

ISRAEL AND THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

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Through its permanent presence in Israel and the Occupied Territories (ILOT) since 1967, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) has been working to alleviate the suffering of people affected by conflict.

This is an overview of our activities in 2022:

Helping Ensure Dignity in Detention

As part of our endeavors to ensure humane treatment and conditions of detention for detainees, we carried out **555** visits to Palestinian detainees held in Israeli and Palestinian detention facilities. We also contributed to the improvement of detention conditions for around **1,960** detainees in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.



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Maintaining Family Links

We facilitated permits for over **54,000** family members and transported them to visit their relatives in Israeli prisons. Over **5,000** detainees were able to see their loved ones through regular visits.

We also facilitated the exchange of **50** Red Cross Messages and over **1,100** salamat (i.e., verbal greetings) between detainees and their families, and between separated families across borders.



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Supporting Vulnerable Communities

To address the humanitarian consequences of the occupation:



127 families whose houses were destroyed during the armed hostilities in August 2022 in the Gaza Strip received cash grants and essential household items.



140 families whose houses were demolished in East Jerusalem and other locations in the West Bank received cash grants.



467 households who lost their employment as a result of the May 2021 armed hostilities in the Gaza Strip received cash grants.



199 unemployed residents who come from vulnerable households received Cash for Work grants to support local authorities in re-establishing access to basic services affected by the May 2021 armed hostilities in the Gaza Strip. This included enabling the repair of roads and supporting the creation of digital databases to enable businesses to continue to function.



152 households with Persons with Disability (PWDs) in the Gaza Strip, **10** households with individuals severely injured by confrontations in the West Bank, and **43** vulnerable households in the “H2” restricted area of the city of Hebron received cash grants to help them start different types of businesses to support their livelihoods.



638 farmers in the border area of the Gaza Strip received multiple agricultural inputs (e.g., seeds, fertilizers and tools) to improve their agricultural projects.



30 households in the West Bank received material and technical support on smart agricultural techniques to help them adapt with climate change.



420 farmers in the West Bank and Gaza Strip received ecological bio-traps to reduce the use of pesticides and help them protect their olive trees.



539 farmers in the Gaza Strip received cash grants to support them in improving farming conditions and increasing land productivity.



89 poultry farmers in the Gaza Strip received cash grants to increase the productivity of their poultry farms.



50 honey producers in the Gaza Strip received beehives as part of a project which seeks to test innovative approaches to addressing the effects of climate change.



54 residents of the “H2” restricted area of the city of Hebron received vocational training (e.g., culinary skills, photography and videography, beauty and skin care) to help them develop their skills and improve their chances of securing employment in the local job market.



60,000 sheep and goats belonging to over **1,000** herders were vaccinated against chlamydia in partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture in the West Bank to help reduce the mortality of fetuses.

180 herders and **137** farmers affected by settler violence and settlement expansion in the West Bank received cash grants to help them rehabilitate their animal shelters, improve animal breeding and enhance their farming.



Caring for the Sick and Wounded

- **3,374** PWDs were supported with physical rehabilitation services and their integration into society was promoted in partnership with the Artificial Limbs and Polio Center (ALPC) in the Gaza Strip.
- The Ministry of Health (MoH) and Military Medical Services (MMS) in the Gaza Strip received medical supplies to support their preparedness for emergencies.
- **Three** primary health care centers, three Emergency Medical Service (EMS) providers and the ophthalmic hospital in the Gaza Strip received information technology and medical equipment.
- **Three** wound-healing machines were provided to Al-Ahli Hospital in Hebron to accelerate the healing process of wounded patients.
- **Two** trainings on Fundamentals of War Surgery were organized for **73** surgeons in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.
- **One** vascular surgeon from the Gaza Strip received support to attend a three-month fellowship training in the West Bank.
- **17** Basic Emergency and Trauma Management trainings were organized for **403** medical staff and Emergency Medical Technician members in the Gaza Strip.
- **Two** Antimicrobial Resistance workshops were organized for medical staff in the Gaza Strip.



Strengthening Mental Health and Psychosocial Support

- **20** social workers and psychologists at Barzilai Hospital in southern Israel received training in partnership with the Israel Trauma Coalition to assist them in improving their mental and psychosocial wellbeing.
- **28** facilitators from the Civil Defence, MMS and Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS) in the Gaza Strip received training through “Helping the Helpers” program to enable them to provide basic psychosocial support to their peers. The facilitators from the Civil Defence and MMS implemented **eight** peer-support sessions for **106** first responders within their structures to help them maintain their psychological wellbeing.
- **15** MMS staff received a scholarship for the first year of a postgraduate diploma in Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) at Gaza Community Mental Health Program and the Islamic University.
- **842** PWDs benefitted from MHPSS services through technical support and supervision provided to the ALPC.
- **Eight** facilitators from the Palestine Amputee Football Association received intensive psychological training to enable them to implement **32** peer-support sessions for **36** PWDs from their community, especially those suffering from amputation, to support their integration into society.

Improving Access to Water and Electricity

- Access to essential services (i.e., water, electricity and wastewater treatment) was enhanced for more than **1,750,000** residents in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.
- Within the framework of the Gaza Resilience Program (GRP), which aims to help communities and systems to absorb conflict-related shocks and recover more rapidly, this is how we helped improve living conditions for **850,000** residents in the Gaza Strip through infrastructure projects:
 - The reliability and availability of electricity supply was improved through the installation of new equipment to manage electricity demand, as well as the installation of solar panels.
 - The capacity of water and wastewater facilities was increased to continue to function during armed hostilities and other shocks.



Monitoring and Promoting Respect for International Humanitarian Law

As the promoter of International Humanitarian Law (IHL), the ICRC takes action to foster respect for the law notably by spreading knowledge of IHL to a wide range of local and international stakeholders, including arms carriers, supporting its implementation at the domestic level, and monitoring respect for it by all parties and by reminding them of their obligations.

Within this framework:

- Over **100** students from Israeli and Palestinian universities received IHL lectures.
- Over **30** students, representing six Israeli universities, participated in the 16th annual Israeli IHL competition.
- Around **30** young law-practitioners participated in the bi-annual IHL workshop in Tel-Aviv, organized by the ICRC and the Association of Civil Rights in Israel.
- The diplomatic community based in Jerusalem, Ramallah and Tel-Aviv participated in two IHL roundtable discussions.
- The **15** members of the National Committee on IHL participated in a one-day workshop in Ramallah.
- **420** *imams* in the West Bank participated in a digital training on IHL and Islam.



Engaging with the Community

The ICRC recognizes and values community members as equal partners. To ensure that we meet the needs of those affected by conflict, who are at the heart of our work, we carried out a series of community-focused engagements in 2022:

- Over **20,000** residents received awareness sessions to enhance their knowledge on the risks of Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) and promote safer behavior in the Gaza Strip.
- **20** young artists in the Gaza Strip participated in a visual art exhibition to highlight the impact of 15 years of closure on the lives of youth in the Gaza Strip.
- **60** Palestinian women from the West Bank participated in a training and exhibition focused on repurposing household waste, eight of whom also received a basic photography training to help them better promote their “green” products online.
- **18** PWDs received support to organize and perform a public play in partnership with Bozour Theatre Association and the ALPC to promote the social inclusion of PWDs in the Gaza Strip.
- **75** opinion and community leaders participated in the annual “Humanitarian Diwan” event, organized in partnership with the House of Wisdom Institute, to strengthen understanding of and support for humanitarian action in the Gaza Strip.
- **Four** theatre plays were produced and performed in cooperation with Rasael Theatre in the West Bank to highlight various ICRC activities in the West Bank and Gaza Strip through art.



Partnering with the National Societies

The ICRC works closely with its partners in the PRCS in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, and Magen David Adom (MDA) in Israel. As part of these efforts, here is what was achieved in 2022:

- **275** new staff members and volunteers at the PRCS received training to enhance their knowledge on the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and its fundamental principles, including the distinctive emblem.
- **35** EMS staff members and volunteers at MDA received support to be deployed to Moldova and Ukraine to support ICRC pre-hospital programs.
- **One** workshop was co-organized with MDA to simulate the joint deployment of a Red Cross hospital at an Israeli health care facility in case of significant earthquake.

