2022 saw humanitarian needs across the country increase with an intensification of armed conflicts and other situation of violence in Kachin, Shan, Chin states as well as Mandalay and Sagaing regions. Thousands of families are and remain displaced, some struggling with access to food and basic services. Against this backdrop, ICRC teams continued our regular operations and supported newly displaced families with essential items & food rations.

Kayah and Chin States saw some of the most intense clashes in recent months, forcing families to flee for their safety. Since January, ICRC’s team in Lashio, Shan State have been supporting some 1,340 people living across 31 sites in Ping Laung and Hsiseng townships, who fled clashes in Kayah State. Teams in Rakhine helped upgrade the station hospital in Kyauktaw in support of 75,000 people living in the area while 12,000 students were part of our COVID-19 awareness sessions in Maungdaw & Buthidaung. Mindat in Chin State saw intense clashes this year and in March, our teams working with the Myanmar Red Cross Society worked to help nearly 2,000 people with food and other essential items.

The following overview covers some operational highlights for the ICRC Delegation in Myanmar for the period January to March 2022. The ICRC continues work alongside the Myanmar Red Cross Society in its humanitarian response while also maintaining ICRC operations across the country. The ICRC continues vital support to communities, places of detention and health facilities for the prevention of COVID-19.
**RAKHINE**
In Rakhine’s Kyauktaw Township, we helped renovate and upgrade a station hospital that will ensure 75,000 people from all communities have better access to healthcare.

**RAKHINE**
We ran COVID-19 info-as-aid sessions for more than 12,000 students and teachers across 13 schools in Maungdaw and Buthidaung.

**YANGON**
As clashes surged in Kayin State’s Myawaddy Township area, we sent a team to conduct assessments of humanitarian needs and to deliver emergency aid.

**YANGON**
To make sure people in places of detention weren’t left behind, we provided COVID-19 prevention and response support to six prisons across Myanmar, as well as training staff in the correct use of PPE.

**CHIN**
Together with the MRCS, we returned to Chin State’s Mindat to provide continued emergency support to communities displaced by fighting in the area – reaching around 2,000 people.

**CHIN**
As clashes continued across Chin State, we raised awareness of risks by landmines and other explosive hazards.

**KAYIN**
We reached 1,200 people living in Mae Htaw Thalay and Ingyin Myaing, Myawaddy township, with emergency rations and relief supplies.
In Kyaing Tong, we ran a training for 40 midwives to help them identify the early stages of clubfoot— including referral systems to a new clinic at the local physical rehabilitation centre.

Following intense clashes in Kayah State, many families were displaced across southern Shan—including Taunggyi. We provided support to ensure that people had access to the emergency shelter, food, water and medicine they needed.

Landmines can endanger communities for generations, so we ran a safety training for 30 Myanmar Red Cross Society volunteers from across 11 townships in Kachin State.

Together with communities in Pang War and Chipwe townships, we installed billboards displaying life-saving landmine awareness information in four villages.

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ECONOMIC SECURITY

- **254,734 people** received essential household items such as blankets, mosquito nets and kitchen sets.
- **118,768 people** provided with food or cash to buy food.
- **50,668 people** received fuel sticks for cooking.
- **3,160 people** supported financially to start or maintain small businesses.
- **1,849 people** received cash to cover their daily essential needs.
- **279 people** earned incomes through the Cash for Work programme.
- **99 people** trained as Community Animal Health Workers (CAHW).

WATER & HABITAT

As part of our emergency response we helped

- **125,114 people** in Kachin, Shan, Rakhine, Chin and Kayin States with access to water, sanitation, shelter and hygiene.
- **4,547 people** living in rural areas in Kachin, Rakhine and Shan States had better quality and quantities of water, supporting better sanitation and hygiene facilities.
- **2,500 people** living IDP camps and host communities in urban areas in Kachin and Rakhine States had improved access to better quality water and sanitation facilities.
- **New shelters were built, and existing ones renovated for**
- **899 people** who returned to their villages of origin in Kachin and Shan States.
- **ICRC renovated 2 primary health centers that cater for 132 consultations per day in Sadung and Kyauktaw as well as Waingmaw and Kutkai Township Hospitals with capacity for 100 beds each.**
HEALTH

25,889 people including 6,129 children under 5 years were immunized as part of an ICRC supported immunization programme.

609 patients transferred for urgent and immediate medical care from rural areas.

88 weapon wounded patients finally supported with their medical expenses.

ICRC supported 13 health facilities across Kachin and Rakhine States where 2,269 antenatal care consultations and 11,899 curative consultations were provided.

PHYSICAL REHABILITATION

4,894 services provided including:

351 Prostheses

3,194 Physiotherapy sessions

159 Orthoses

57 Wheelchairs

434 Walking aids

1,185 people living with disabilities including 155 people affected by mines or other explosive hazards were supported through our physical rehabilitation programme.

67 people living with disabilities participated in rehabilitative sport activities while 15 people received cash and business skills training to start small scale businesses.
**PROTECTION**

18,397 detainees in prisons supported with COVID-19 prevention materials.

366 people supported financially upon release from prison, allowing them to return home safely to their families.

ICRC supported 112 visits for families to meet their loved ones in prisons.

ICRC helped 43 families identify whereabouts of their loved ones.

42 family news were shared between separated families through Red Cross Messages or oral messages.

**WEAPON CONTAMINATION**

16,229 people learned more about the risks of mines & other explosive hazards and safe behavior through 320 sessions conducted in line with International Mine Action Standards and guidelines.

We helped 50 landmine victims with their medical costs.

11 community volunteers and 114 Red Cross Volunteers were trained as trainers on risk awareness and safer behavior.

A two-day Humanitarian Mine Action Workshop was organized in Myitkyina with 60 representatives from various public agencies.

9 billboards with mine risk awareness, safe behavior messages and PRP centre information installed in different IDP camps in Mindat, Chin State.
Red Cross Volunteers trained on Safer Access in 17 training sessions.

Red Cross Volunteers together with ICRC distributed assistance items such as food, fuel sticks, other household items and cash in 60 operations in Rakhine.

5 coordination meetings for field operations and emergency responses and 5 partnership meetings held with MRCS and IFRC on security related incidents and possible actions for the Red Cross Movement.

2 MRCS-ICRC joint operations in Chin and Kayin States.

A regional statement published as part of joint public communication.

78,900 views of ICRC operational and thematic posts on Facebook with an engagement of 64,000 likes/shares/comments.

181 people from different entities such as academic or legal circles, as well as community leaders and religious leaders participated in 9 events/meetings to discuss IHL/IHRL issues.

73 news articles focused on or mentioned ICRC in local media and in 6 international media outlets.

64 people learned more about International Humanitarian Law and the practices through 3 dissemination sessions.

2 advocacy meetings were held with international and national entities to enlist their support in advocating for the respect of IHL/IHRL principles.
EMERGENCY RESPONSES:

SUPPORT TO PEOPLE DISPLACED FROM KAYAH STATE

Intense clashes in Kayah state forced families to flee and seek shelter in southern Shan State – in monasteries, churches or with relatives across Taunggyi, Hsihseng, Pinlaung, Nyaung Shwe, Kalaw, Pindaya, Lawksawk, and Laihka Townships. Since January this year, our team in Lashio and Myanmar Red Cross Society (MRCS) have visited many of these sites and have been working to support these families with their most urgent needs, including food and other essentials. This work has involved supplying emergency latrines, material for temporary shelter, household water filters and supporting the construction of septic tanks. We’ve trucked in clean water and provided fuel for generators so that water pumps can run and light can be available at night.

PROVIDED TO 7 TOWNSHIP HEALTH DEPARTMENTS AND STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT IN SOUTHERN SHAN STATE.
Were provided to 10,461 IDPS from 16 different townships (Loikaw, Hsihseng, Laihka, Mongkaing, Nyaung Shwe, Pekon, Pinlaung, Taunggyi, Hsipaw, Pindaya, Kyaukme, Tangyan, Kalaw, Loilen, Lawksawk & Nansang).

33,350 kilograms of rice.

A mine risk education with children from Bawkyo village, Hsipaw Township.
Thousands of people have been displaced as a result of fighting in recent months. Ongoing clashes make travel less safe – roads are mined or bridges damaged – threatening food supplies. In March, ICRC and MRCS distributed much-needed food and other essential items including rice, oil and salt to nearly 2,000 people.

In the monasteries and churches of Mindat where people are seeking shelter, we supplied families with basic rations, hygiene supplies, materials for shelter construction and information to prevent COVID-19 outbreaks.

As clashes continue across Chin State, we also talked with communities about the risks posed by landmines and other explosive hazards.

WERE PROVIDED TO 1,638 INDIVIDUALS IN 9 IDP CAMPS, 2 VILLAGES AND MINDAT TOWN IN CHIN STATE
Our team explains the purpose of our response in Chin State and disseminates on Red Cross Movement to the communities before distributing rations for families.
Cover photo: Red Cross teams are preparing to distribute rice to IDPs in Mindat, Chin State.