

SOMALIA FACTS AND FIGURES 2017

The ICRC has a longstanding history in Somalia spanning over 35 years of conflict response and humanitarian relief. This has included visits to detainees during the Ogaden conflict with Ethiopia (1977-1978) as well as a major emergency assistance operations during the extended civil war and climate-related famine of the early 1990s. The ICRC continues to assist populations afflicted by a combination of protracted armed conflict and harsh climate shocks such as drought and floods. This was particularly the case of 2017 where severe drought which affected most of the country gave rise to a large scale humanitarian crisis. The Somali Red Crescent Society (SRCS), because of its close proximity with communities plays a significant role in certain programs such as health

OVER 2,500,000 PEOPLE ASSISTED

care support services and restoration of links between separated families.

At the onset of the drought in Somalia, the ICRC assisted over 2.3 million persons of which 1.3 million were assisted with financial, food, essential households, and livestock treatment campaign. Over 480,000 persons received medical assistance and more than 700,000 people received clean water and better sanitation. The detention teams made 43 visits to places of detention.

In parallel, ICRC carried out the following programs:



DEVELOPING ECONOMIC SECURITY

We ensure that families and communities in Somalia can cover their unavoidable expenditures and maintain sustainable livelihoods.



624,376

Distributed emergency food and essential household items to 624,376 people



581,634

Provided economic support to 581,634 people through cash relief, cash for work, and cash grants



344,412

Supported livestock rearing for 344,412 people through treatment of the livestock, tsetse fly control, animal health training, and providing veterinary kits



5,700

Promoted fish farming for 5,700 people through training and provision of fishing kits



222,150

Delivered seeds, tools and irrigation pumps to 222,150 people to promote food production



247,410

Supported the bolstering of riverbanks with sandbags that benefitted 247,410 people



SUPPORTING HEALTH CARE

The goal of our health activities is to give people affected by conflict access to basic preventive and curative health care that meets universally recognized standards. To this end, we assist or may temporarily replace local health services in Somalia.

H 71,000

Supported 4 hospitals which admitted more than 71,000 people including more than 3,800 weapon-wounded cases



410,837

Provided quality medical supplies to 10 hospitals and 29 Somali Red Crescent Society (SRCS) clinics that benefited more than 78,000 patients at hospital level and 410,837 people for primary health care



85,400

Addressed over 85,400 cases of malnutrition including more than 5,000 severely malnourished children under-five with medical complications in the two stabilization canters supported by the ICRC



+ 13,000

Improved access to healthcare in 5 places of detention benefiting more than 13,000 people for first consultation and treat more than 1,200 severe and moderate malnourished detainees



VISITING DETAINEES AND RESTORING FAMILY LINKS

Our protection efforts are intended to benefit those who have been arrested and detained, particularly in the framework of an armed conflict as well as civilians who are not or who are no longer participating in hostilities. In addition, conflict and disaster separate families, leading to years of uncertainty about the fate of a relative. Together with the Somali Red Crescent Society we locate people, exchange messages, reunite families and clarify the fate of missing persons.



5,600

Delivered food and non-food materials to 5,600 detainees which included meat, milk, sugar and palm dates on the occasion of the holy month of Ramadan but also throughout the year hygiene products and occasionally bedding and educational/recreational items. A total of 60 detainees received vocational training in carpentry, masonry and welding



2,732

Made 43 visits to places of detention to assess the living conditions of 2,732 detainees to ensure that they are treated humanely and with dignity



1,172

The ICRC processed 1,172 tracing requests throughout the year. With the support of the SRCS, 49,367 phone calls were facilitated and 71,313 Red Cross Messages (RCMs) exchanged to connect people separated from their loved ones



7,812

Tracing services delivered to communities across Somalia are also supported by the BBC Somali language service through a radio program which broadcasts the names of persons missing on a regular basis. In total 7,812 names were broadcasted

PROMOTING COMPLIANCE WITH IHL

As an impartial, neutral and independent organization, we endeavor to prevent suffering by promoting and strengthening International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and universal humanitarian principles.



1,400

1,056 army officers and over 1,400 community leaders, journalists, women, youth and SRCS volunteers were sensitized on IHL through education sessions and distribution of ICRC publications on code of conduct in armed conflict





IMPROVING WATER & SANITATION SERVICES

We restore essential water services and ensure decent living conditions for communities affected by armed conflict. This involves improve public water infrastructure in hospitals and prisons, and provide water, sanitation and power – ultimately saving lives and preventing suffering.

 **295,000**

Conducted 50 borehole and 34 well projects that improved access to clean water to nearly 295,000 people in Somalia were completed

 **526,000**

Hygiene promotion campaign encouraging better hygiene practices to over 526,000 beneficiaries

 **225,000**

Over 225,000 people benefitted from 40 rainwater harvesting projects

 **2,000**

Rehabilitated water infrastructure that benefitted up to 2,000 people in places of detention

 **4,900**

Performed vector control activities and promoted hygiene programmes which benefitted up to 4,900 people in places of detention

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