

# AFGHANISTAN OPERATIONAL FACTS AND FIGURES

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Amid a worrying increase in hostilities, its mounting impact on civilians and a surge in COVID-19 cases, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Afghanistan has adapted its humanitarian activities to respond to the pandemic while continuing to assist and protect victims of the ongoing armed conflict. We work with the Afghan Red Crescent Society (ARCS) and our partners in the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement to address the humanitarian consequences of the conflict, which may mean holding confidential and bilateral dialogue with the parties to the conflict.

## SUPPORTING HEALTH CARE

- Strengthened measures to prevent and control infection at **Mirwais Regional Hospital, Kandahar**, by sharing recommendations, providing equipment and financial support and helping with renovations
- Ministry of Public Health supported with a border screening team at **Spin Boldak**
- **49,500** wounded patients treated at **416** ICRC-supported health facilities, including those run by ARCS
- **550** people trained in **42** first-aid sessions across the country
- **46** basic health clinics given medicines and other supplies through ARCS
- **1,540** war-wounded packs, **690** dressing packs, **525** oral packs and **330** IV packs supplied for emergency stabilization or surgery
- **6** hospitals under Kabul Medical University provided with hygiene items and PPE kits
- **5,000** facemasks donated to Laghman ARCS and **3,400** to participants of first-aid courses
- **4** hospitals benefited from infrastructure upgrading
- Advised ARCS on contingency planning for **140** clinics and mobile health teams along with the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and Norwegian Red Cross



## PHYSICAL REHABILITATION SERVICES



**7,138** new patients registered, including **723** amputees



**79,953** patients assisted in the seven ICRC-supported physical rehabilitation centres



**11,860** prostheses and orthoses manufactured



**129,654** physiotherapy sessions held



**2,737** home visits made to help **2,178** patients



**207** patients granted microcredit loans



**81** patients given vocational training

## IMPROVING CONDITION OF DETAINEES AND MAINTAINING FAMILY LINKS

- **59** visits made to **22** detention centres housing over **24,360** detainees. **317** people visited for the first time
- **26,927** detainees received hygiene items in **34** places of detention
- **4,543** detainees received access to health services
- **3,141** people received items like blankets and mattresses for the winter months
- **99** Red Cross messages exchanged between detainees and families
- **640** families visited Pul-i-Charkhi detention facility
- **5,107** phone calls, **339** video teleconference calls and **1,216** family visits made to detainees at the Prison and Detention Facility in Parwan
- **574** tracing requests and allegations of arrest initiated and **205** people traced
- **6** positive matches found via Trace the Face
- **11** written interventions made for emergency response plans
- **High-level dialogue** maintained with authorities responsible for managing detention facilities



## DIGNIFIED MANAGEMENT OF THE DEAD



Remains of **2,449** fighters and civilians retrieved, transferred and returned with the support of ARCS and ICRC-contracted taxi drivers



**5** Land Cruisers donated and **10** vehicles repaired to support ARCS Human Remains Transfer Programme



**1,980** body bags and other PPE material, including surgical masks, rubber gloves and boots donated to ARCS



**2,200** booklets raising awareness of Human Remains Transfer Programme given to ARCS regional offices



**PPE items** and disinfectants provided to ICRC-contracted taxi drivers



**290** body bags, PPE items and **800** body tags donated to forensic medicine departments and other agencies



Repaired freezers in **4** hospitals and upgraded facilities



Donated **IT equipment** to Forensic Medicine Department of Ghazni Provincial Hospital



Organized **workshop on forensic dentistry and human identification** in collaboration with Afghanistan Forensic Science Organization

## ASSISTANCE TO COMMUNITIES



**49,650** people, including those living in Lashkar Gah and Jalalabad city, given improved access to water by repairing hand pumps and water towers and installing supply network



**7,658** people given cash assistance



**2** schools (Alikhel Boys and Girls High School, Laghman and Naw Bahar Balkh High School) repaired, benefiting **9,751** students

## PROMOTING INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW



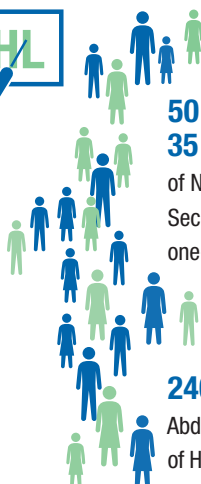
**50** law students and **35** human rights officers of National Directorate of Security participated in one-day sessions on IHL



**Over 200** sessions organized to improve the community's understanding of humanitarian law



**3,620** armed and security forces personnel attended sessions on international humanitarian law



**240** professors and students of Khwaja Abdullah Ansari university and Hariwa Institute of Higher Education attended two IHL conferences



**2,382** people joined iftar and other informal gatherings to discuss humanitarian concerns



## PARTNERING WITH AFGHAN RED CRESCENT SOCIETY



Trained staff of District Hospital, Kabul, in COVID-19 preparedness and sponsored a ten-day training workshop by WHO and Ministry of Public Health in critical care management



**79** primary health-care facilities given medical supplies with the help of Norwegian Red Cross



**161,522** routine vaccinations administered and **440,949** outpatient consultations carried out at **46** Basic Health Centres



**Sfr 84,676** worth medicines, PPE kits and hygiene material donated (Sfr = Swiss francs)



**3,350** surgical masks, **4,600** disposable gloves and other PPE items along with disinfectants donated to ARCS branches



Supported COVID-19 emergency response plan along with IFRC and Turkish Red Crescent Society



**254** ARCS staff and volunteers attended various technical training sessions



Joint ICRC-ARCS partnership framework agreement (2021–2023) with **6** operational cooperation agreements finalized and signed



Psychosocial support sessions organized for staff of **ARCS Ghazni branch** who were involved in the transfer of human remains



**10** ARCS health facilities marked with protective red crescent emblem

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