The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) is an impartial, neutral and independent organization whose exclusively humanitarian mission is to protect the lives and dignity of the victims of armed conflict and other situations of violence and to provide them with assistance. The ICRC also endeavours to prevent suffering by promoting and strengthening humanitarian law and universal humanitarian principles. Established in 1863, the ICRC is at the origin of the Geneva Conventions and the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

The ICRC has been present in Myanmar for over 30 years. Since 2017, Myanmar is one of the priority countries for the ICRC globally, and currently hosts the second-largest operation in Asia. With an operational budget of 69.3 million Swiss francs, ICRC maintains over 870 staff, mostly Myanmar nationals, located in ten offices across the country but primarily located in Kachin, Rakhine and Shan States.

The following overview covers operational highlights for the ICRC Delegation in Myanmar for the period of January to September 2021 (except COVID-19 figures that cover the period from January to June 2021). During this period, humanitarian needs across the country increased, alongside the state of emergency declared on 1st February, an intensification of protracted armed conflicts and the emergence of new situations of violence, as well as the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Amidst all this, the ICRC was able to maintain its humanitarian assistance for communities across the country, whilst continuing to support the Myanmar Red Cross Society in its humanitarian response.

**ECONOMIC SECURITY**

- **51,000 PEOPLE** assisted with fuel sticks for cooking
- **114,287 PEOPLE** received relief food/food rations
- **30,264 PEOPLE** assisted with Unconditional Multipurpose Cash Grants
- **24,916 PEOPLE** benefitted from services including livestock vaccination, consultations and sessions on livestock raising, plant protection (from pests, disease) and production
- **10,815 FARMERS** assisted with seeds, tools, fertilizers and livestock
- **39,000 FARMERS** assisted with their vegetable and rice businesses
- **93,800 PEOPLE** assisted with non-surgical masks in response to COVID-19
- **320 TAILORS** in IDP camps paid for the production of non-surgical masks
- **17,500 PEOPLE** assisted with Unconditional Multipurpose Cash Grants in response to COVID-19
- **89,000 PEOPLE** assisted with essential household items and hygiene material in response to COVID-19

COVID-19 operational updates, Jan-June 2021
WATER & HABITAT

302,971 CIVILIANS, INCLUDING DISPLACED PEOPLE affected by conflict or natural disasters assisted by ICRC projects focused on water, sanitation, housing, hygiene and health infrastructures.

170,944 PEOPLE living in both rural and urban areas had improved access to clean water and better sanitation systems.

1,779 BEDS made available for patients aftercare in 10 hospitals/PRP centres which were provided material and/or infrastructure support.

15 FACILITIES upgraded with better water, sanitation, accessibility and medical infrastructure.

113,892 PEOPLE provided with emergency water & sanitation supplies.

500 PEOPLE benefitted from infrastructure and material support to a place of detention.

HEALTH

39,010 CURATIVE HEALTH CONSULTATIONS provided in 24 FACILITIES.

1,687 PATIENTS transferred for urgent and immediate medical care.

116 WEAPON WOUNDED PATIENTS financially supported.

10 HEALTH DEPARTMENTS supported in their COVID-19 response (Township, state, etc.).

230 HEALTH STAFF received PPE items to help them treat COVID-19 patients.

500 INFO-AS-AID LEAFLETS distributed with COVID-19 messages.

115 suspected and confirmed COVID-19 CASES TRANSPORTED with ICRC’s support (emergency response).

COVID-19 operational updates, Jan-June 2021
## Physical Rehabilitation

5,384 **People** benefitted from physical rehabilitation services. This includes:

- **206 People** who were victims of landmines or explosive remnants of war

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- **40 Red Cross Volunteers, Health Staff and Staff of Ethnic Health Organizations** were trained on service referral system

- **30 Para-Athletes, Coaches and Referees** trained on wheelchair basketball

- **5,400 PPE Items** produced by an ICRC assisted centre - HORC (Hpa-an Orthopaedic Rehabilitation Centre)

- **3,400 People with Disabilities** received COVID-19 prevention kits (hygiene promotion materials)

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## Partnership with MRCS

### High Level Partnership Meetings

7 **High Level Partnership Meetings** held with the MRCS on the impact of the military intervention, related security incidents and possible actions for the Red Cross

### National Society Development

- **CHF 207,397** contributed towards the long-term development plan for the MRCS which includes support for pre-hospital emergency care, warehousing and offices of the National Society

- **CHF 242,547** contributed for COVID-19 response

### Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement

- **12 Regional Statements** published as part of joint public communications with the MRCS and IFRC

- **CHF 56,021** contributed for MRCS Emergency Response Plan

- **446 Participants** in MRCS/ICRC joint training sessions on First Aid and COVID-19 awareness

- **1,460 Hand Sanitizers, 36,000 Pairs of Gloves, 170,000 Surgical Masks** provided for COVID-19 response efforts

(COVID-19 operational update, Jan-June 2021)
WEAPON CONTAMINATION

23,044 PEOPLE learned more about mine risks and safe behaviour in

484 SESSIONS conducted in line with International Mine Action Standards and guidelines

170 COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS attended the Training of Trainers for risk awareness and safer behavior

110 VICTIMS OF MINE AND EXPLOSIVE REMNANTS OF WAR were financially supported to cover their medical costs and other immediate needs

25 BILLBOARDS, providing mine risk awareness and safer behavior messages along with information about physical rehabilitation services of ICRC/MRCS were installed

PROTECTION

115 DETAINED BENEFIT FROM THE FAMILY VISITS PROGRAMME

3,730 DETAINED financially supported to return home safely to their families after their release

110 RED CROSS MESSAGES distributed in prison

PPE items were distributed to 6 PRISONS (Myitkyina, Sittwe, Buthidaung, Insein Central Prison, Mandalay Central Prison and Lashio prison)

6 HANDWASHING STATIONS installed in Sittwe prison

10,000 MASKS donated to Myitkyina prison

MATERIALS (such as fabric, elastic bands, etc.) provided to Mandalay, Insein and Lashio prisons to produce 47,000 MASKS

PREVENTION

6,148,577 PEOPLE were kept informed on ICRC activities along with Info-as-Aid content via Facebook with an ENGAGEMENT RATE OF 105,220 LIKES/SHARES/COMMENTS

96,035 PEOPLE engaged with ICRC on Facebook on Info-as-Aid content including on COVID-19, mine risk awareness and restoring family links

4,300 PEOPLE engaged with ICRC specifically on the “use of force” and “health care in danger” awareness posts

91 NEWS ARTICLES focused on or mentioned ICRC in local media and 16 in international media