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FACTS AND FIGURES

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The ICRC is present in Ethiopia since the beginning of the 1977 Ethio-Somalia armed conflict. Its current main activity is to help people in the country affected by armed conflict and other situations of violence. In 2021, ICRC's humanitarian activities mainly focused on response to humanitarian crisis caused by the fighting in northern Ethiopia and to needs of community affected by inter-communal clashes in other parts of the country. The ICRC in 2021:



HEALTH



- Provided basic medical supplies, emergency weapon-wounded kits, medical equipment, mobility devices and personal protection equipment to **44** primary health care units and **57** hospitals in different regions with the objective of enhancing their emergency and COVID-19 prevention and control response capacities. The supplies helped treat **4,250** critically or **13,450** moderately wounded people, and **116,100** other patients. Moreover, the ICRC supported the Ministry of Health with mobility devices, consisting of wheelchairs and crutches, to be distributed to the different health facilities under the Ministry.



- Supported Sebul Shire General Hospital with the supply of oxygen (**75** cylinders per month) to be used during emergencies at the hospital. The ICRC also provided financial support to **4** hospitals in Oromia and **1** hospital in Humera to enable them to procure and cover transportation cost of oxygen for the management of COVID-19 and other emergency cases in the hospitals.
- Offered technical support to Dembi Dollo and Sebul Shire General Hospitals in Oromia and Tigray regions respectively to enhance their emergency response capacity.



- Provided with monthly technical support, medical supplies and post-delivery maternal and hygienic items to **6** primary health care centers in Husse, Chinaksen, Tuliguled, Meyu, Inango and Guliso districts in Oromia and Somali regions. The ICRC also gave similar assistance to **11** primary health centers in Tigray region. The supplies benefited over **5,350** mothers who delivered their babies in the centers.



ICRC donated medical supplies to Finote Selam General Hospital, Amhara region, 2021.

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- Assisted **15** ERCS branches in Amhara, Tigray, Oromia, Harari, and Somali, Dire Dawa and Addis Ababa regions with medical supplies that refill **1,800** First-Aid kits.
- Organized a **12**-day training focusing on basic emergency obstetrics and new born care to **15** health professionals drawn from **10** health facilities in West Wollega , Oromia region.
- Provided first phase emergency trauma management training for **12** health staff of Dembidollo General Hospital.
- Organized infection prevention and control training for **48** health care providers drawn from **8** health facilities in Somali, Oromia and Dire Dawa regions.
- Provided First-Aid trainings to **42** ERCS ambulance attendants and health professionals from Addis Ababa and Adigrat branches.
- Supported six One Stop Centers for survivors of sexual violence in Tigray with essential materials, including dignity kits.



ECONOMIC SECURITY



- Supported **16,139** farming households affected by the conflict in Tigray region with teff and sorghum seeds as well as fertilizers benefiting **96,834** family members.
- Distributed either maize and sorghum or haricot bean, or wheat and sorghum, and cash assistance to **10,000** violence-affected households (**60,000** individuals) living in Chinaksen, Babile and Harolimu districts in Oromia region.
- Supplied wheat and sorghum or maize and sorghum seeds to **5,000** families affected by intercommunal clashes in Tuliguled district, Somali Region benefitting **30,000** family members.
- Distributed essential household items to **61,628** displaced families (**396,972** individuals) sheltered in different Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) sites located in Amhara, Afar, Oromia, Somali and Tigray regions.



Displaced people collecting essential household items distributed jointly by ICRC and ERCS, Dessie, Amhara region, 2021.



- Supported **9** cooperatives in Chinaksen district with basic seeds and cash grant for multiplication of seeds with the technical support from Haramaya University enabling **180** violence-affected farmers to have access to seeds.
- Provided **11** cooperatives in Tuliguled district with basic seeds and cash grant for agronomic practice with the technical support from Somali Seed Enterprise. The support helped to make available seeds for **220** affected farmers.



- Supported the vaccination of **685,783** domestic animals against three diseases (anthrax, black legs, bovine/ovine pasteurellosis) benefitting **44,300** pastoral households (**265,800** individuals) in Somali and Oromia regions.
- Covered **70** per cent of the cost of Index Based Livestock Insurance for **2,119** domestic animals belonging to **1,460** pastoral households which benefited **2,760** individuals.
- Provided multipurpose cash assistance to **43,150** displaced households (**258,900** Individuals) enabling them to meet their basic needs.
- Donated **8,034** kits (containing essential household items), and **5,500** solar torches to ERCS which were distributed among displaced communities in different parts of the country.
- In order to ensure the functionality of health facilities in Tigray in the absence of salaries, supported **18** health facilities with **237,225** kgs of wheat, **23,760** kgs of chickpea, **7,130** liters of cooking oil, and **3,186** kgs of salt to employees of the facilities and their families and patients.



WATER AND HABITAT



- Donated water treatment chemicals to water supply plants in Mekelle, Adwa, Axum, Shire, Adigrat towns as well as in Maytsebri and Hitsatse IDP camps and provided water trucking services to the host community and displaced people. The ICRC also provided generators and submersible pumps to the water plants in the same towns. The support enabled more than **1.74** million people in the stated places to have access to water.
- In partnership with ERCS, delivered hygiene promotion trainings to **78,018** displaced people sheltered in IDP sites in Mekelle, Adigrat, Axum, Adwa and Shire towns.
- Rehabilitated water and sanitation systems of **5** health facilities in Shire Sehul hospital, Shire, Mekelle, Humera hospitals and Mekelle physical rehabilitation center benefitting **363** patients on daily basis.
- Provided electromechanical equipment to water facilities in Nefas Mewcha, Gassay and Debrezebit towns in Amhara region enabling them to restore the water supply services damaged by the fighting. The ICRC also donated a generator to Debre Berhan hospital helping it to resume its health services. The support benefitted **64,644** people.



People affected by the fighting in northern Ethiopia, fetching water from a water point repaired by the ICRC, Ganga locality, Amhara region, 2021.



- Completed **6** rural water supply projects in Awjabur, Burqa, Gabogabo, Tuluguled towns as well as in Gursum and Odasanatle localities in Somali region benefitting **37,608** people.
- Rehabilitated hand pumps in East Guji, East Wellega, West Wellega, Buno Bedele, Illu Ababora zones and donated water treatment chemicals to Dembidolo town, Oromia region, helping **31,428** people to have access to water supply services.
- Rehabilitated water and sanitation systems of **4** health facilities in Negelle, Hawa Gelan and Dembidolo hospitals and Guliso health center benefitting **183** patients on daily basis.
- Rehabilitated **80** water hand pumps in Indris, Zerbabit, Adherdi, Korarit, Division and other localities helping **104,225** people affected by the fighting in northern Ethiopia to have access to water supply service. The ICRC also provided two generator batteries and **135** jerricans of bleach to Humera Hospital enabling the affected communities to have access to better health services.
- Donated **3** generator batteries to Maikadra, Dansha and Humera health facilities enabling **330** patients to have access to health services every day.



PLACES OF DETENTION



- Visited **31,069** detainees and followed up **796** detainees individually in **42** places of detention across the country.
- Provided assistance, including hygienic materials, clothes, blankets and recreational items, to **33** places of detention in different regions benefitting **25,794** detainees.
- Helped **763** detainees restore/ maintain contacts with their families through the provision of mobile phone and airtime service.
- Organized a training on prison management for **21** prison management staff drawn from different prisons of Southern Ethiopia Region Prison Commission, and another training focusing on Mandela rules for **54** military police staff.
- Finalized the construction of a water supply and sanitation system in Gimbi prison (Oromia region) benefitting **1,866** detainees.
- Enabled **24,130** detainees in **37** places of detention to have better access to water, sanitation and energy supply services through construction, maintenance and capacity building works executed in **21** projects.
- Donated mobility devices (elbow crutches, stretchers and wheelchairs) to Kaliti federal prison clinic and admission ward benefitting **2,100** vulnerable detainees.
- Conducted a 4-day seminar focusing on health care provision in places of detention for **21** senior prison health and security staff drawn from **6** regional and federal prison commissions.
- Organized a 2-day seminar on prison health service for **18** regional and federal health care coordinators and security staff from Oromia, Amhara, Benishangul Gumuz, Harari, Sidama, South Ethiopia, Somali, Addis Ababa and Dire Dawa regions.
- Provided hygienic items and clothes to **65** mentally ill persons, pregnant women and their accompanying children in Daliti, Debre Berhan, Gondar, Kemise, and Yabello prisons with an intention of maintaining their dignity.
- Donated medical and non-medical supplies to Daleti, Gondar, Kemise, Mekelle and Yabello prisons enabling about **20,000** detainees to have access to health services. As part of an ad-hoc emergency response, the ICRC also provided medical and non-medical supplies to Debre Berhan, Yirgalem, Daliti and Mekelle prisons helping about **22,000** detainees to have access to health service.
- Supplied personal protection equipment to Hawassa and Assosa prisons as well as infection prevention materials to Kadamay Wayane and Kafta Humera police stations, Yabello and Yirgalem prisons to help them contain the spread of infectious diseases, including coronavirus. The supplies benefited about **7,800** detainees.



SEPARATED FAMILIES

- Provided, together with ERCS, food and non-food items to **112,992** returnees staying in quarantine centers in Addis Ababa.



A woman making a phone call to her loved ones through the help of the ICRC, Shire, Tigray region, 2021.



- Enabled **46,372** returnees to call their loved ones upon their arrival in Ethiopia through the provision of free phone call service.
- Provided, together with ERCS, **115,745** free phone calls to refugees and other persons who lost contact with their loved ones due to lack of communication means in Tigray enabling them to exchange family news.
- Collected and received new tracing requests from people looking for **2,794** missing family members in Ethiopia and abroad and located **107** sought persons.
- In close cooperation with ERCS, exchanged **17,430** Red Cross Messages (RCMs), including oral messages, between family members who lost contact because of conflict or violence.



PEOPLE WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES (PWDS)

- Enabled nearly **9,900** PWDS to have access to physical rehabilitation services in **11** ICRC-supported physical rehabilitation centers (PRCs).
- Provided comprehensive physical rehabilitation services, including mobility devices, wheelchairs, crutches, compensation shoes, prosthesis and orthotics for **57** detainees.



Mekelle physical rehabilitation staff receiving training on production of prosthetic and orthotic devices, Mekelle, Tigray region, 2021.

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- Provided a one-day orientation for **8** physiotherapists and physical rehabilitation services staff in detention.
- Provided a one-week training on diabetic foot care management for **13** physiotherapists, nurses and orthopedic technicians.



PREVENTION



- Provided trainings on basics of IHL for **253** military officers of the Ethiopian National Defense Forces (ENDF).
- Organized a training on basics of IHL for **150** members of ENDF special operation forces.
- Conducted trainings focusing on international humanitarian and human rights law and standards for **50** members of the Amhara region militia.
- Provided training on IHL rules applicable to naval and cyber warfare for **50** army officers from different commands of the ENDF.
- Organized a seminar on basics of IHL for **53** Military Police in Bahir Dar town.
- Signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with ENDF War College to support the integration of IHL into the College's curriculum.
- Provided a training on international human rights standards related to the use of force for **273** members of Federal Police Commission and regular and special forces of Somali, Amhara, Oromia, Southern Ethiopia, Sidama, Harari and Dire Dawa regions.



Members of federal and Oromia police attending a seminar on international humanitarian law and human rights standards, Shambu, Horogudru Wellega zone, Oromia region, 2021.

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- Together with Ethiopian Police University (EPU), provided a training of trainers (ToT) for **79** federal and regional police officers on police election mandate and international human rights norms. The ICRC, in partnership with EPU, also provided other ToT on integration of human rights in the curriculum and modules of the University.
- Organized a workshop on international human rights standards and crowd management for **40** supervising anti-riot police officers of Somali Region.
- Provide a training focusing on humanitarian reporting for **35** journalists in Bahir Dar town.
- In partnership with Addis Ababa University, organized a seminar on protection of health care during conflict/violence, for **15** university lecturers, medical practitioners and students.



- In collaboration with Bahir Dar University, organized the 5th National Moot Court Competition on IHL in which **19** Universities participated.
- Sponsored the participation of **2** students at the All African IHL Competition held in Arusha, Tanzania.



PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ETHIOPIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY






- Covered running costs of **43** ambulance vehicles that provided services for **164,240** wounded and other patients mainly in northern Ethiopia and Wollega zones (Oromia region).
- Donated non-food items to the ERCS that would help cover the needs of **8,000** households (**40,000** individuals).
- Supported **22** ERCS' branches in organizing First-Aid trainings and provided relevant trainings to **660** volunteers.
- Organized two Training of Trainers focusing on First Aid for **50** Red Cross staff and volunteers drawn from **6** regions.



Head of the ICRC delegation in Ethiopia, Nicolas Von Arx, (right) and ERCS Secretary General, Getachew Ta'a, sign a memorandum of understanding on cooperation between the two organizations, Addis Ababa, 2021.



- Supported **7** ERCS' branches in maintaining their offices and warehouses.
- Donated **18** ambulance vehicles and six land cruisers to Tigray and Oromia zonal branches of the ERCS.
- Facilitated the organization of safer access and disaster response trainings for **471** Red Cross staff and volunteers drawn from **7** zonal branches.
- Assisted the organization of **8** trainings for **320** Red Cross volunteers that helped to establish youth clubs.

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People affected by the fighting in North Ethiopia collect essential household items, Digidiga, Afar region, 2021.

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