

THE ICRC BANGKOK REGIONAL DELEGATION

KEY ACTIVITIES IN 2022



The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) has been working in Thailand for more than 45 years with the first office being opened in Bangkok in 1975 to help those who were severely affected by the Indo-China War. We expanded into a regional delegation 28 years later, in 2003, covering Cambodia, Laos and Viet Nam, responding to local humanitarian needs in partnership with the National Red Cross Societies. We also promote respect for international humanitarian law (IHL) and other international laws and standards that are applicable in local contexts. Today, the ICRC in Thailand has evolved into a regional hub working across the Asia-Pacific to share our expertise in both preventing humanitarian crises and in responding to the needs of those affected by conflict and violence.

LIFE-SAVING CARE AND PHYSICAL REHABILITATION

In Thailand

- **307** people wounded in Myanmar received financial support for treatment in government hospitals through Weapon-Wounded Assistance Programme (WWAP).
- **15** prosthetist-orthotists and physiotherapists from Mae Sot and Mae Sarieng areas took part in a skills-sharing workshop conducted with Mae Sarieng Hospital Prosthetic Centre, Chiang Rai Province.



In Cambodia

- **9,233** people with disabilities received rehabilitation services at ICRC-supported centres in Battambang and Kampong Speu provinces.
- **76** people with disabilities started or improved their small businesses through cash grants, microcredit loans, technical support, vocational training, or were employed. **100** disabled children were provided with school uniforms and other materials along with support for transportation to help them pursue education.
- **24** women with disabilities participated in wheelchair basketball competitions at local and international levels.

- **501** village and community leaders attended **47** awareness sessions conducted by the Kompong Speu and Battambang physical rehabilitation centres.
- **84** physiotherapists working in **31** medical facilities applied National Physiotherapy standards introduced by the ICRC to their work. **21** physiotherapy students received scholarships from the ICRC, in partnership with Mine-Ex foundation to pursue their studies in Thailand. **202** high-school students from four schools in Kampong Chhnang and Pursat provinces attended sessions on physiotherapy as a career opportunity conducted with the Technical University of Health Science in Phnom Penh.

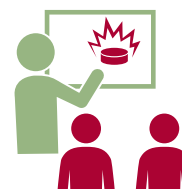
IMPROVING THE LIVING CONDITIONS OF DETAINEES

- **26** visits were made to **13** detention facilities in Cambodia, holding **16,926** detainees, to assess their living conditions and treatment. About **13,000** detainees in **9** prisons benefited from better living conditions through improved water and solar pump systems, ventilation and kitchen facilities.
- **1,368** detainees in **3** prisons received individual hygiene kits and **69** children and pregnant mothers received baby hygiene kits.
- **69** staff members from Cambodia's General Department of Prisons (GDP) received technical training in electrical work and masonry. The GDP's director-general, **11** officials and **29** prison directors were briefed on humanitarian principles at a National Prison Management Seminar facilitated by the ICRC. With the ICRC's support, **25** GDP officials participated in an online Asian and Pacific Conference of Correctional Administrators organized by the Singapore Prison Service.
- **20** students from Thailand's Ministry of Public Health joined a course on health care in detention co-organized by the ICRC and Thammasat University in Bangkok.
- **11** senior health and prison staff from Thailand, Cambodia and Viet Nam were sponsored to participate in the ICRC's first World Conference on Prison Health in Geneva, Switzerland.
- **50** prison health staff, prison officers and staff from Thailand's Ministry of Public Health participated in the 3rd Health Care in Detention Workshop in Chiang Rai Province.
- **22** senior officers of the prison and corrections department took part in the first Asia-Pacific Regional Certificate Course on Prison Administration, held in partnership with Rangsit University and United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in Bangkok, Thailand.



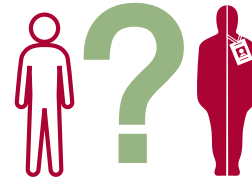
MITIGATING THE RISKS POSED BY MINES AND EXPLOSIVE REMNANTS OF WAR

- **16,740** US dollars were provided as livelihood support to **266** people (**60** households) affected by explosive ordnance in the four central provinces of Viet Nam – Ha Tinh, Quang Binh, Quang Tri and Quang Ngai.
- **186** people in Ha Giang Province of Viet Nam participated in a survey on community resilience to weapon contamination.
- The first workshop on Environmental Impact Management in Mine Action was held in collaboration with Asean Regional Mine Action Centre in Siem Reap, Cambodia.
- **20** representatives from Thailand Mine Action Centre, Royal Thai Army and the National Institute for Emergency Medicine joined a course on blast trauma care in Ratchaburi Province, Thailand.



RESTORING FAMILY LINKS AND BOLSTERING FORENSIC CAPACITIES

- **10,425** Red Cross Messages (containing brief family news) were sent by detainees from 28 detention facilities across Cambodia to their loved ones.
- **1,305** female detainees in Correctional Centre 2, Cambodia, received pre-paid cards to make phone calls and restore contact with their loved ones.
- **4,315** migrant workers in Battambang and Oddar Meanchey provinces, Cambodia, were informed about safe migration and Restoring Family Links services by Cambodian Red Cross Society staff who were trained by the ICRC. **8** tracing requests were initiated in Cambodia and Viet Nam and **16** Red Cross Messages related to past conflicts in Viet Nam were collected through the National Societies.
- **5** officers and the director of Thailand's National Institute of Forensic Medicine were sponsored to attend the 5th International Course on Management of the Dead in Emergencies in Pakistan.
- **508,400** masks, **1,390** cover-all suits, **42,600** gloves, **300** isolation gowns, about **3,960** antigen rapid test kits, goggles, disinfectants, shoe covers, body bags, body tags and cable ties were provided to the Office of Police Forensic Science, Central Institute of Forensic Science and the Ruamkatanyu and Poh Teck Tung foundations that handle dead bodies in Thailand.



RESPONDING TO EMERGENCY AND LONG-TERM NEEDS

- Over **150** households from **4** communities in Pattani, Songkhla and Yala provinces of Thailand were trained and supported for various livelihood projects (raising livestock, food processing, fishing and beekeeping) through the ICRC's community-based livelihood support programme in partnership with Prince Songkhla University and Yala Rajabhat University.
- In Tak Province, Thailand, **150** displaced people gained access to improved water and sanitation facilities. Patients at Mae Tao Clinic received access to improved water supply, sanitary facilities and kitchen facilities, while staff learnt about solar installation systems and water and sanitation assessment.
- Displaced people living in Chiang Mai and Chiang Rai provinces of Thailand received financial and technical support for vegetable and poultry farming. They also gained access to improved water supply and sanitation systems which include those made for disabled people.
- **3,766** US dollars were provided to **93** people in **18** households in Nghe An Province, Viet Nam, to cope with the impact of tropical storm.



SUPPORTING RED CROSS PARTNERS IN THE REGION

- **1,500** households affected by floods in Narathiwat and Yala provinces, Thailand, were given food parcels in partnership with Thai Red Cross Society (TRCS). **1,200** rapid antigen test kits were donated to National Society branches in Yala and Narathiwat provinces, Thailand, to enhance their capacity of providing health-care services during COVID-19 pandemic. **7** schools in these provinces were provided with access to clean water from **11** water tanks and water filtration systems in partnership with TRCS.
- **580** vests were provided to Viet Nam Red Cross (VNRC) volunteers following the heavy flooding in Danang Province.
- **30** TRCS staff were trained to treat water and make it potable in emergency settings.
- **157** VNRC staff and executives were trained in social media and mobile journalism, Restoring Family Links services and conducting mine risk awareness and community resilience surveys. **80** Lao Red Cross (LRC) staff were trained in effective writing, delivery of emergency medical services, and water, sanitation and hygiene during emergencies.



- **20,786** US dollars were provided to support the Cambodian Red Cross Society's Safer Rural Community Programme. This helped train **100** National Society volunteers on providing microcredit loans to households in Oddor Meanchey, Pursat and Preah Vihear provinces. The programme helped raise awareness on landmine-related risks for over **16,100** people.
- **40** representatives of TRCS and LRC joined the 3rd Thai-Lao Red Cross conference held with the ICRC's support in Nakhon Phanom Province, Thailand.




FOSTERING RESPECT FOR IHL

- **99** law students participated in IHL moot court competitions in Thailand, Cambodia and Viet Nam. The winning teams will participate in the 21st Red Cross International Humanitarian Law moot court competition for the Asia-Pacific region in Hong Kong in 2023. **140** law students attended a lecture on IHL and protection of natural environment, means and methods of warfare and the use of artificial intelligence and autonomous weapons in armed conflict.
- **693** security officers in Cambodia and Viet Nam were briefed before being deployed to peacekeeping missions in the Central African Republic, Lebanon, Mali, South Sudan, and Sudan.
- **31** military officers from Thailand, Cambodia and Laos were briefed about IHL's relevance in UN Peace Support Operations. **45** senior military officers in Viet Nam attended a workshop on the law of naval warfare. **116** senior staff and military officers in Thailand were briefed on the basics and relevance of IHL and military security operations in law enforcement.
- **12** senior military and police officers were sponsored to attend regional and global events – the ICRC's Senior Workshop on International Rules Governing Military Operations (SWIRMO) in Indonesia, the ICRC's Senior Workshop on International Rules Governing Police Operations (SWIRPO) in Jordan, Asia-Pacific Police Colloquium (APPC) in the Philippines and the ICRC's Expert Meeting on Understanding and Avoiding Gendered Harm from Military Operations During Armed Conflicts in Geneva, Switzerland.
- **4** officers from the Viet Nam ministry of foreign affairs and defence ministry were sponsored to attend a regional IHL conference in South Korea.
- **69** representatives from the Royal Thai Police and government officials attended the first interagency workshop on the use of force and firearms in relation to domestic laws and international standards. This workshop was organized in collaboration with the Royal Thai Police in Bangkok, Thailand.



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