaries: Approximately 3,800 detainees and prison staff
- Support: 78 handwashing stations, 24,000 hygiene items and 120 cleaning/disinfecting material were donated, among them soap bars, bleach, chlorine, detergent, brooms and buckets
- PPE material and advisory support:
  1,923 Pairs of gloves
  240 Special masks
  420 Caps
  280 Gowns
  1,100 Surgical masks
  8 Thermometers
  190 Overalls
  19 Eyewear
  56 Face shields
- Other support: Technical guidance to detaining authorities regarding the COVID-19 contingency planning. Repair and refurbishment of the rainwater system in quarantine facility in Bougainville, benefiting around 100 detainees and prison staff

SOLOMON ISLANDS
Beneficiaries: 483, 6 Prisons
- Donated with support of National Society:
  - 67 units of sanitizer, 41 L of Chlorine, 116 cartons of soap, 95 L of bleach
  - Screening facilities set up at two prisons
  - Direct support: Technical advice provided in the form of SOPs, training sessions and tents donated
- PPE kits:
  4,000 Gowns
  200 Face shields
  2,000 Pairs of gloves
  10 Thermometers
  400 Special masks
  500 Aprons
  2,000 Surgical masks

FIJI
Beneficiaries: 3,429, 15 Prisons
- Support material:
  - 49 units of bleach, 108 L of chlorine, 241 cartons of soap, 288 units of sanitizer, 100 aprons
- PPE Kits:
  500 Aprons
  200 Surgical masks
  2,000 Face shields
  7,000 Pairs of gloves
  6,500 Gowns

VANUATU
Beneficiaries: 260, 5 Prisons
- Donated with support of National Society:
  100 Face shields
  10 Contactless thermometers
  2,000 Pairs of gloves
  1,000 Masks
  2,000 Bars of soap
  22 L Bleach
  50 L Chlorine
  Material for 220 masks

SAMOA
Beneficiaries: 412, 2 Prisons
- Donated with support of National Society:
  2,000 Bars of soap
  22 L Bleach
  60 L Chlorine
  8 Boxes of masks
  12 units Sanitizer

NAURU
Beneficiaries: 13, 1 Prison
- Direct support:
  1,200 Bars of soap
  250 Masks
  20 units Sanitizer

COOK ISLANDS
Beneficiaries: 50, 1 Prison
- Donated with support of National Society:
  - 200 bars of soap, 10 L of chlorine
  440 Bars of soap
  10 L Bleach
  10 units Sanitizer

KIRIBATI
Beneficiaries: 92, 2 Prisons
- Donated with support of National Society:
  312 Bars of soap
  11 L Bleach
  10 units Sanitizer

MARSHALL ISLANDS
- Donated with support of National Society:
  - 200 bars of soap, 10 L of chlorine
PARTNERING WITH NATIONAL SOCIETIES

Financial support (in Swiss francs) Sfr 311,300 to National Societies to build their capacity in the area of awareness-generation

- Fiji Red Cross Society
- Solomon Islands Red Cross Society
- Vanuatu Red Cross Society
- Palau Red Cross Society
- Micronesia Red Cross Society
- Marshall Islands Red Cross Society
- Papua New Guinea Red Cross Society
- Tonga Red Cross Society
- Tuvalu Red Cross Society
- Samoa Red Cross Society
- Cook Islands Red Cross Society
- Kiribati Red Cross Society

HUMANITARIAN FORENSICS

- Guidelines shared with government authorities and NGOs in the form of SOPs, training modules and capacity-building measures
- Preventive measures (trainings, guidelines, capacity-building) for National Society
- Protective equipment supplied to Fiji, Tonga, Samoa, Cook Islands, Marshall Islands, Micronesia and Solomon Islands.

Total items distributed:

- 70 Body bags
- 700 Pairs of gloves
- 350 Masks
- 350 Gowns
- 700 Pairs of shoes

PAPUA NEW GUINEA RED CROSS SOCIETY
Western Highlands Province, PNG

- 4,000 info-as-aid leaflets distributed
- Four sessions each on MHPSS and preventive measures for COVID-19 organized for PNGRCS volunteers

Bougainville

- Donation of 26,000 COVID-19 information leaflets from ABG Department of Health and 200 information posters from IFRC / PNGRCS to support joint COVID-19 awareness campaign
- Support to COVID-19 awareness information booth by PNGRCS (an initiative of the Department of Health under the lead of PNGRCS)
- Support for COVID-19 awareness sessions by PNGRCS in places of detention (four police lockups and one correctional institute) and donation of four COVID-19 information boards

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### OPERATIONAL ORIENTATION

- In PNG, we have stepped up our operations by providing personal protective equipment, hand-washing stations, hygiene and awareness material to various health facilities in the Highlands, as part of the capacity-building measures.

- We are also working closely with authorities to provide necessary support to detention facilities in Port Moresby, Highlands and Bougainville.

### RELATED ACTIVITIES

- In Australia, there is an ongoing dialogue with the government in support of the ICRC’s regional and global COVID-19 response, including partnerships with National Societies.

- Efforts are being ramped up to engage actively with the media and share stories of ICRC activities throughout the world with Australian audiences.

- MHPSS sensitization for Papua New Guinea Defence Force (PNGDF): The MHPSS team supported the provision of four sensitization sessions on stress management related to COVID-19 with different companies within the PNGDF with approximately 60 participants.

- Using social media to relay credible information to various nooks and corners of PNG, awareness messages on “stress related to COVID-19” were posted online in various languages – English, Pidgin, Huli and Enga.

- An awareness campaign on COVID-19 and African swine flu was carried out in Enga, Hela and Southern Highlands provinces and transmitted via 1,604 community leaders. Family and sexual violence-related information was also shared with the support of PNGRC volunteers.

- Advice / guidance on COVID-19 prevention, preparedness and response extended to Corrections Commissioners of 14 countries. The aim is to share best practices and facilitate peer-to-peer exchange in Pacific islands.

- Eleven mobile phones donated to facilitate phone calls between detainees and their families / lawyers in Solomon Islands. 483 detainees can make calls on a weekly basis.

- Ten laptops and modems donated to facilitate phone calls between detainees and their families / lawyers in Fiji.

- Close to 14,000 people were reached in Western Highlands Province through awareness campaigns being run by the PNGRCS. Topics like COVID-19 prevention, mental health and family and sexual violence were covered via these activities.
PARTNERING WITH NATIONAL SOCIETIES

RED CROSS SOCIETY OF CHINA
- Since the beginning of the COVID-19 outbreak in China, the ICRC has remained in close contact with the Red Cross Society of China (RCSC), expressing its solidarity and support with the staff and volunteers responding to the outbreak.
- In March, the ICRC made a financial contribution to the RCSC for its domestic response to COVID-19.
- In response to COVID-19, the ICRC made a financial contribution to the COVID-19 appeal of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies for its response in the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea.

KOREAN NATIONAL RED CROSS
- The ICRC mission in Seoul continues to publicly express solidarity and support for the Korean National Red Cross (KNRC), particularly towards its efforts in responding to the continuously resurging COVID-19 pandemic. As of now, KNRC has raised about 89 billion KRW for COVID-19 response.

OPERATIONAL ORIENTATION

China
- ICRC President Peter Maurer met with Chinese State Councillor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi on the sidelines of the Munich Security Conference in February. The two sides discussed China’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic. President Maurer noted ICRC’s readiness to provide further support to China for its fight against the virus following an initial financial contribution. Since March 2020, the ICRC has purchased over 350 tonnes of anti-pandemic supplies (masks, face shields, PPE) in China, which is ICRC’s second largest purchase hub worldwide. The supplies provided protection to ICRC staff and partners in over 80 countries.

The Republic of Korea
- ICRC President Peter Maurer and RoK Foreign Minister Kang Kyung-wha discussed cooperation in COVID-19 response, the 2021 UN Peacekeeping Ministerial Conference and the current status of humanitarian assistance to DPRK, in Manama, Bahrain on 4 December 2020.

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*Source: Johns Hopkins University (Coronavirus Resource Center) [https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html]
**RELATED ACTIVITIES**

**China**
Efforts have been made by the delegation to actively engage with Chinese authorities, stakeholders and the media on ICRC’s global response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes raising awareness about the dire situation in fragile contexts and calling for equitable access to the vaccine, especially for people affected by armed conflict and violence. The highlights include:

- **The head of the Beijing regional delegation, Jacques Pellet, gave a keynote speech at the 2020 Forum on China and International Development hosted by think tank Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation in Beijing in December, and shared ICRC’s response amid the pandemic. The health coordinator joined the forum and shared ICRC’s experience in and perspectives on multilateral health response and cooperation, among other topics, during a panel discussion.**

- **In December, ICRC’s head of Health Unit in Geneva Esperanza Martinez addressed the opening of the 2020 International Conference on Emergency Management Innovation hosted by the Party School of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China through a video speech. Martinez shared ICRC’s multidisciplinary approach in responding to public health emergencies in fragile contexts and illustrated with examples how to manage such emergencies from a humanitarian perspective.**

- **In November 2020, ICRC President Peter Maurer virtually joined a panel discussion at the Caixin Summit held in Beijing and spoke to the business community on rebuilding trust in the post-COVID-19 era. He also expressed ICRC’s willingness to further cooperate with China to increase the support extended to people hit by conflict.**

- **Head of the Beijing regional delegation Jacques Pellet spoke at the International Committee on Military Medicine Beijing Symposium in December, sharing ICRC’s global response to the pandemic and called for equitable access to the vaccine.**

- **In his interviews with prominent Chinese media such as Caixin Magazine, The Paper and at the Dialogue with the World: Trans-Pacific Future Forum organized by Phoenix TV, Jacques Pellet emphasized the importance of international cooperation for the equitable distribution of COVID-19 vaccines, while highlighting ICRC’s expertise to be an integral part of the vaccine distribution process to help people affected by war and conflict.**

- **During the early onset of the pandemic, in his interview with Phoenix TV, ICRC Vice-President Gilles Carbonnier illustrated the impact of COVID-19 on the most vulnerable people in conflict areas and ICRC’s response.**

**The Republic of Korea**

- **Representatives from the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) office in Indonesia joined the ICRC field trip to observe the distribution of protective items at prisons in Jakarta and met officials of the provincial office of the Department of Corrections during a visit to Central Java between 30 November and 4 December. The project has been funded to the tune of USD 200,000 by KOICA to help the ICRC provide material and technical support to 67 prisons in six provinces and sensitize prison staff with the aim of increasing their capacity to combat the pandemic. During the meeting, KOICA representatives expressed appreciation to both Ditjenpas and the ICRC for their efforts in controlling the spread of COVID-19 in prisons and showed satisfaction regarding the activities.**

- **On 24 November 2020, the ICRC participated in 2nd International Conference on “Action with Women and Peace”. Following an opening statement (online and offline) from Minister Kang Kyung-wha (RoK Minister of Foreign Affairs), the ICRC participated — as a panelist — in the first session on “COVID-19 pandemic and conflict-related sexual violence”, with a presentation on legal and operational issues delivered by Lindsey Cameron (Head of Thematic Lawyers, DP_JUR_THEM). According to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, more than 300 people participated in the conference online and offline, including head of ICRC mission in Seoul.**

- **Media pitching / exposure – ICRC Seoul participated in interviews on its effort to promote COVID-19 response and ICRC’s operation in fragile context. The interviews were aired via YouTube and SBS (Seoul Broadcasting System) TV, which is a national South Korean television and radio network company.**

- **Social media – Through ICRC’s Korean Facebook page, we shared various awareness-generation messages related to COVID-19 as also the KNRC’s contents and posts, illustrating solidarity with the KNRC in its efforts to prevent and respond to COVID-19 in the RoK.**
**Related Activities**

**Mobilizing financial support for ICRC COVID-19 response**
- To demonstrate the relevance of the ICRC and gain financial support for our COVID-19 response, relevant documents and materials were shared with MoFA. Earlier, MoFA and Diet members were approached and briefed on the added value of the ICRC response, including through several high-level meetings (President - Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs, President - PM Ambassador).

- The discussion with Japan's development agency, JICA, was accelerated for cooperation in the field – either through grants or NFMs.

- President Peter Maurer had a Skype meeting with MoFA on 27 April regarding continuous and additional support.

**Solidarity with the national nursing association on International Nurses Day**
- The Tokyo delegation and the Japanese Nursing Association (JNA) displayed solidarity on SNS platforms to mark International Nurses Day.

**Media pitching / exposure**
- “Mental health is as important as physical health” – To highlight this, we issued a news release to mark the World Mental Health Day, highlighting a survey carried out by the Red Cross on the topic. We also issued a news release on the COVID-19 vaccine and the ICRC stance on the same. As many as 58 media outlets carried these releases.

- A global ICRC news release highlighting that 600 incidents of attacks against health-care workers had been reported in the recent months got a lot of media traction in Japan. The Japanese translation of the news release was carried by 28 media outlets.

- Articles on a Japanese detention doctor based at ICRC Manila and on ICRC’s activities in places of detention were featured in Mainichi Newspapers. The former story was also published in the International Development Journal. Besides these, three news releases related to COVID-19 were earlier published in Japanese and got wide coverage.

**Social media**
- Using social media to amplify messages and ICRC operations related to COVID-19 from across the world, we continued to contextualize videos and articles and post them onto our Twitter channel and Facebook page. To engage with our digital audience, we have posted 22 tweets and 24 Facebook posts in the recent months, with the one on mental health getting a lot of attention. Earlier, the videos on hand hygiene and the situation in Syria had generated a lot of interest.

- The Ministry of Foreign Affairs published the ICRC detention doctor’s Mainichi article onto their Facebook page, thus taking it to a wider audience.