

## SOMALIA

## FACTS &amp; FIGURES

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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 ICRC works closely with the Somali Red Crescent Society (SRCS) to respond to humanitarian needs by providing emergency food supplies, safe drinking water sources, seeds and agricultural tools and livestock vaccinations. The ICRC also provides first aid training, works to reconnect separated family members, visits places of detention, and promotes international humanitarian law (IHL) among relevant authorities and actors.

In 2018, the ICRC had to [reduce some of its operations of assistance](#) and suspend its activities in places of detention following concerns over security and the organization's overall acceptance in the field.

## HIGHLIGHTS:



Over **461,000** people received food and cash



Facilitated over **147,000** Red Cross Messages and phone calls between missing family members



Visited **3,736** detainees throughout the country



Over **361,000** people benefitted from hygiene promotion



More than **540** people were sensitized on IHL



Provided quality medical supplies to **4** hospitals and **32** SRCS clinics that benefitted **553,903** patients

Over the year, it carried out the following programs:



### PROVIDING EMERGENCY RELIEF AID AND RESTORING LIVELIHOODS

Armed violence often destroys livelihoods as families are forced to abandon their farmland or livestock and crops are destroyed. The ICRC and SRCS provide immediate assistance, such as food, essential household items, while also working to restore livelihoods.



- Provided economic support to more than **259,000** people through cash relief, cash for work, cash grants, commodity voucher, cash for food, and livestock grants
- Distributed food to over **202,000** people during emergency response
- Provided essential household kits items to more than **163,000** people
- Provided over **9,000** people with seeds and tools for farming, irrigation pumps, trainings to promote food production
- Supported the bolstering of riverbanks with sandbags that benefited more than **178,000** people
- Promoted livestock rearing to more than **69,000** people through treatment of the stock, tsetse fly control, animal health training, and providing veterinary kits and production of fodder kits.
- Built **one** new veterinary clinic in Hudur town, Bakool region



### FACILITATING ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE

The ICRC supports health facilities at primary and hospital levels with medical supplies and trains medical personnel to enhance their skills in the treatment and management of people arriving with injuries resulting from armed violence as well as sick people in areas of conflict. We also support the Somali Red Crescent Society (SRCS) to train community first aid responders to enable them to respond to emergency situations.



- **450** weapon-wounded people were treated through **12** hospitals supported by the ICRC
- Provided quality medical supplies to **4** hospitals and **32** SRCS clinics that benefitted **31,475** patients at the emergency room (ER) (**11.3%** weapon wounded) at hospital level and **522,433** people for primary health care
- Addressed **111,076** cases of malnutrition in the outpatient therapeutic program (OTPs) including **25,803** severely malnourished children under-five who had medical complications in the two stabilization centers supported by the ICRC
- Improved access to healthcare in **5** places of detention benefiting more than **11,770** people for first consultation and treat more than **380** severe and moderate malnourished detainees in **3** places of detention
- Provided antenatal consultations for **41,715** women, safe deliveries for over **810** women and vaccinated **35,329** women and **167,636** children
- Improved infrastructure in **3** hospitals with a total of **578** beds
- Rehabilitated **4** SRCS clinics
- In close collaboration with the SRCS, the ICRC conducted **35** first aid trainings to **863** people
- First aid was given to **562** wounded and sick people and **74** dead bodies were collected from mass casualties incidents through **11** first aid actions teams located in three areas (Mogadishu, Galkayo and Lascaanod)



### FACILITATING ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION SERVICES

The ICRC strives to provide clean water by improving and rehabilitating existing water supply systems. In addition, the ICRC supports the SRCS in promoting best hygiene practices for populations affected by water-borne diseases.



- **26** boreholes projects that delivered clean water to nearly **105,000** people in Somalia were completed
- More than **41,000** people benefitted from **23** rainwater harvesting projects
- With the support of the SRCS, hygiene promotion campaigns were conducted which benefitted over **361,000** people encouraging better hygiene practices
- The ICRC supported two water trucking operations benefiting over **93,000** displaced persons



## HELPING TO IMPROVE LIVING CONDITIONS OF DETAINEES

The ICRC conducts visits to places of detention which aim to monitor the treatment and living conditions of detainees. The findings are discussed bilaterally with the detaining authorities and are not shared with third parties. The ICRC supports the authorities' efforts towards attaining adequate standards of living for detainees and respect for their rights.



- Visited **3,736** detainees throughout the country
- Improved living conditions for **1,810** detainees in **4** places of detention
- Performed vector control activities and promoted best hygiene practices which benefitted more than **3,100** detainees
- **4,148** detainees held in **23** places of detention benefitted from an improved diet and provision of additional food items during the month of Ramadan



## RESTORING FAMILY LINKS (RFL)

Many people have lost contact with family members when fleeing armed conflict and other situations of violence. Some families have been missing loved ones for years and, at the same time, cycles of displacement create new losses of family contact every day. The ICRC in Somalia works with the Somali Red Crescent Society (SRCS) to locate missing family members, restore and maintain contact between them.



- Helped re-establish contact between family members with the support of the SRCS through the exchange of **83,808** Red Cross Messages (RCMs), the facilitation of **63,785** phone calls, tracing services that helped locate **2,615** individuals and the reading of **6,122** names in the "Missing Persons" radio program on BBC Somali



## SPREADING KNOWLEDGE OF AND PROMOTING COMPLIANCE WITH IHL

The rules of IHL aim to preserve humanity in times of armed conflict. In an effort to lessen the impact of armed conflict and protect the persons affected, the ICRC works with army officers to disseminate the knowledge of IHL and other rules applicable to armed conflict and law enforcement situations. In addition, it promotes teaching of IHL to academic circles in **7** universities across Somalia.



- **20** army officers, **40** arms carriers, **358** community leaders, **30** ICRC staff, **20** SRCS volunteers and **75** students were sensitized on IHL
- **294** newly recruited members of the Custodial Corps were sensitized on international standards of detention
- Conducted a training on dead body management to **30** staff from SRCS, Aamin ambulance service, Madina and Keysaney hospitals, and other first responders



## ENSURING ACCOUNTABILITY TO THE AFFECTED POPULATION

Accountability to affected populations is key to gaining acceptance, obtaining access and improving the organisation's operational relevance and effectiveness. Within the assistance programmes, pre- and post-assistance verifications help to not only detect and prevent aid diversion, low quality programming and implementation, it also plays an important role to verify that activities do not harm beneficiaries.



### Beneficiary verification:

- **40,294 (16%)** beneficiaries registered for cash based interventions programs were verified prior to the disbursement
- **2,077 (1%)** beneficiaries registered for food and non-food assistance were verified prior to the distribution

### Post distribution monitoring:

- From a sample of **6,277** beneficiaries (**2%**) targeted for cash related interventions, **91% (5,711)** beneficiaries confirmed receipt of the assistance
- From a sample of **7,920** beneficiaries (**4%**) targeted for food and NFIs, **74% (5,880)** beneficiaries confirmed receipt of the assistance

### Community contact centre:

- Received feedback from over **8,300** beneficiaries through the toll-free Community Contact Center (**373**)





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