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The ICRC visits detainees to monitor their living conditions and treatment and to assist them to maintain contact with their families. We facilitate access to healthcare services, improve access to water and sanitation, and restore contact between separated families. And we work in collaboration with the Afghan Red Crescent Society (ARCS).



IMPROVING DETAINEES' CONDITIONS AND MAINTAINING FAMILY CONTACT

51

Visits carried out to **20** detention centres housing over **25'685** detainees. Visited **1,212** people in detention, arrested in relation to the conflict, of whom **747** were visited for the first time.

5,212

Red Cross messages exchanged between detainees and their families with support of the Afghan Red Crescent Society (ARCS). Red Cross messages are brief hand-written messages containing family news to relatives made unreachable by armed conflict.

7,628

Phone calls, **491** video teleconference calls and **4,388** family visits to detainees in the Prison and Detention Facility in Parwan (PDF-P) by their family members were made to re-establish and maintain contact with relatives.

221

Families visited their family members in Pul-i-Charkhi Central Prison with ICRC's support.

313

Queries were received from families looking for their relatives who were allegedly arrested, out of which **78%** were solved. **146** requests were received from families that have lost contact with **476** family members.

43,174

Medical consultations facilitated by the ICRC for detainees in two Provincial Prisons (Kandahar and Herat) were provided with financial support, plus financial support for prison health staff, drugs and medical consumables/equipment, technical support and clinical training, and **158** visits were carried out in **six** prisons and detention centres.

30,892

Detainees – including children – in **21** detention places were provided with cleaning and hygiene materials, and the living conditions for about **4,345** detainees were improved as ICRC rehabilitated the water supply, sanitation and electrical infrastructure in Herat Provincial Prison and Sarpoza prison in Kandahar. The ICRC also continued supporting maintenance and hygiene in three provincial prisons and supported a treatment campaign for **1,307** suspected cases of Scabies in one prison.

35,803

Individuals (including children of detainees) in detention centres (prisons) in the country received assistance (blankets, patous, shawls, shoes and socks) to keep warm against the winter and **3,152 m2** carpeting/flooring was installed in Pul-i-Charkhi prison to improve their living conditions. **30 women detainees** in Sarpoza prison in Kandahar received beginners to advanced level tailoring trainings to produce and sell their products in local market and generate income for their families while in detention and in preparation of their reintegration into society after their release.



SUPPORTING HEALTHCARE

The ICRC supports improving access to health care for civilians through Mirwais Regional Hospital (MRH) in Kandahar with admission (hospitalization) and emergency care as well as 47 Afghan Red Crescent Society (ARCS) basic health facilities with outpatient and mother-child services.

The ICRC supports MRH with a team of four clinical specialists (obstetrics and gynaecologist, midwife, paediatrician and paediatric nurse) to strengthen the obstetrics/gynaecology and paediatric departments, and provided a biomedical engineer, and x-ray and laboratory specialist to train technicians. The ICRC also provides MRH with drugs, medical consumables and equipment and supports capacity-building in emergency rooms management, mass casualty and disaster response.

77,286 Patients admitted to surgical, medical, obstetrics and gynaecology wards, **24,924** patients had surgical operations and **246,559** outpatient consultations at Mirwais Regional Hospital supported by the ICRC. Supported Mirwais Hospital to provide safe delivery conditions for **27,735** women.

1,056 People trained in **67** first aid courses organized for people in direct contact with the weapon-wounded. And, donated **964** first aid kits to equip those who attended first aid training courses.

1,326 War-wounded patients transported to medical centres for further treatment and care facilitated by the ICRC.

2,181 War-wounded packages provided to first aid workers and health staff in direct contact with the wounded to enable them to give first aid and stabilization to **4,500** with major wounded or **51,780** with minor wounds.

412,496 Doses of vaccine for childhood diseases administered at **47** Afghan Red Crescent Society (ARCS) Primary Health Care clinics, and **890,387** outpatient consultations carried out in the clinics supported by ICRC with drugs, medical consumables and equipment.

179 Staff at Mirwais Regional Hospital attended **10** information sessions on the protection of medical workers and their facilities. And **3,262** health staff participated in **112** similar sessions countrywide.



Completed engineering activities to improve conditions for patients and staff of three hospitals; Mirwais Regional Hospital, Ishkashim District Hospital and Sumurghab Comprehensive Health Centre with a total of **714** beds. In addition, Mirwais Hospital a total of **1'171** corrective maintenance activities were completed.

Completed engineering activities to improve conditions for patients and staff in four ARCS (Afghan Red Crescent Society) Clinics in Bamyān, Ghazni, Helmand and Nangahar provinces providing around **360** daily consultations. The activities included basic rehabilitation, and water and waste management.



PROVIDING ASSISTANCE

723 families (7,917 individuals) received cash assistance (AFN 21,094,637 = CHF 270,484 to cover their essential expenditure needs when the families were in acute crisis after the incidents. The grants mainly used for food expense (**25%**), funeral expense (**23%**), medical expense (**18%**), shelter repair (**15%**) and other expenses (**19%**) in 2019.

406 households (2,842 individuals) received grants in kind and cash to start income generating activities and improve their household's economy and rebuild their coping mechanisms in vulnerable communities. In total, **eight** communities based diversified livelihood projects (**3 livestock, 3 trades, 1 cash for work and 1 poultry-based livelihood projects**) were designed together with affected populations.

124,300 people living in six provinces have access to water following the repair of **869** hand pumps. Additionally, **28** water management committees were trained in the basic operation and maintenance of the pumps.



DIGNITY FOR THE DEAD

2,104 remains of dead fighters and civilians returned and transferred to their families with the support of the ICRC.

We believe that even wars have limits and that every effort should be made to ensure **dignified treatment of the dead** and to facilitate the parties' efforts to return the deceased to their families.

This service is **purely humanitarian** and aims at ensuring the dignified treatment of the dead and to facilitate efforts of the parties to the conflict to fulfil their obligations towards families and communities of those that died due to the conflict. We work in full transparency with all parties concerned and act upon their request.

As a **neutral intermediary**, we make an offer of service to the parties to the conflict to support them fulfill their humanitarian obligations toward families and communities, recovering and transporting conflict related dead. The service is offered to all sides of the conflict and for the civilian population caught on crossfire.



PROVIDING LIMB-FITTING AND PHYSICAL REHABILITATION SERVICES

161,836 Patients were assisted in the seven ICRC Physical Rehabilitation Programme Centres in Kabul, Jalalabad, Lashkar Gah, Herat, Gulbahar, Mazar-i-Sharif and Faizabad.

14,988 New patients for physical rehabilitation were registered, of whom **1,316** were amputees.

26,958 Prostheses and orthoses for patients were produced for physical rehabilitation patients.

347,786 Physiotherapy treatment sessions provided to patients.

6,369 Home visits made through the Home Care Programme, to assist **2,081** patients with spinal cord injuries, and train their families to care for them.

425 Patients were granted microcredit loans to start their own small businesses.

204 Patients had access to ongoing vocational training to reintegrate them into their communities **113** of whom graduated.

Completed engineering activities to improve conditions for patients and staff in the ICRC Physical Rehabilitation Centre in Lashkar Gah and Jalalabad. The activities included the construction of dressing and casting rooms in Lashkar Gah and the extension of Spinal Care Injury Ward in Jalalabad.



PROMOTING INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW (IHL)

5,748

Members of armed and security forces attended ICRC information sessions on International Humanitarian Law (IHL) during **138** courses, workshops, round-tables, dissemination sessions, and exercises involving **3,226** military forces including Afghan National Army (ANA) officers and sergeants, security, **146** National Directorate of Security (NDS) personnel and **1,771** police personnel and **30** members of armed opposition attended First Aid Training.

23,449

People participated in **616** information and community engagement sessions in different parts of the country. These included government authorities, university students and teachers, beneficiaries, religious and community leaders, civil society.



PARTNERING WITH AFGHAN RED CRESCENT SOCIETY (ARCS)

46 Staff of Afghan Red Crescent Society (ARCS) attended an orientation workshop on the protection of medical workers and their facilities. And the ARCS focal point person focusing on protection of healthcare workers and facilities attended the **3-day** Regional Meeting in Manila, Philippines.

61 ARCS Disaster Management staff in Kandahar, Jalalabad and Mazar region attended a **5-day** course designed together with ARCS to develop the competencies on assessment, response design, monitoring and reporting as a part of capacity building of ARCS.

57 ARCS staff from the headquarters in Kabul, Paktia and Wardak participated in Security Risk Assessment meeting and training on same topic.

Regional roundtable/workshop on Safer Access Framework conducted for **35** staff from the ARCS headquarters, regional offices, branches as well as from the ICRC in Kabul. And **40** ARCS staff in Kabul and Herat attended two similar training sessions.

45 of **47** ARCS health clinics and **10** of **34** mobile health team's facilities were painted and marked with the protective Red Crescent emblem respectively.

In cooperation with Danish Red Cross, a one-day Orientation Session on Caring for Staff and Volunteers with a focus on Psychosocial Support conducted for **25** ARCS staff from the Headquarters

A **4-day** Transparency and Accountability workshop was organized for **25 ARCS staff** from Western, Southern, Northern and Eastern regions in Herat province supported by the ICRC and Norwegian Red Cross.

Also, in cooperation with Danish Red Cross, **three** Regional Psychosocial Support training courses conducted for **84 staff** from Ghazni, Paktia and Wardak, Uruzgan, Laghman, Kunar, Nuristan, Nangarhar, Herat, Badghis, Farah, Mazar, Kunduz, Baghlan, Samangan, Sari-Pul an Faryab ARCS Branches involved in the Human Remains Transfer and War-Wounded Assistance Programs.

Four Psychosocial Support sessions organized for **ten** staff from the ARCS Paktika and Ghazni branches who were involved in the transfer of human remains and faced a security incident.

70 ARCS First Aid trainers from the ARCS headquarters, regional offices and branches attended First Aid in Emergencies training.

Four Planning, monitoring, evaluation and reporting training sessions conducted for 95 ARCS program managers and regional focal points in HQ, Central Southwest, south and western regions.

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