








COVID-19 RESPONSE

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Health

H AT RAFIC HARIRI UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL (RHUH)

The ICRC has partnered with RHUH since 2016 to provide the most vulnerable with access to quality healthcare. In fact, the hospital has become the main diagnosis and treatment centre for COVID-19. In order to optimize RHUH's response to the pandemic, we have:

-  **Provided recommendations and produced awareness material** on how staff and patients can safely circulate in the hospital.
-  **Advised on how to divide the hospital space** to ensure the safe treatment of all patients.
-  **H Upgraded the emergency ward** and all wards now being used for COVID-19 treatment.
-  **Provided trainings** for more than **200** medical staff on recognizing COVID-19 symptoms, implementing hygiene measures and the importance of nutrition and stress relief.
-  **Supported the hospital staff through capacity building sessions for them to be able to offer MHPSS** for hospitalized COVID-19 patients.
-  **Provided financial assistance** to procure **50** infusion pumps to be used in the ICU.
-  **Provided material supply** to boost infection control and prevention preparedness:

 56,400 protective gowns	 789,600 examination gloves
35,100 single-use aprons	252,500 surgical masks
17,665 disposable overalls	36,280 respiratory masks
3,500 goggles	20,000 surgical caps
1,800 shoe covers	11,000 disposable covers
1,880 face shields	4,800 hand disinfectants
1,057 rubber boots	1,125 rolls of paper
	105 thermometers
 3 Tents	15 suction pumps
 6,400 Swiss francs worth of drugs & medical supplies	4 patient monitors
	3 pulse oximeters
	3 oxygen concentrators

H OTHER HEALTH SUPPORT

we trained and briefed 87 health workers in ICRC-supported health-care facilities on COVID-19 prevention and control, in cooperation with the Lebanese Red Cross. In Aarsal, we organized awareness sessions for 10 municipality members & 8 community focal points.






we provided screening and isolation areas to the Khalid Bin Al Walid Medical Centre in Ein El Helwe & to Al Rahma PHCC in Chebaa and hygiene kits to the Kherbet Daoud Collective Shelter in Akkar.

we provided Personal Protective Equipment to 12 EMS/prehospital care services, 38 hospitals, 19 Primary Health Care Centers, 1 isolation center in Al Buss camp & 1 Nursing home in Baabdat.







Water and Habitat

AT RAFIC HARIRI UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL (RHUH)



Since 2016, we have been working on more than 40 projects to restore or improve essential services at RHUH. These projects have supported the COVID-19 response.

-  **Renovating the Emergency Department** which is currently fully used to treat COVID19 patients.
-  **Upgrading the water-treatment plant** and the main pumping station.
-  **Replacing boilers and plumbing** to improve sterilization and laundry services.
-  **Repairing or replacing electricity generators.**
-  **Repairing and modernizing 16 lifts.**

We also provided:

-  **3,818** items of construction materials for civil and mechanical works.
-  **965** items of plumbing and sanitation.
-  **5,012** electrical and telecoms items.
-  **1,730** items of PPE for maintenance teams.
-  **805** items of access control and CCTV systems.
-  **100** filters to manage air quality within the hospital premises.





SUPPORTING THE SUPPLY OF CLEAN WATER

-  **we have supplied the North & South Lebanon Water Establishment** with chemicals for water treatment and for their laboratories.
-  **we have provided the Lebanon Water Establishments with PPE items.**

Forensic

The ICRC has strongly promoted that all measures taken, including policies and regulations, demonstrate protection of the deceased individuals and respect towards their families and affected communities.

To that end, we have:

-  **provided recommendations to high level authorities** to ensure that policy and regulations during the pandemic, duly considered the respect for the dead and the bereaved.
-  **provided technical advice to management, operational health & death care workers** of concerned official institutions and organizations and supported in the elaboration of contingency plans for emergency preparedness and response.
-  conducted 23 **information sessions** for 110 healthcare and death care workers involved in the handling of the deceased, their families and communities.
-  **provided forensic dissemination material**, body bags and specialized and protective equipment to operational bodies, places of detention and key hospitals to support their daily work, including considerations for Islamic burials in collaboration with academic institutions.

Detention

Detainees are a particularly vulnerable section of the population, especially in facilities that are overcrowded and have poor hygiene or lack ventilation.

We are closely monitoring the situation in places of detention and providing technical support to detaining authorities on their prevention and preparedness to minimize the risk of contamination. We provided concrete recommendations on case definitions, prevention and screening measures, the use of PPE, quarantine, isolation, and management of the dead. We provided educational materials and coordinated with the Lebanese Red Cross to conduct awareness sessions for detainees and prison staff training on screening and detection (for ISF, LAF and GSO).

IN ROUMIEH CENTRAL PRISON

At Lebanon's biggest prison, we worked with the detaining authorities to upgrade infrastructure for improved hygiene and to create a safe place where suspected and confirmed cases can be isolated and given necessary care:



we installed sinks in the scanner rooms, at the main entrance of the prison compound and at the entrance of each block to provide an easy access for handwashing.



we provided personal protective equipment (gloves, masks, soap and disinfectant).



we set up an isolation ward with a capacity to host **24** suspected cases and **240** confirmed cases with mild symptoms. Another ward destined for recovered cases was also rehabilitated.



we are working with detaining authorities on hospital referral mechanisms and on upgrading the detention ward at the referral hospital to provide affected detainees with access to adequate healthcare services.



we provided 310 mattresses (washable and fire retardant).



we provided 10 medical and food trolleys.



we provided shoes disinfection buckets.

AT BEIRUT JUSTICE PALACE we installed screens to ensure that families can visit their detained relatives in a safe environment.

AT ABLAH MILITARY PRISON CLINIC we installed two air conditioners, a sink and an electric hot-water tank.

AT GSO RETENTION CENTER we prepared 4 cells for medical isolation of COVID-19 cases.

THE ICRC SUPPORTED 11 PLACES OF DETENTION

(3 central prisons, 2 justice palaces, 6 military prisons & the retention center for migrants) we provided hygiene kits, cleaning material for the premises and/or personal protective equipment (PPE):

4,715 bottles of liquid soap

695 bottles of surface detergent

37 infrared thermometers

50,200 surgical masks

15,520 respiratory masks (FFP2)

10,700 disposable isolation gowns

51,560 pairs of gloves

8 food and medical trolleys

6,260 hygiene kits





331 biohazard bags

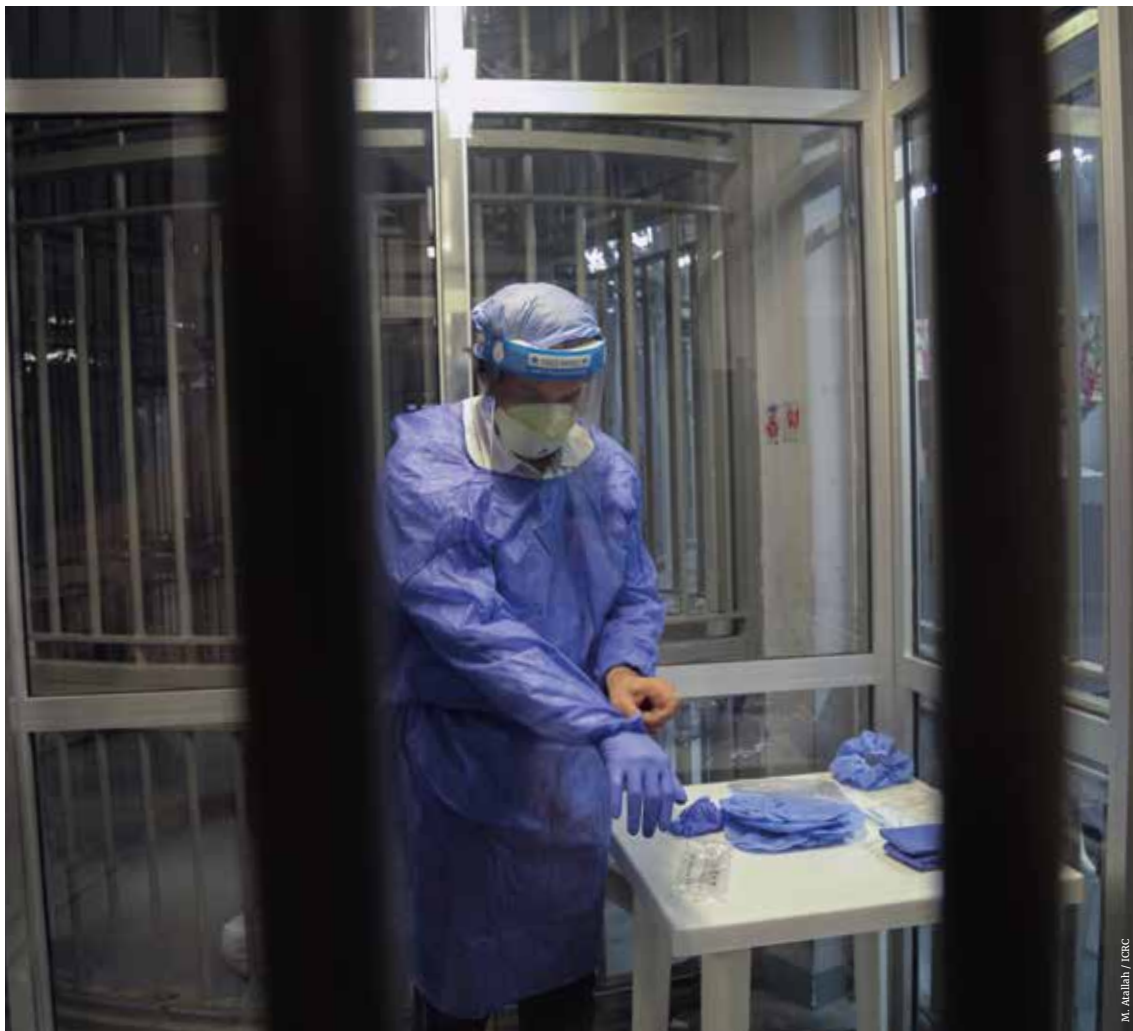
250 infection-controlled pillows and mattresses

71 face shields

Economic Security

COVID-19 intensified an existing economic crisis which has left many families in desperate need of support.

-  **2,015** families received food parcels (i.e. a total of **10,075** individuals).
-  **7,348** families received hygiene parcels (i.e. a total of **36,740** individuals).
-  **1,037** families are being supported with multipurpose cash for up to **6** months.
-  **2,230** small farmers were supported with four types of vegetable seedlings & farming tools.






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