



ICRC OPERATIONS IN RAKHINE

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The ICRC has been providing humanitarian support in Myanmar for more than 30 years. We've been working in Rakhine State since 2012, where ICRC continues to deliver a large scale response to displaced and affected communities in urban and rural areas. We have continued to adapt our response to reflect changing humanitarian needs, working with all communities in rural and urban areas of the state.

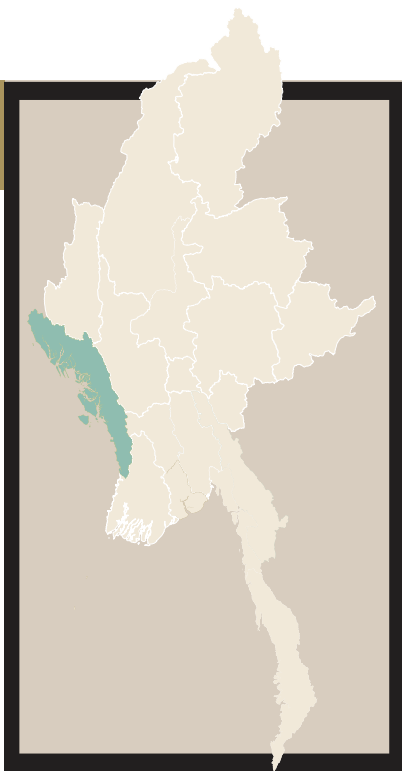
Clashes leading to the displacement of close to a million people in 2017, outbreaks of conflict in late 2018 and the onset of COVID-19 in 2020 are just some examples of how our work has had to adapt to the needs of communities. Within Rakhine and beyond, thousands of people remain displaced due to a decade of conflict, with the capacity of many to return home safely and with dignity remaining unclear.

The humanitarian access required by our operational teams to deliver aid remains challenging, especially in rural areas. The ICRC remains concerned about the compounding negative impacts of conflict and violence on all communities in Rakhine, and we continue to share these concerns with relevant authorities. To form an effective and comprehensive response, we frame our humanitarian work through the lens of both emergencies and long-term crises.

At all times, we monitor the humanitarian outlook and, as part of the Red Cross Movement (RCM), alongside the Myanmar Red Cross Society (MRCS), remain committed to a humanitarian response that helps communities live in safety and with dignity.



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OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS



To help farmers improve their yields, we provided paddy seeds for 1,800 farmers from Mrauk Oo and Min Bya townships in central Rakhine.



Multi-disciplinary first aid trainings conducted for 29 Community Health Volunteers in Mrauk Oo and Min Bya townships focusing on the safe access to healthcare, weapon contamination risks awareness and stabilization of common emergency cases.

We met with more than 12,000 students and teachers from 13 schools in Maung-daw and Buthidaung townships to deliver potentially life-saving information about COVID-19. In these sessions we discussed ways of preventing the spread of COVID-19, including the proper use of PPE. We also distributed over 125,000 masks and 250 bottles of hand sanitizer.





To improve safe and sustainable access to food, the ICRC recently provided nine varieties of vegetable seeds to 6,500 families from 50 villages living in Maungdaw and Buthidaung townships.



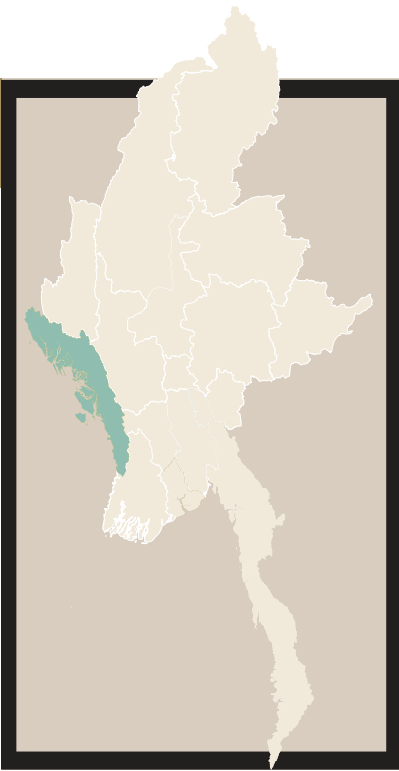
With the support of ICRC, Daw Thandar Oo, a diabetic patient from Maungdaw was able to work again. She runs a market stall in Muangdaw and sells fried noodles and vermicelli salads.

We manufactured 105 prosthetics and supplied 126 Mobility aids, 9 wheelchairs to support 111 people living with disabilities at our Sittwe Orthopaedic workshop.



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OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS



Working with over 2,000 people across 9 different townships – Sittwe, Ponnagyun, Kyauktaw, Mrauk-U, Minbya, Myebon, Rathedaung, we ran sessions to raise awareness risks posed by landmines and other explosive hazards.



ICRC teams in Maungdaw and Buthidaung joined the Myanmar Red Cross Society to run awareness sessions on landmines and other explosive hazards for the community on International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action.

We supported 37 released detainees who are returning to Northern Rakhine with financial assistance for transport to make sure they return to their home safely.





construction of latrines for over 3,000 people from 500 families and oversaw the renovation of six water-conserving ponds in four village tracts across Maungdaw and Buthidaung. We also repaired handpumps in these villages so that people have easier access to water.

In central Rakhine, we helped build and renovate homes across 37 temporary sites for some 25,168 people in Rathedaung township, helping to improve their living conditions.



81 families were supported with transportation cost to deliver food parcels or letter to their loved ones in prisons.





ENCOURAGING THE ABILITY OF PEOPLE TO MEET THEIR NEEDS



194,906 people
received essential household items
such as blankets, mosquito nets and
kitchen sets.



110,009 people
provided with food or cash to buy
food.



50,673 people
received fuel sticks for cooking.



45,175 people
received seeds, farm tools and
fertilizers to cultivate staple crops.



4,534 people
earned incomes through the Cash for
Work programme.



3,262 people
were supported financially to start
a small business or maintain the
existing one.



64 people
were trained for systematic
emergency response, operating
project, and data collection.



HELPING TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO WATER, SANITATION AND SHELTER



227,343 people
improved their access to water,
sanitation, shelter and received
hygiene materials through ICRC's
emergency response.



63,853 people living in
Maungdaw and Sittwe Towns' areas
including areas, the IDPs are living
had better access to clean water.



41,581 people living in
rural area including IDP and host
communities had better access to
clean water and sanitation system.



With support of ICRC **2 station
hospitals** (Myaung Bwe and Ah
Pauk Wa) provided 100 consultations
per day.



Sittwe General Hospital has been
upgraded with

500 new beds.



Infrastructure support in **3
primary health centres** in
Mrauk-U township.



HEALTH



55,063 people including 14,580 children under age five were immunized as part of an ICRC supported immunization programme.



ICRC supported **16** health facilities in Rakhine provided **4,484** antenatal care consultation and **21,727** curative consultations.



992 patients were transferred or transported for urgent and immediate medical care.



11,276 patients including **8** weapon wounded patients and **3** surgical patients were admitted to ICRC supported **5** hospitals (Minbya Township Hospital, Mrauk-U District Hospital, Buthidaung Township Hospital, Maungdaw District Hospital and Sittwe General Hospital).



6 first aid trainings were conducted in Rakhine.



PHYSICAL REHABILITATION



111 people living with disabilities including **60** people affected by mines or other explosive hazards were supported through our physical rehabilitation programme.

728 services provided including:



488
Physiotherapy sessions



105
Prostheses



9
Wheelchairs



126
Mobility aids



SUPPORTING DETAINEES AND THEIR FAMILIES



19,00 detainees in prisons supported with COVID-19 prevention materials.



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



110 families were supported with transportation cost to deliver food parcels or letters to their loved ones in the prisons.



ICRC helped **6** families identify whereabouts of their loved ones.



15 family news were shared between separated families through Red Cross Messages.



RAISING MINE RISK AWARENESS AND ENCOURAGING SAFE PRACTICES



5,903 people learned more about the risks associated with weapon contamination or other explosive hazards and safe practices through



232 sessions conducted in line with International Mine Action Standards and guidelines.



We helped **8** landmine victims with their medical costs.



55 community volunteers and **42** Red Cross Volunteers were trained as trainers on risk awareness and safer practices.



Risk related to Landmine and explosive remnants of war and safe practices were promoted during **5** campaigns.



WORKING WITH MYANMAR RED CROSS SOCIETY



106 Red Cross Volunteers
trained on Safer Access in
6 training sessions.



Red Cross Volunteers working alongside
the ICRC distributed assistance items
such as food, fuel sticks, other
household items and cash in

189 operations Rakhine State.



6 coordination meetings for
field operations and emergency
responses were facilitated as well as a
Movement strategic positioning meeting
with authorities and other stakeholders.



INFORMATION AS AID



856,995 views of ICRC operational and
thematic posts on Facebook with an engagement of
95,601 likes/shares/comments.



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



11 news articles focused on
or mentioned ICRC in local media
outlets.

RAISING AWARENESS OF RISK RELATED TO LANDMINE AND OTHER EXPLOSIVE REMNANT OF WAR AND PROMOTING SAFE PRACTICES

In Rakhine State, women, children, and men of all ages continue to be exposed to different challenges as a consequence of conflict, especially landmines, which continue to disrupt lives and livelihoods. To help mitigate these risks on communities, we facilitated 232 risk awareness sessions in Mrauk Oo, Kyauktaw, Ponnagyun, Rathedaung, Myaybon, Kan Htaung Gyi, Min Bya, Buthidaung and Maungdaw townships. 5,903 people learned more about the risk of mines & other explosive hazards and safe behavior from these sessions. Beyond the trainings, we also provide medical and financial assistance to landmine incident survivors and their families. We also work on preventive measures, identifying and labeling hazardous areas near villages in cooperation with village tract leaders.



HELPING PEOPLE TO SUPPORT THEMSELVES THROUGH OUR LIVELIHOOD PROGRAMME

Since 2017, the ICRC has been supporting the community in Mee Taik village with essential rations like rice, sugar, salt, peas, oil, and soap. “Most of the families here farm for their livelihood – I do the same as well. In my small garden, I am cultivating chili, okra, pumpkin, eggplant, cucumber, and tomato,” U Rawi, a local farmer from Mee Taik Village, Maungdaw Township explained. “All these seeds came from the ICRC. I received them last year in December and now they are fully grown. We eat some of the vegetables ourselves the rest, we sell in the market.”

Our teams visited seven village tracts and three displacement sites across Buthidaung and Maungdaw townships, providing some 400 families with financial support to help them sustain themselves. Beyond supporting livelihoods, the ICRC team in Maungdaw also provided food items to more than 9,000 families across 65 villages in Maungdaw and Buthidaung townships – to help ensure communities don’t go hungry.



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