



ICRC Libya

Facts and Figures - Jan to Dec 2021

The 2020 ceasefire agreement between former belligerents continued to hold resulting in a relative period of calm, which also contributed to an increased number of displaced people returning to their former abodes bringing some new risks into the picture such as exposure to explosive remnants of war. On the socio-economic side, life for ordinary Libyans remained challenging with access to basic services such as healthcare, water and electricity remaining scarce. The readjustment of Libyan dinar against foreign currency led to price hike putting financial burden on low and middle-income families. In addition, the COVID 19 pandemic continued to put additional strain on the health services.

The ICRC in partnership with Libyan Red Crescent Society (LRCS) expanded its operational footprint and reached new areas to deliver its assistance and protection response to conflict affected communities. More than a million people benefitted from different ICRC services in 2021.

Preserving human dignity and reuniting families

In its neutral intermediary capacity, the ICRC engaged with representatives of two former belligerent sides within the framework of the “International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and Humanitarian Working Group” it chairs, and continued conversations on protection issues including promotion and application of IHL. It supported military authorities in Libya to establish a mechanism to search for persons missing in relation to conflicts, with the solely humanitarian aim of informing their families of their fate and whereabouts.

- › Restored and maintained contact between family members separated by conflict, violence and migration, including detainees, unaccompanied minors and vulnerable adults, through **106** phone calls, **14** video calls and exchange of 101 Red Cross Messages and Salamat (oral greetings). A total of **2,295** persons reported as missing by their families continue to be sought by the ICRC in Libya.
- › Sponsored **four** Libyan forensic experts for training in forensic laboratory management.
- › Provided assistance to several places of detention, consisting hygiene parcels, disinfection materials and personal protection equipment to help prevent the spread of Covid19.
- › Provided for the purpose of emergency response and contingency stock **2980** body bags, **102** kits for management of the dead and one tent to the Center of Judicial Expertise and Research, morgues, criminal investigation departments and the LRCS. Morgue equipment such including two autopsy scales, **40** needles and one computer were donated to mortuaries under the Center for Judicial Expertise and Research. In relation to COVID19, PPEs were distributed to **six** institutions such as isolation centers, morgues and to the LRCS.
- › Organized **one** Healthcare in Detention seminar, attended by representatives from the Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Health.



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- › Organized jointly with the Libya authorities **three** round tables on the management, identification and protection of human remains for representatives of various institutions active in the Libyan investigative - medico legal system and municipal authorities.

- › Provided personal, collective hygiene items and health & disinfection materials in one correction and rehabilitation institution (CRI) benefitting **300** persons deprived of liberty. Another CRI with over **160** persons was provided a generator for the water



Provision of food and support to livelihood



- › Provided food parcels to over **118'500** displaced persons, vulnerable residents and returnees allowing them to cover their food consumption (for a family of 6) for one month.
- › Provided cash for rent grants to **50,000** IDPs allowing them to pay the rental cost for a period of four months.

- › Supplied **27,900** essential household kits to improve the living conditions of **177,000** returnees, vulnerable families and internally displaced persons.
- › Supported **90** returnee families with cash grant for rehabilitation of their damaged houses and replacement of destroyed items.



Livelihoods

- › Assisted **5'650** individuals through cash transfers enabling them to purchase items of basic needs. This intervention also supported the local economy.
- › Provided to **315** families with startup grants, vocational and business skills training to create long-term income and self-reliance.

Support to Healthcare services

ICRC supported health facilities, which carried out over **one million** consultations including **118, 000** hospital admissions, and administered **70,000** vaccines doses for children under **five** years old.

- › Provided drugs and consumables to **111** health facilities including hospitals, primary healthcare centers, COVID19 isolation centers across Libya; of which **29** received supplies on monthly basis.
- › Provided insulin, anti-diabetic and non communicable diseases medicines and equipment to three diabetic centers in Misrata, Sabha and Al-Bayda, which carried out **250,000** diabetes related consultations.



- › Provided backup generators to **5** healthcare facilities.
- › Provided basic emergency care equipment to eight hospitals across the country.



- › Rehabilitated **five** healthcare facilities through repairs and construction of additional space.
- › Provided PPE and disinfectant materials as a part of COVID19 response to numerous health facilities and isolation centers.
- › Supported **five** LRCS mobile health clinics in Derna, Benghazi, AlGwaleesh, Kufra, and Awbari with medicines, consumables and PPE.
- › Conducted first aid trainings including Refresher Training of Trainers for **250** participants including LRCS volunteers, trainers and members of security



Support to people with disabilities

Supported **three** Physical Rehabilitation centers in Janzour (Tripoli), Misrata and Benghazi where **3500** persons with disabilities received various services. Some of the patients from south of Libya were also referred to centers in Tripoli and Misrata. The ICRC's support includes provision of imported material to manufacture artificial limbs, this includes high quality German Otto Bock technology.



- › Trained and coached **eight** Prosthetic & Orthotic Technicians for **six** months at Janzour Physical Rehabilitation Center. Also provided **five** scholarships to staff from Benghazi and Janzour Physical Rehabilitation Centers to study abroad (Germany and India).
- › Sponsored the first National Wheelchair Basketball tournament in Tripoli with the participation of **four** teams from Benghazi, Tripoli, Murzuq, Misurata, and donated sports wheelchairs and aid materials to four sports clubs in collaboration with Libyan Paralympic Committee.
- › Supported organization of the International Day of the Persons with Disabilities in Janzour and Benghazi Physical rehabilitation Centers.

Access to water and better sanitation



Over one million people in different parts of Libya benefitted from an improved access and availability of clean water and better sanitation, through supply of essential materials such as pumps, pipes, generators and technical advice to various Water and Sewerage management entities in **35 towns and cities**. The ICRC support also extends to Man Made River Authority (MMRA) that is a main institution for Man Made River Project (MMRP) which covers the water needs of about 65% of Libyan population.

- › Continued to work with central and local authorities to develop a rehabilitation master plan for the sewerage system of the city of Benghazi, which has fallen into disrepair, and requires major infrastructure rehabilitation for a well-functioning sewerage system.

Cooperation with the LRCS

Carried out joint activities with LRCS to respond to humanitarian needs of the affected people in the fields of relief provision, restoring family links, management of the dead, first aid and through support to LRCS's mobile health clinics.

Additionally, also provided financial support to the LRCS for some administrative and human resources costs.

- › Trained **145** LRCS volunteers on safer access, water & sanitation, financial management and relief assessment
- › Provided computers and furniture for the LRCS HQs, also delivered **375** uniforms for the volunteers of the LRCS's emergency response teams



- › Provided COVID19 awareness, infection prevention and control equipment to **four** LRCS branches.

Risk awareness about explosive remnants of war

- › Conducted **two** trainings for **17** volunteers of the LRCS on "Risk Awareness and Safe Behaviour", one in Tripoli and another in Benghazi. These trainings will help the volunteers to better inform communities about the risks of weapon contamination and how to adopt safe behavior.
- › Provided reports of presence of explosive remnants to actors involved in clearance of such items, leading to safer environment for civilians living in affected areas.
- › Conducted **two** sessions on Risk Awareness and Safer Behaviour for LRCS volunteers and daily workers involved in activities taking place in areas affected by weapon contamination



Raising awareness on international humanitarian law (IHL)

Continued to engage with various interest groups such as authorities, armed forces, academia, community leaders, media etc. to promote the knowledge about the international humanitarian law (IHL). Organised **two** IHL courses in Libya, attended by **45** senior officers.

Communicating on humanitarian issues and action

Communicated about ICRCs ongoing operations through social media and other means including stories of beneficiaries highlighting their needs and resilience. Raised awareness on COVID19 preventive measures through social media platforms.



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