

THE ICRC DELEGATION IN ETHIOPIA

FACTS & FIGURES

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People displaced by ethnic violence in Darolebu in West Hararge Zone, Oromia Region, receive seeds and farming tools from ICRC and ERCS, 2018.

DETAINEES

In agreement with the national authorities, the ICRC visits federal and regional prisons as well as police stations so as to improve both the conditions of detention and the treatment of detainees, in accordance with international norms and standards.

From January-June 2018, the ICRC:

- Visited more than 37,000 detainees in 21 federal and regional prisons in Amhara, Oromia, SNNPS and Tigray, as well as 13 police stations, and followed 187 detainees individually.
- Helped detainees exchange 165 Red Cross Messages (RCMs) to restore/maintain contacts with their families, and enabled a further 244 detainees to transmit simple oral greetings to their families.
- Provided mattresses, blankets, clothes, plastic cups, plates, sanitary pads, and soaps as well as educational and recreational materials such as notebooks, pens, footballs, volleyballs and chess, to more than 25,700 detainees across the country.
- Enabled over 10,200 detainees in seven regional and one Federal prisons to have better access to water and sanitation facilities through construction/maintenance works undertaken in partnership with prison authorities.
- Assisted detention authorities in five regions in undertaking the design of 21 new prisons, and supported federal and 14 regional detention authorities in improving their maintenance management plans.
- Assisted detention authorities in four regions in kitchen design and supported nine prisons in improving fuel saving stoves.
- Improved health care service for 1,530 detainees at Dessie Medium Prison Clinic.
- Provided medical assistance, including essential drugs, medical equipment, mobility device and hospital bed mattresses and technical support to 13 prison clinics in federal and regional prisons in Addis Ababa, Oromia, Amhara, and SNNPR benefitting 18,872 detainees.
- Enabled 1,807 detainees to have access to health service through the provision of technical support and hospital beds and mattresses to Burayu prison for its newly established primary clinic in Daleti .
- Helped 82 detainees to have access to physical rehabilitation services at two federal and one regional prisons.

SEPARATED FAMILIES

The ICRC, in cooperation with the ERCS, strives to restore family links between family members separated by conflict, violence and migration through the tracing services of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement as well as through the provision of free phone calls and the exchange of Red Cross Messages (RCMs).



ICRC staff collect tracing request from people displaced by violence looking for their missing family members, 2018.

From January–June 2018, the ICRC:

Received new tracing requests from people looking for 353 missing family members in Ethiopia and abroad, and located 252 sought persons.

- Exchanged, in close cooperation with ERCS, 2,237 RCMs between family members dispersed by conflict/violence.
- Provided, together with ERCS, 44,100 free phone calls to refugees (mostly South Sudanese) and returnees (mainly from Eritrea and Saudi Arabia) in Ethiopia, who could exchange family news with their relatives in their respective countries. Also made available similar service to Eritrean unaccompanied children upon arrival to Shire camps in Northern Ethiopia.
- Published two new booklets with 934 pictures of South Sudanese refugees looking for relatives.

INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS

The ICRC and the ERCS jointly provide support to people affected by inter-communal clashes in different regions of the country.

From January–June 2018, the ICRC:

- Distributed, in cooperation with the ERCS, plastic sheltors, sleeping matts, blankets, jerry cans, soaps and cooking utensils to more than 50,000 people displaced by violence that occurred between Oromo and Somali communities in Hawigudina and Darolebu districts of West Hararghe Zone, Oromia Region.
- Also donated staple seeds and agricultural tools to the same people to help them restore their livelihoods.

- Provided, in cooperation with ERCS, loans to 100 individuals in Tigray region, enabling them to engage in various income generating activities.

WATER

The ICRC works with local authorities and communities to improve access to clean water and sanitation services.



Prisoners fetching water from a water point built in Adele prison in East Hararge Zone, Oromia region, 2018

From January–June 2018, the ICRC:

- Completed a solar water supply system in one village in Tigray region enabling to benefit 4000 people.
- Supported water authorities in Tigray to make use of their on line water points' database (Majella platform) enabling them to extract water supply coverage information at woreda and region levels, to plan and allocate budget for the construction of new water points, and to provide water point data to stakeholders.

PERSONS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES

The ICRC Physical Rehabilitation Program works to promote equal access to quality and long-term sustainable rehabilitation services to Persons with Physical Disabilities (PWDs) through support to national and regional actors to enable them recover mobility, play an active role in society and live in dignity.



An ICRC staff assessing level of disability of a stroke patient at Assella Physical Rehabilitation Center, 2018.

From January-June 2018, the ICRC:

- Enabled 3,975 PWDs to have access to the service within nine ICRC-assisted physical rehabilitation centers (PRCs). Out of these, 44 economically vulnerable individuals had their transport and food costs covered by the ICRC.
- Organized a training in wheelchair service delivery for 11 prosthetic and orthotic professionals from Ethiopia, South Sudan and Sudan in Bahir Dar town.
- Provided a training for 30 members of Prosthetic and Orthotic association and physiotherapists on orthotics management of fracture & stroke.

PROMOTING THE LAW

The ICRC promotes the knowledge of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) amongst various interlocutors such as military and police forces, national authorities, and academic circles and supports efforts to integrate/ domesticate IHL.

From January-June 2018, the ICRC:

- Organized, together with the Ethiopian National Defense Force (ENDF), four separate trainings on basics of IHL for 240 division and regiment commanding officers from Central, Northern and North-east Commands as well as Center Task force.
- Provided training on the use of force and international humanitarian and human rights standards to 344 members of special police forces from Bahir Dar, Mekelle, Dire Dawa, Harar and Assosa cities as well from the Federal Police Commission.



Senior federal police officers trained in international human rights standards and humanitarian principles, Addis Ababa, 2018.

- Organized a seminar on the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Treaty which was attended by representatives of governmental and Non-governmental organizations.

- Organized, together with Hawassa University, the 3rd National international humanitarian law (IHL) Moot Court Competition in which 19 universities participated.



Competitors presenting their arguments at 3rd National Moot Court Competition organized in partnership with Hawassa University, 2018.

- Organized a seminar on domestic implementation of IHL for 20 public prosecutors and researchers from the Federal Attorney General.
- Organized a seminar on weapons laws and the Arms Trade Treaty for 20 representatives from relevant government agencies, academia and UN bodies.

PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ETHIOPIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY (ERCS)

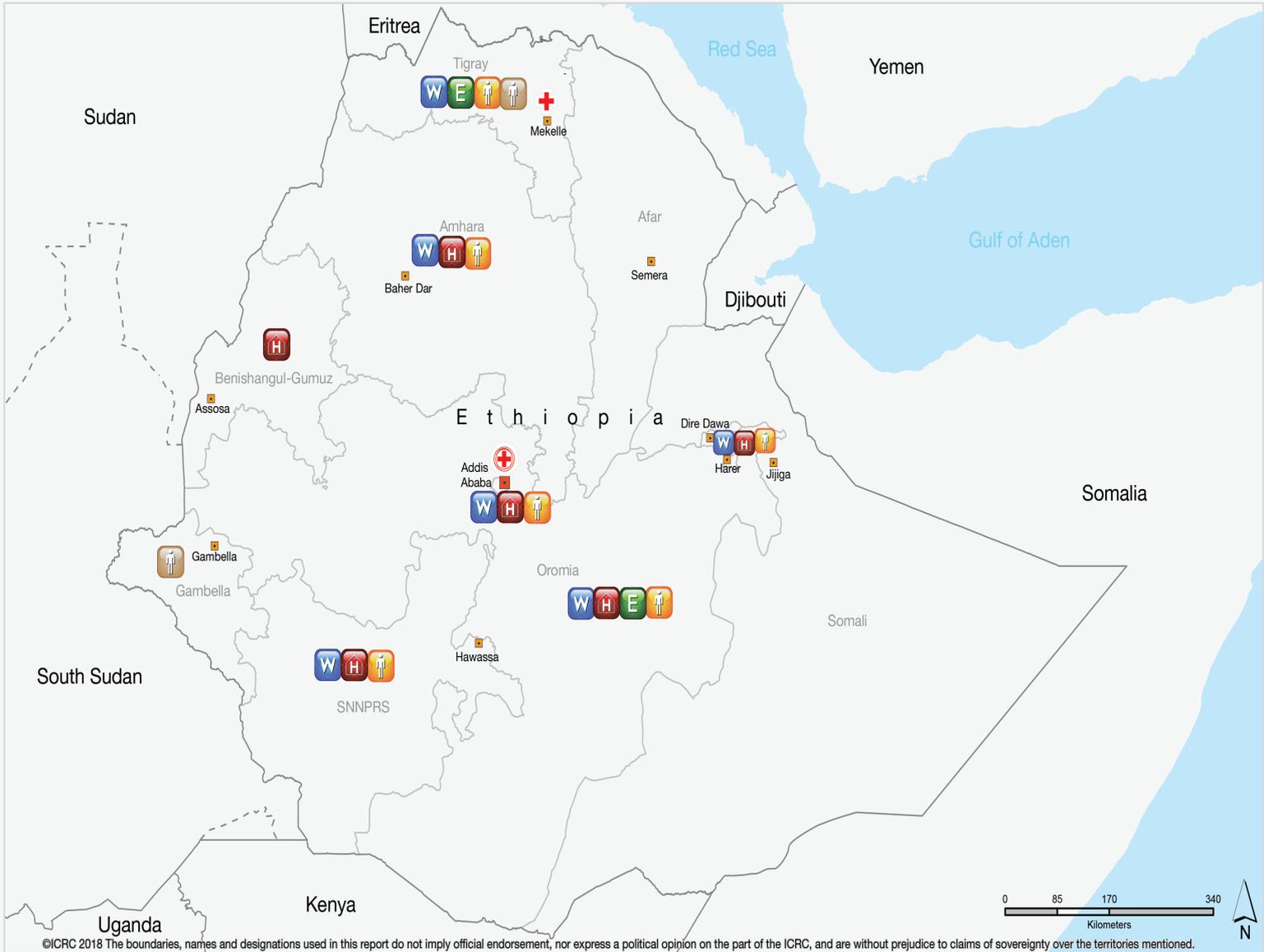
In addition to joint programming highlighted above:



James Reynolds (Right), Head of the ICRC Delegation in Ethiopia, and Firehiyyot Worku (left), Secretary General of ERCS, sign partnership agreement, Addis Ababa, 2018.

From January-June 2018, the ICRC

- Supported five conflict prone branches of the ERCS in organizing first aid trainings to volunteers and ambulance attendants.
- Helped the same branches, and ERCS headquarter to further strengthen their human resources and ambulance service.
- Supported the ERCS in organizing relevant trainings for accountants from 12 branches in financial management.
- Donated one vehicle for ERCS's newly established East Hararghe zonal branch.



ICRC major activities

- Delegation
- Capital City
- Economic security
- Health and physical rehabilitation
- Restoring Family Links
- Office
- Regional Capital
- Water and Habitat
- Visit of detention

The ICRC helps people around the world affected by armed conflict and other situations of violence, doing everything it can to protect their dignity and relieve their suffering, often with its Red Cross and Red Crescent partners. The organization also seeks to prevent hardship by promoting and strengthening humanitarian law and championing universal humanitarian principles.



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