

ICRC Baku and Barda offices Activity Highlights for 2021

Support to the conflict affected population

- **15,633** households benefited from participation in cash assistance, cash for work and other projects to support their livelihoods.
- **5,049** individuals from 22 conflict affected communities participated in RASB sessions and increased their resilience to mine risks and weapon contamination through briefings, Forum Theaters, and Mine Risk Education sessions.
- Over 5,700 children in schools and kindergartens received school kits, student and sport kits, toys and learning materials.
- Over **4,600** children and teachers in 19 schools and 6 kindergartens located in conflict affected communities benefited from various activities, including rehabilitation of buildings, sanitary facilities, donation of furniture, disinfectant materials and other equipment.
- 2,143 students from schools of Aghdam, Terter, Fuzuli and Gazakh districts benefited from awareness raising activities on sustainable use of water and hygiene, sanitation and Covid-19 prevention measures.
- Over **1,700** people improved their access to water thanks to ICRC projects and donations.
- **880** individuals benefited from donation of equipment to local electric department for rehabilitation of damaged power supply.
- **70** students benefitted from the installation of 2 hand washing points in Alkhanli village of Fuzuli to support the fight against the COVID pandemic.
- 29 kindergarten teachers in 11 communities in Agdam and Fuzuli districts benefited from the training co-facilitated together with "SOS Children Villages".
- 85 facilities in Barda district used as a shelter during the escalation and 41 schools in conflict affected areas benefited from the distribution of disinfectant materials.
- 25 psychologists working with conflict affected persons were trained to provide psychological support to children who suffered psychological trauma.
- 22 families of mine victims received assistance for funerary costs.
- 14 teachers and 8 focal persons in 7 affected communities received "Help the Helpers" training to extend psychological support to people around them.
- 76 school teachers and directors were trained on the sensitivity of trauma in children repatriated from Iraq and Syria, specificities of communication with them and ability to recognize MHPSS needs for referral.
- 63 supervision sessions with trained psychologists supporting adults and children repatriated from Iraq and Syria.
- 40 psychologists and a speech therapist were trained on working with children repatriated from Iraq and Syria
- 51 Red Cross Messages were exchanged between persons stranded abroad and their relatives in Azerbaijan.

Persons missing in relation to the conflict

- **793** biological reference samples were collected from 316 families of missing persons from the 90s conflict to facilitate future identification of human remains. 4 accompaniers provided psycho-social support to families of missing during the process.
- 346 search and retrieval operations for human remains were carried out in the areas affected by the recent fighting in the presence of the ICRC as a neutral intermediary.
- **347** family members of missing persons received psychosocial support.
- **258** families of missing persons were supported with cash assistance.

Cooperation with AzRCS

- 96 volunteers from 8 frontline district branches received Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement induction courses jointly delivered by ICRC and AzRCS staff.
- 80 first aid kits and 5 first aid boxes were distributed to branches of the AzRCS to ensure their operational continuity. 30 AzRCS volunteers from 5 district branches strengthened their knowledge in first aid and skills in training session organized by the ICRC.
- 55 AzRCS volunteers operating in conflict affected communities received basic psychological support training to extend help to those in need.
- 39 AzRCS volunteers were trained in general training skills and now form part of the AzRCS trainers pool.
- 34 AzRCS volunteers increased their dissemination skills and improved their knowledge of basics of IHL in two trainings.
- 16 AzRCS volunteers operating in conflict affected communities received RASB training in order to increase awareness on the risks emanating from mines in their respective communities.

Health care

- **211** school staff in 8 conflict affected communities benefitted from first aid training and received small first aid bags.
- **127** community first aid bags were distributed to 4 schools in Aghdam district.
- **37** ambulance staff operating in conflict affected communities benefitted from first aid training and received emergency medical consumables.
- 23 staff from ANAMA benefitted from a first aid refresher training and received emergency medical consumables.
- 8 primary health centers in Aghdam and Terter districts were rehabilitated with ICRCs' support.

Detention

- 94 visits to 25 places of detention were conducted to monitor conditions of detention, treatment, access to healthcare and judicial guarantees.
- 1,760 phone cards were given to foreign detainees in various places of detention in order to call their families in their respective home countries. For Armenian detainees, direct calls, as well as exchange of letters and video messages, were facilitated.
- 2,247 clothing items, including summer and winter clothes, underwear and shoes were delivered to the most vulnerable detainees either directly or through the Penitentiary Service, together with around 650 hygiene parcels and 700 books.
- **40** probation officers participated in a training on international standards of probation
- 36 heads of temporary detention facilities under the Ministry of Interior participated in the training on police ethics, judicial guarantees, use of force and international standards of arrest and detention in Baku and Ganja.
- 19 doctors from penitentiary institutions participated in a Seminar on "The critical role of the public health approach and medical ethics in places of detention."

Authorities and Academic circles

- **1,506** officers and cadets of the MoD participated in trainings related to IHL.
- **362** legal professionals (future and existing defense lawyers, judges, prosecutors, Ombudsman staff) participated in IHL seminars and presentations.
- **131** students benefitted from extra-curricular activities on IHL (guest lectures, moot-courting, study visit).
- 110 diplomats and high ranking officers from various entities improved their knowledge of IHL and ICRC activities.
- Over 20 middle and high ranking representatives of Ministries participated in the regional and national ICRC seminars on IHL.
- 21 attendees of the War College participated in a seminar on the ICRC and basics of the IHL.