INTRODUCTION

Unprecedented stress on the most advanced health-care systems. Extreme strain on major economies and financial markets. A global shutdown such as the world has never seen before.

This is today’s reality as COVID-19 continues to spread unabated in over 160 countries across the world. With the Asia-Pacific region being home to 60 per cent of the world’s population – i.e. some 4.3 billion people – an uncontrolled outbreak could be devastating.

To contain the spread of COVID-19, early efforts have included strict measures such as restriction on movement and lockdowns. Some countries face an already compromised public health-care system, overcrowded detention facilities, densely populated camps of displaced populations and informal settlements, adding layers of vulnerability for populations already facing immense challenges.

With a well-coordinated and well-resourced response mechanism involving national and international actors, the danger can be averted.

Our response

Like elsewhere, in the Asia-Pacific region also the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) has joined the massive efforts being carried out by governments, international community and humanitarian organizations to fight the spread of novel coronavirus. We have massively adjusted, and where relevant, launched new initiatives to support national authorities, health-care facilities, places of detention and local Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies to respond to the pandemic.

Our operational response to COVID-19 in the region focuses on four main areas:

- Supporting health-care facilities
- Infection-control in detention facilities
- Humanitarian forensics (management of the dead)
- Support to National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

In the following pages, you will see a country-wise overview of the ICRC operational response to COVID-19 in the Asia-Pacific region.

Cover image: Ma Win, who lives in Kyauktaw Township, Rakhine State learns the proper technique to clean hands with the ICRC Sittwe team

Disclaimer

- The boundaries, names and designations used in this report do not imply official endorsement, nor express a political opinion on the part of the International Committee of the Red Cross, and are without prejudice to claims of sovereignty over the territories mentioned.
- Maps are not to scale.
ASIA-PACIFIC

214,098 | 118,436 | 8,417
TOTAL CASES | TOTAL RECOVERED | TOTAL DEATHS

*Figures related to COVID-19 as on 29 April 2020

COVID-19 HEALTH RESPONSE

- 14 PRP centres supported
- 37 Hospitals supported
- 7 Prisons hospitals supported
- 3 IPD camps 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 3,700 body bags have been distributed as part of the assistance.

INFECTION-CONTROL IN DETENTION FACILITIES

- 446,589 Beneficiaries
- 32 Police stations supported
- 304 Prisons supported
- 19 Immigration Detention Centres supported
- 4 Temporary Detention Centres supported

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.

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO) STATISTICS ON COVID-19 FOR THE ASIA-PACIFIC

NUMBER OF CONFIRMED CASES OF COVID-19 IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION SINCE 26 FEBRUARY 2020

NUMBER OF CONFIRMED CASES OF DEATHS LINKED TO COVID-19 IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION SINCE 26 FEBRUARY 2020

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

**COVID-19 HEALTH RESPONSE**

7 Physical Rehabilitation Centres: Provided with hygiene material (Gulbahar, Kabul, Herat, Mazar-e-Sharif, Jalalabad, Faizabad, Lakshar Gah)

**KANDAHAR, Mirwais Hospital:**
- 620 Beneficiaries
- Hygiene material provided
- Advice extended on infection-control measures
- Sensitization sessions and distribution of personal protective equipment (PPE) (Health staff with Ministry of Health and Mirwais Hospital)
- Screening facility set up at hospital

**HELMAND / FARAH:**
- Sensitization sessions and distribution of PPE (first-aiders and drivers)

**INFECTION-CONTROL IN DETENTION FACILITIES**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>Soap bars</th>
<th>Masks</th>
<th>Chlorine (in 1,000 mg)</th>
<th>Liquid bleach</th>
<th>Cleaning soap</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Police Stations 1,500 Beneficiaries</td>
<td>690</td>
<td></td>
<td>99 units</td>
<td></td>
<td>288 kg</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Prisons 25,276 Beneficiaries</td>
<td>42,970</td>
<td>7,420</td>
<td>29,400 l</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Others: Rubber boots, gloves, overalls, sprayers, scrubbing brushes, soap dispensers, dust bins, brooms and basins

- Guidance and technical support to authorities
- Projects include extending support / building the screening (triage rooms) in isolation centres

**HUMANITARIAN FORENSICS**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>Body bags</th>
<th>Rubber boots</th>
<th>Reusable aprons</th>
<th>Eyewear</th>
<th>Overalls</th>
<th>Masks</th>
<th>Gloves</th>
<th>Sprayers</th>
<th>Respirators</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>HERAT, Ministry of Public Health</td>
<td>100</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HERAT, Forensic Medicine Department</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>10</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>KANDAHAR, Forensic Medicine Department</td>
<td>100</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LAKSHAR GAH, Forensic Medicine Department</td>
<td>15</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>KABUL, Medico Legal Directorate</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>70</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>500</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GHAZNI, Provincial Hospital</td>
<td>10</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Afghan Red Crescent (ARCS)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>In prisons</td>
<td>69</td>
<td>56</td>
<td>96</td>
<td>5,460</td>
<td>95</td>
<td>219</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

25 PPE kits distributed
Assessments of forensic services, hospitals and detention centres done

**PARTNERING WITH AFGHAN RED CRESCENT SOCIETY**

- Extending technological support by providing laptops and internet connections to maintain connectivity and smooth operations
- Aiding the humanitarian dialogue to ensure NS staff can continue to access hard-to-reach areas

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

- In Afghanistan, the ICRC is part of the **COVID-19 taskforce** 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.

OTHER INITIATIVES / SUPPORT

- Training provided to community water committee members in **hand-pump repairs** and maintenance.

- **Distribution of spare parts** for hand pumps in various communities.
PHILIPPINES

7,958 TOTAL CASES
975 TOTAL RECOVERED
530 TOTAL DEATHS

*Figures related to COVID-19 as on 29 April 2020

COVID-19 HEALTH RESPONSE

4 Places of detention (Screening / triage / isolation facility)
- Quezon City Jail (Payatas village)
- San Fernando District Jail (Pampanga)
- Quezon District Jail (Pagbilao)
- New Bilibid Prison (Muntinlupa City)

Support extended to build the infrastructure and generate awareness, benefiting over 370 people

HUMANITARIAN FORENSICS

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Isolation centres (prisons)</th>
<th>Body bags</th>
<th>Masks</th>
<th>Kits</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1,000</td>
<td>10</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Medicolegal Department of Crime Laboratory, Camp Crame</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>50 respiratory masks and 500 N95 respirators</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Guidelines on “management of the dead” shared with the authorities.

INFECTION-CONTROL IN DETENTION FACILITIES

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>13 Prisons (Remanded PDLs) 69,937 Beneficiaries</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>- 200 info-as-aid posters</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2,667 Soap bars</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>8 Prisons (Sentenced PDLs) 28,756 Beneficiaries</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>- Guidelines on “mitigating COVID-19 in places of detention” shared with the authorities.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>51 gallon Body bags</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>20 Police Stations</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2,667 Soap bars</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>4 Isolation Centres in prisons 400 Beneficiaries</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2,000 Soap bars</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

1 Immigration Detention Centre
458 Beneficiaries
- Normative / technical support offered
- Quarantine facility: Normative advice given on sexual violence

PARTNERING WITH THE PHILIPPINE RED CROSS

Material support provided to National Society in the form of:

- 28,600 Surgical masks
- 58 Hand sanitizers with refill
- 56 Contactless thermometers
- 1,000 Sets of basic protective personal equipment for ambulance crew

*Source: Johns Hopkins University (Coronavirus Resource Center) https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html
**OPERATIONAL ORIENTATION**

- As part of our persuasion efforts, we are holding high-level dialogue and engagement with authorities to ensure safeguards for vulnerable populations, including our recommendation for immediate decongesting measures such as early release and parole.

**OTHER INITIATIVES / SUPPORT**

- Benefiting close to 18,500 people, 15 drums of chlorine and 400 litres of fuel donated to Marawi City District. This two-month supply will serve urban centers and the camps.

- Provided personal protective equipment to frontline responders in conflict-affected areas in Mindanao.
**MYANMAR**

150  |  16  |  5  
---|---|---
**TOTAL CASES** | **TOTAL RECOVERED** | **TOTAL DEATHS**

*Figures related to COVID-19 as on 29 April 2020*

---

**COVID-19 HEALTH RESPONSE**

**KACHIN:**
- Medical waste management project adapted to COVID-19 for Myitkyina General Hospital, benefitting 400 people

**RAKHINE:**
- Material provided to build handwashing stations and solar panels in 13 health facilities
- WASH installations at Sittwe Hospital
- 11 handwashing stations and water supply system at two other hospitals
- Material support to build screening / triage / isolation centre at IDP camp, benefitting 537 people

**SHAN:**
- Material provided to build 13 handwashing stations and ten isolation / triage / screening tents for staff of Ministry of Health and Sports
- In coordination with National Society, over 20,000 soap bars distributed, handwashing facilities being built and 16 latrines donated in IDP camps

---

**PARTNERING WITH MYANMAR RED CROSS SOCIETY**

- Supported training session for staff of National Society for better coordination
- Financial support in the form of an “Emergency Fund”

**KACHIN, SHAN, RAKHINE:**
- Training of volunteers and staff on the proper use of personal protective equipment

**RAKHINE:**
- Supported MRCS to upgrade insurance cover for volunteers to include COVID-19
- Seven handwashing stations provided at MRCS offices. Three more points planned
- Tripartite cooperation with National Society and Norcross to ensure smooth functioning of mobile health units

---

**INFECTION-CONTROL IN DETENTION FACILITIES**

6 Prisons supported

28,000 Total beneficiaries

**SUPPORT PROVIDED**
- Sprayers & disinfectant
- 1,000 posters: Info-as-aid dissemination material
- Normative / technical support
- Building handwashing infrastructure
- Under an ICRC programme, 500 detainees have been supported with transportation cost for returning home safely

---

**OPERATIONAL ORIENTATION**

- We have adapted our humanitarian response across the country to the new realities of COVID-19 while keeping our robust operations on for victims of different armed conflicts and other situations of violence.
- We are maintaining essential operations in Kachin, Rakhine and Shan states, while maximizing prevention efforts for COVID-19 together with the Myanmar Red Cross Society and to support the Ministry of Health and Sports.

---

**OTHER INITIATIVES / SUPPORT**

- **Rakhine:** Infrastructural support for building six handwashing facilities for communities, improvement of handwashing stations in schools, building over 100 handwashing facilities and donation of soaps in IDP camps to benefit over 30,000 people, mobile handwashing stations for distribution drives.
- **Kachin:** WASH installations improved and partition walls built to ensure social distancing in four educational institutes.

---

*Source: Johns Hopkins University (Coronavirus Resource Center) [https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html](https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html)*
Disclaimer: The boundaries, names and designations used in this report do not imply official endorsement, nor express a political opinion on the part of the International Committee of the Red Cross, and are without prejudice to claims of sovereignty over the territories mentioned. Maps are not to scale.
**BANGLADESH**

6,462

TOTAL CASES

139

TOTAL RECOVERED

155

TOTAL DEATHS

*Figures related to COVID-19 as on 29 April 2020*

**COVID-19 HEALTH RESPONSE**

**COX’S BAZAAR**

- “Flu Ward” set up in the district hospital to deal with those displaying symptoms of COVID-19 infection. The hospital emergency staff has been provided with personal protective equipment. Regular coordination with MSF and WHO to continue

- Responding to an urgent need raised by civil surgeon and WHO, waste management area established in Ramu Health Complex, which will become the referral / isolation centre for COVID-19

**INFECTION-CONTROL IN DETENTION FACILITIES**

68 Places of detention supported

88,804 Total beneficiaries

**INFECTION-CONTROL AND HYGIENE**

- **Plastic mugs**
  - 340

- **Plastic spoons**
  - 13,600

- **Plastic containers**
  - 136

- **Buckets**
  - 272

- **Footbath**
  - 272

- **Gloves**
  - 1,020

- **Sprayers**
  - 295

- **Chlorine**
  - 7,000 kg

**AWARENESS-GENERATION SESSIONS**

- Normative information and guidelines shared with authorities
- Production of training video
- Posters on hygiene and use of chlorine distributed

**HUMANITARIAN FORENSICS**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type of Activities</th>
<th>Body bags</th>
<th>Burial sheets</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>MINISTRY OF DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND RELIEF</td>
<td>300</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AL-MARKAZUL ISLAMI, an NGO assigned by Ministry of Health for Dhaka</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>100</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>QUANTUM FOUNDATION, an NGO assigned by Ministry of Health for other districts</td>
<td>200</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**PARTNERING WITH BANGLADESH RED CRESCENT SOCIETY**

- National Society volunteers help prison authorities in installing handwashing stations, water tanks and/or medical screening facilities in places of detention
- Volunteers conduct hygiene-promotion sessions and distribute leaflets
- National Society supported with personal protective equipment and infection-control materials, including hand sanitizer, thermometer and masks

**OPERATIONAL ORIENTATION**

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

**OTHER INITIATIVES / SUPPORT**

We are continuing to support more than **3,000 displaced people from Rakhine living in the camp of Konarpara** who depend on humanitarian assistance for their survival. One-month food ration and hygiene material were recently distributed among them.

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

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

COVID-19 HEALTH RESPONSE

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>TYPE OF ACTIVITIES</th>
<th>PESHAWAR, Lady Reading Hospital</th>
<th>PARACHINAR, DHQ Hospital</th>
<th>BAJAUR, DHQ Hospital</th>
<th>JAMRUD, Civil Hospital</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Goggles</td>
<td>250</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gloves</td>
<td>25,075</td>
<td>5,185</td>
<td>5,185</td>
<td>4,435</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Soap bars</td>
<td>500</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>100</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Masks</td>
<td>9,000</td>
<td>200</td>
<td>200</td>
<td>200</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Shoe covers</td>
<td>25,000</td>
<td>2,000</td>
<td>2,000</td>
<td>2,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cap</td>
<td>250</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>20</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Infrastructure support to build screening / triage / isolation centres and WASH facilities in four hospitals.

HUMANITARIAN FORENSICS

415 Total body bags distributed

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>TYPE OF ACTIVITIES</th>
<th>RESCUE 1122</th>
<th>PESHAWAR, Lady Reading Hospital</th>
<th>PAKISTAN-ADMINISTERED KASHMIR, State Disaster Management Authority</th>
<th>BALOCHISTAN, Provincial Disaster Management Authority</th>
<th>SINDH, Pakistan Red Crescent Society</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Body bags</td>
<td>85</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kits</td>
<td>30</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

PARTNERING WITH PAKISTAN RED CRESCENT SOCIETY

Financial support to kickstart COVID-19 response:
- Purchase of personal protective material for volunteers
- Procuring disinfection material for ambulances and PRCS premises
- Managing public communication

Technical and financial support provided for:
- Reuniting Family Links service in government-established quarantine facilities

*Figures related to COVID-19 as on 29 April 2020

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

Disclaimer: The boundaries, names and designations used in this report do not imply official endorsement, nor express a political opinion on the part of the International Committee of the Red Cross, and are without prejudice to claims of sovereignty over the territories mentioned. Maps are not to scale.
SRI LANKA

619 TOTAL CASES
134 TOTAL RECOVERED
7 TOTAL DEATHS
*Figures related to COVID-19 as on 29 April 2020

INFECTION-CONTROL IN DETENTION FACILITIES

25 Prisons supported
22,000 Beneficiaries

INFECTION-CONTROL AND HYGIENE

1,300 kg Chlorine
52 Fumigation sprayers
25,000 Soap bars
9,000 Masks
3,000 Toothpaste tubes
3,000 Toothbrushes
14,000 Pair of gloves

WASTE MANAGEMENT

150 Garbage bins
2,500 Garbage bags

AWARENESS-GENERATION SESSIONS

• Questionnaire used to gather data about needs & priorities
• Awareness-generation sessions attended by Prison Directors, other senior officials
• Posters on use of chlorine distributed

1 Immigration Detention Centre
121 Beneficiaries

HUMANITARIAN FORENSICS

Health facilities and funerary services assisted with adopting procedures and protocols to handle deaths related to COVID-19

SUPPORT EXTENDED TO:

• Ministry of Health
• Welikada Prison Hospital
• Mahara Prison
• Negombo Prison
• Institute of Forensic Medicine and Toxicology

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>Body bags</th>
<th>Goggles</th>
<th>Surgical masks</th>
<th>Shoe covers</th>
<th>Gowns</th>
<th>Biohazard bins</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Ministry of Health</td>
<td>300</td>
<td>70</td>
<td>5,000</td>
<td>2,500</td>
<td>300</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Welikada and Mahara Prisons</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>200</td>
<td>200</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

PARTNERING WITH THE SRI LANKA RED CROSS SOCIETY

• Supported donation of 500 overalls to Ministry of Health
• Communications support:
  – Posters with health messages – Jointly produced by NS and the IFRC
  – Video with mental health messages – Jointly produced by the ICRC and NS
• Technical support provided to reach out to the public regarding Reuniting Family Links

OPERATIONAL ORIENTATION

Response plan shared with local authorities following a series of high-level meetings to understand needs, priorities, coordination mechanisms and areas of ICRC’s added value. 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.

*Source: Johns Hopkins University (Coronavirus Resource Center) [https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html](https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html)
**Disclaimer:** The boundaries, names and designations used in this report do not imply official endorsement, nor express a political opinion on the part of the International Committee of the Red Cross, and are without prejudice to claims of sovereignty over the territories mentioned. Maps are not to scale.
COVID-19 HEALTH RESPONSE

THAILAND
• 2 hand-washing facilities financially supported
• CHIANG MAI
  – 10 Hospitals supported
  – (Paid admission costs of patients without insurance)
  – 60 health workers trained in five border communities
    (Training of trainers)
  – Financial support to health teams for screening, awareness-
    generation sessions in four villages

INFECTION-CONTROL IN DETENTION FACILITIES

THAILAND
• 3 Immigration Detention Centres supported
• 300 Beneficiaries
• Guidelines on “mitigating COVID-19 in detention facilities” and “management of the dead” shared with the Department of Prison Management

CAMBODIA
• 29 Places of detention supported
• 38,135 Beneficiaries
• 49 Cleaning kit: One apron, goggles, heavy-duty gloves, boots, jerry can, drum (200L), bucket (20L), sprayer tank
• Training over 60 people on the usage of hygiene material and chlorine

HUMANITARIAN FORENSICS

CENTRAL INSTITUTE OF FORENSIC SCIENCE:
• 20 Disposable medical face shields
• 40 Disposable overalls
• 50 Disposable long-sleeved gowns
• 500 Disposable nitrile gloves
• 500 Disposable latex gloves

PARTNERING WITH NATIONAL SOCIETIES

Supporting the four National Societies in reaching out to isolated communities by providing technical training in risk communications and aid-as-info messages in local languages / dialects; procuring masks and PPE

CAMBODIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY:
• 1,300 volunteers conducted awareness-generation sessions on hygiene practices
• Shared communication material used for education and instruction purposes and translated relevant text
• Distributed 5,000 bars of soap and 614 hand gels among 13 branches
• Printed 80,000 leaflets on migration and Reuniting Family Links for border crossings and quarantine centres
• Trained 25 provincial staff in needs assessment

THE THAI RED CROSS SOCIETY:
• Supporting with communication knowhow and activities, including translations
• 100,000 surgical masks donated
• Financial support for National Society’s project of making cloth masks in their 76 chapters

*Source: Johns Hopkins University (Coronavirus Resource Center) https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html
OPERATIONAL ORIENTATION

Our multi-disciplinary 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.

OTHER INITIATIVES / SUPPORT

- Supporting the physical rehabilitation facilities through technical advice.
- Tackling mental health and psychological support needs of populations as well as stigmatization during the outbreak through communication products and campaigns together with our Movement partners.
- Developing virtual reality training tools for detention and refugee settings.
NEW DELHI REGIONAL DELEGATION
(INDIA, MALDIVES, BHUTAN, NEPAL)

31,643 7,785 1,008
TOTAL CASES  TOTAL RECOVERED  TOTAL DEATHS

*Figures related to COVID-19 as on 29 April 2020

COVID-19 HEALTH RESPONSE

JAMMU AND KASHMIR, INDIA
30,000 triple-layer masks, 15,000 pairs of gloves and 15,000 litres of sanitizer provided to Health Ministry

KATHMANDU, NEPAL
Following an ICRC-Nepal Red Cross Society joint assessment, tents and tarpaulins provided to help improve conditions of quarantine areas in two detention centres in Kathmandu

MADHYA PRADESH (INDIA)
Supporting Central Armed Police Forces Composite Hospital, BSF Tekanpur, Gwalior with: 2,000 triple-layer surgical masks, 6,000 pairs nitrile gloves and 500 spill-resistant aprons

INDIA
Guidelines developed for:
• Seven ICRC-supported Physical Rehabilitation Centres in India
• Partner organizations working for people with disabilities
• Support extended to forensic experts at All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, in developing the SOPs for the management of bodies of those who succumb to COVID-19

INFECTION-CONTROL IN DETENTION FACILITIES

NEPAL
• Infection-control and hygiene support provided by Nepal Red Cross Society
• Plastic mugs, soaps provided

MALDIVES
Detailed set of recommendations shared with Maldives Correctional Services (Ministry of Home Affairs) on preventive and reactive measures to mitigate the effects of COVID-19 on the prison system and communities

HUMANITARIAN FORENSICS

PROVIDED TO INDIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY (IRCS):

1,500 4,000 4,000 1,000
Jackets Surgical masks Gloves Body bags

NEPAL
• 150 surgical masks provided to Department of Forensic Medicine, Patan Hospital
• Conditions in places of detention during the pandemic discussed with the director general of prisons
• Shared COVID-19 forensic recommendations with the authorities

BHUTAN
Based on ICRC guidelines on management of the dead during COVID-19, the Bhutan Red Cross Society has developed standard operating procedures with the health ministry’s support

MALDIVES
Detailed set of recommendations shared with Maldives Correctional Services (Ministry of Home Affairs) on preventive and reactive measures to mitigate the effects of COVID-19 on the prison system and communities

INFECTION-CONTROL IN DETENTION FACILITIES

NEPAL
• Infection-control and hygiene support provided by Nepal Red Cross Society
• Plastic mugs, soaps provided

MALDIVES
Detailed set of recommendations shared with Maldives Correctional Services (Ministry of Home Affairs) on preventive and reactive measures to mitigate the effects of COVID-19 on the prison system and communities

PARTNERING WITH NATIONAL SOCIETIES

INDIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY (IRCS) has been provided with:
• Dissemination material on prevention of COVID-19
• Guidelines for volunteers’ safety
• Guidelines on management of dead bodies and helping separated families stay in touch through Reuniting Family Links (RFL) service
• The IRCS volunteers, who have been trained by the ICRC, helped people stranded in the state of Uttar Pradesh get in touch with their families in the states of Assam and Meghalaya
• ICRC-trained social and emergency response volunteers support authorities through dissemination of awareness material related to social distancing and personal hygiene, including in the quarantine centres

NEPAL RED CROSS SOCIETY:
The ICRC shared rapid guidance for providing RFL services during COVID-19 to Nepal Red Cross Society, recommending phone calls and “safe and well” messages for those in need

BHUTAN RED CROSS SOCIETY (BRCS):
• About 1,000 BRCS volunteers from 20 district branches are working to spread awareness on social distancing and hygiene promotion in the community
• The ICRC has provided financial support to ensure volunteers’ safety
• Dissemination material provided

*Source: Johns Hopkins University (Coronavirus Resource Center) https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html
OTHER INITIATIVES / SUPPORT

• **India:** The regional delegation has shared guidance documents and good practices on health in detention (prevention of epidemics in prisons) and forensics, particularly dignified management of the dead, with Indian authorities, including the National Disaster Management Authority, and the ministries concerned.

• **Maldives:** The Maldivian Red Crescent (MRC) has set up a *psychosocial support centre* to help people in isolation and quarantine facilities. The National Society has also provided sensitization material to prisons and conducted COVID-19 awareness sessions for custodial officers. The volunteers are helping disseminate information on social distancing and respiratory hygiene and providing administrative support during COVID-19 related consultations at its branches. MRC’s *emergency response team is deployed at the airport* to support the Maldivian health authorities in screening and immigration of returning Maldivians.

• **Nepal:** The Nepal Red Cross Society is supplying essentials to quarantine centres and broadcasting radio messages to generate awareness. The National Society has also distributed *protective equipment to 80 ambulance drivers* and trained them in safety measures and is calling out to blood donors to mitigate any shortage during the pandemic.
REGIONAL DELEGATION TO INDONESIA AND TIMOR-LESTE

9,535 TOTAL CASES
1,260 TOTAL RECOVERED
773 TOTAL DEATHS

*Figures related to COVID-19 as on 29 April 2020

INFECTION-CONTROL IN DETENTION FACILITIES

8 Prisons supported
18,500 Beneficiaries

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Detainees</th>
<th>Soap bars</th>
<th>Surgical masks</th>
<th>Pair of gloves</th>
<th>Goggles</th>
<th>Disinfectant bottles</th>
<th>Contactless thermometers</th>
<th>Sprayers</th>
<th>Water containers</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>80,000</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Staff</th>
<th>Soap bars</th>
<th>Surgical masks</th>
<th>Pair of gloves</th>
<th>Goggles</th>
<th>Disinfectant bottles</th>
<th>Contactless thermometers</th>
<th>Sprayers</th>
<th>Water containers</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>20,000</td>
<td>20,000</td>
<td>250</td>
<td>20,000</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>100</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Facility</th>
<th>Soap bars</th>
<th>Surgical masks</th>
<th>Pair of gloves</th>
<th>Goggles</th>
<th>Disinfectant bottles</th>
<th>Contactless thermometers</th>
<th>Sprayers</th>
<th>Water containers</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>10,000</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>100</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Info-as-aid posters on use of chlorine and ICRC guideline booklets for prisons distributed

PARTNERING WITH NATIONAL SOCIETIES

PALANG MERAH INDONESIA (PMI)

• Supporting PMI by providing ambulance during emergencies and for management of the dead
• Equipping PMI ambulances to make them suitable for COVID-19 response
• Providing PPE, financial support to ambulance personnel, staff and volunteers
• Supporting PMI in dignified management of dead bodies
• Capacity-building by providing training and simulation through webinar / online platform and field simulation

TIMOR LESTE RED CROSS

• Technical assistance to Timor Leste Red Cross for health and Reuniting Family Links initiatives
• Capacity-building of volunteers
• Provision of instruction & education material, along with personal protective equipment and sanitizers

HUMANITARIAN FORENSICS

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Hospital morgue</th>
<th>Body bags</th>
<th>Overalls</th>
<th>PPE kits</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>50</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Prison guards</th>
<th>Body bags</th>
<th>Overalls</th>
<th>PPE kits</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>216</td>
<td>500</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

OPERATIONAL ORIENTATION

• In Indonesia, we are focusing on preventive response in places of detention.
• In Timor-Leste, we are supporting the Timor Leste Red Cross with info-as-aid messages, provision of materials, SOPs and proper training in management of the dead.

OTHER INITIATIVES / SUPPORT

Community engagement messages on special measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

*Source: Johns Hopkins University (Coronavirus Resource Center) [https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html]
KUALA LUMPUR REGIONAL DELEGATION
(MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE & BRUNEI DARUSSALAM)

20,940 TOTAL CASES  5,284 TOTAL RECOVERED  115 TOTAL DEATHS

*Figures related to COVID-19 as on 29 April 2020

INFECTION-CONTROL IN DETENTION FACILITIES

89,000 Beneficiaries

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type of Activities</th>
<th>Malaysia</th>
<th>Brunei</th>
<th>Singapore</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>14 Immigration detention centres (permanent)</td>
<td>12,198</td>
<td>400</td>
<td>36,900</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4 Immigration detention centres (temporary)</td>
<td>6,000</td>
<td>3,600</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- Normative / technical support to authorities</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- Info-as-aid communication material distributed</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- Material support</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>60 Prisons</td>
<td>7,020</td>
<td>12,700</td>
<td>82</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Soap bars</td>
<td>168 l</td>
<td>48 l</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Respirators</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Face masks</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Contactless thermometers</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hand sanitizers</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

PARTNERING WITH NATIONAL SOCIETIES

MALAYSIA
Funds mobilized to support the Malaysian Red Crescent Society for:
- Increasing reach to the most vulnerable
- Upgrading technical capacity
- Communication activities
- Buying 50,000 surgical masks for MRCS headquarters
- MRCS Sabah branch provided with 500 plastic aprons, 5,000 pair of gloves, 100 bottles of hand sanitizer, 300 DIY face shields, 10 boxes of surgical masks and 500 head covers

BRUNEI DARUSSALAM
Funds mobilized to support the Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent Society for:
- Acquiring PPE and infection-control material to expand their reach and response
- Support deployment of volunteers by providing material and financial assistance

SINGAPORE
Funds mobilized to support the Singapore Red Cross Society for:
- Facilitating care packages for the elderly and vulnerable communities
- Financial and logistical help for continued operations and safety of staff

HUMANITARIAN FORENSICS
Working with National Institute of Forensic Medicine (General Hospital of Kuala Lumpur) on dignified management of the dead

OPERATIONAL ORIENTATION

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

DISCLAIMER: The boundaries, names and designations used in this report do not imply official endorsement, nor express a political opinion on the part of the International Committee of the Red Cross, and are without prejudice to claims of sovereignty over the territories mentioned. Maps are not to scale.

*Source: Johns Hopkins University (Coronavirus Resource Center) https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html
PACIFIC ISLANDS

8,245 TOTAL CASES
6,911 TOTAL RECOVERED
108 TOTAL DEATHS

*Figures related to COVID-19 as on 29 April 2020

COVID-19 HEALTH RESPONSE

PAPUA NEW GUINEA (PNG), Mount Hagen Hospital
- Material provided to set up screening / triage / isolation ward (including PPE, handwashing facility)
- 12 Beneficiaries

PNG, Western Highlands Province
- Sensitization and training health staff, birth attendants and community workers in partnership with PNG Red Cross Society
- Sessions on mental and psychosocial support sensitization

PNG, Hela
- Sensitization and training health staff, birth attendants and community workers
- Sessions on mental and psychosocial support sensitization for: Health staff in ICRC-supported facilities, birth attendants, health workers, community workers

PNG, Southern Highlands Province
- Handwashing facilities installed at Mendi General Hospital
- Material support to build screening / triage / isolation centre

INFECTION-CONTROL IN DETENTION FACILITIES

SUVA REGION: Relevant guidance from the ICRC and other aid organizations on COVID-19 preparedness, prevention and response shared with 14 Corrections Commissioners of the Pacific (including New Zealand and Western Australia)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Country</th>
<th>Prisons supported</th>
<th>Beneficiaries</th>
<th>Soap bars</th>
<th>Disinfection material</th>
<th>Chlorine</th>
<th>Bleach</th>
<th>Handwashing stations</th>
<th>Hand sanitizers</th>
<th>Mobile phone</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>PNG: 6</td>
<td>2,520</td>
<td>32,150</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>420</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PNG: 9</td>
<td>350</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FJ: 9</td>
<td>2,400</td>
<td>18,000</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td></td>
<td>220</td>
<td>82</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>KIRIBATI: 4</td>
<td>125 beneficiaries</td>
<td>1,125</td>
<td>5 l</td>
<td>10 l</td>
<td>10 bottles</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SAMOA: 2</td>
<td>420 beneficiaries</td>
<td>3,750</td>
<td>20 l</td>
<td>40 l</td>
<td>20 bottles</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SOLOMON ISLANDS: 6</td>
<td>750 beneficiaries</td>
<td>7,008</td>
<td>40 l</td>
<td>95 l</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>11</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VANUATU: 5</td>
<td>213 beneficiaries</td>
<td>2,400</td>
<td>10 L</td>
<td>22 L</td>
<td></td>
<td>✓</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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

Shared ICRC guidance on management of the dead due to COVID-19 with forensic specialists in the region.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>TYPE OF ACTIVITIES</th>
<th>PNG Prisons</th>
<th>Suva (Fiji) prisons</th>
<th>Solomon Islands prisons</th>
<th>Vanuatu prisons</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Face shield</td>
<td>1,000</td>
<td>600</td>
<td>600</td>
<td>600</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Aprons</td>
<td></td>
<td>1,100</td>
<td>1,000</td>
<td>1,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Face masks</td>
<td></td>
<td>2,800</td>
<td>2,800</td>
<td>2,800</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Contactless Thermometers</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pairs of gloves</td>
<td></td>
<td>20</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gowns</td>
<td></td>
<td>5,000</td>
<td>5,000</td>
<td>5,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>1,000</td>
<td>1,000</td>
<td>1,000</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

PARTNERING WITH NATIONAL SOCIETIES

Assisted all 15 National Societies by extending technical support for communications, besides financial support

OPERATIONAL ORIENTATION

- In PNG, we have stepped up our operations by providing personal protective equipment, handwashing 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.

OTHER INITIATIVES / SUPPORT

- In Australia, there is an ongoing discussion with the government on COVID-19, focusing on the domestic response and repatriation of citizens. Support has also been offered to the NS in its COVID-19 efforts.
- Efforts also being ramped up to engage actively with the media and share stories of ICRC activities throughout the world with Australian audiences.
BEIJING REGIONAL DELEGATION
(China, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, the Republic of Korea, Mongolia)

94,739 TOTAL CASES
87,367 TOTAL RECOVERED
4,883 TOTAL DEATHS

*Figures related to COVID-19 as on 29 April 2020

PARTNERING WITH NATIONAL SOCIETIES

China
- Since the beginning of 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.

The Republic of Korea
- The ICRC office in Seoul is in close contact with The Republic of Korea National Red Cross and has expressed its solidarity and support to the efforts of its staff and volunteers in responding to the pandemic.

OPERATIONAL ORIENTATION

The Republic of Korea: In April, the ICRC President had a telephonic conversation with the Minister of Foreign Affairs, during which the latter vowed to continue supporting ICRC’s global humanitarian endeavours.

OPERATIONAL ORIENTATION

Japan

13,736 TOTAL CASES
1,899 TOTAL RECOVERED
394 TOTAL DEATHS

*Figures related to COVID-19 as on 29 April 2020

COVID-19 HEALTH RESPONSE

Using social media to:
- Mobilize blood donations for the Japanese Red Cross Society
- Spread awareness about hygiene measures related to COVID-19

OPERATIONAL ORIENTATION

The ICRC highly values Japan’s political and financial support to our humanitarian activities globally. During COVID-19 pandemic, we continue working closely with government partners and Japanese Red Cross Society for coordination and sharing of information.

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

Disclaimer: The boundaries, names and designations used in this report do not imply official endorsement, nor express a political opinion on the part of the International Committee of the Red Cross, and are without prejudice to claims of sovereignty over the territories mentioned. Maps are not to scale.