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Conflict-affected people receive COVID-19 prevention information during seed distribution, Yaso district, Benishangul Gumuz Region, 2020.

The ICRC is present in Ethiopia since the beginning of the 1977 Ethio-Somalia armed conflict. Its current major activities in the country are visiting places of detention so as to ensure both the treatment and conditions of detainees and helping people with physical disabilities (PWDs) get access to quality and sustainable physical rehabilitation services. It also works closely with the Ethiopian Red Cross Society (ERCS) to restore family links among people separated by armed conflict and other situations of violence and provides assistance mainly to people displaced by conflict. The ICRC also promotes the knowledge of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) among members of defense and police forces as well as higher learning institutions, legal professionals and policy makers. Since March 2020, the ICRC delegation in Ethiopia has rapidly adapted to the evolving reality of the outbreak of the coronavirus in the country and is stepping up its response to the crisis integrating COVID-19 as an important new parameter in its operations.

PLACES OF DETENTION

From January to June 2020, the ICRC:

- Visited more than **17,180** detainees and followed up **30** detainees individually. It also provided assistance, including hygienic materials, cloths, blankets and recreational items, in **19** places of detention in different regions, benefitting **8,200** detainees.
-  Provided medical and non-medical items (mobility device, personal hygiene items, and dignity kits) to **439** vulnerable detainees in different federal and regional prisons enabling them to respond to their specific needs.
- Enabled over **2,900** detainees in nine prisons to have better access to water and sanitation facilities through construction/maintenance works.
-  Distributed over **290,900** bars of soaps, **170** hand washing stations, **162** liters of chlorine, **98** dispensers, **330** liters of hand-sanitizer, **1,000** COVID-19 prevention messages posters and other infection-prevention items to **41** places of detention accommodating over **50,000** detainees in all regions.
- Helped **4,576** detainees restore/maintain contacts with their families through mobile phones and airtime service.



Hygienic items provided to Gondar prison, Amhara Region, 2020.

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SEPARATED FAMILIES



From January to June 2020, the ICRC:

- Provided, together with ERCS, essential items to **7,446** Ethiopian returnees staying in **7** quarantine centers, including Addis Ababa Science and Technology University. **2,533** returnees benefited from free phone calls, including **340** unaccompanied children, enabling them to call their loved ones.

Provided, together with ERCS, **48,155** free phone calls to refugees and returnees who could exchange family news with their relatives in their respective countries.

Received new tracing requests from people looking for **268** missing family members in Ethiopia and abroad and located **34** sought persons.

Exchanged, in close cooperation with ERCS, **468** Red Cross Messages (RCMs) between family members dispersed by conflict or violence.

Published two new booklets with **396** pictures of South Sudanese refugees looking for relatives.

HEALTH



From January to June 2020, the ICRC:

- Provided basic medical supplies and emergency kits to **6** primary health care units and **5** hospital in different regions with an objective of enhancing their emergency responding capacity.
- Provided monthly technical support, complementary medical supplies and basic post-delivery maternal and child non-food dignity items to four primary health care centers in Husse and Chinaksen, Tuligule and Meyu districts benefiting more than **1,300** mothers who delivered their babies in the centers. Risk communication materials, personal protective equipment (PPE), consisting of aprons, boots, gloves and liquid soap and hand washing stands were also provided in those health facilities.
- Supported the Ethiopian Public Health Institute and the Ministry of Health in organizing four trainings on safe and dignified management of the dead due to COVID-19 for over **70** health professionals from Addis Ababa and different regions of the country.
- Provided, in partnership with ERCS, **2,500** mattresses, **2,500** bed sheets, and **20,000** bars of soaps and disinfectants to **17** COVID-19 treatment centers set up in Amhara, Oromia, Addis Ababa, Dire Dawa, Somali and Harari regions.



Mother nursing her new born baby at ICRC-supported primary health care center in Chinaksen, Oromia Region, 2020.

CONFLICT AFFECTED AND NON-AFFECTED COMMUNITIES

From January to June 2020, the ICRC:

- Donated **151** tons of maize, **36** tons of sorghum, **50** tons of beans and **56** tons of teff seeds to **74,300** family members affected by violence in East Hararghe and East Wollega (Oromia Region), Fafan and Erer (Somali Region) and in Kamashi (Benishangul-Gumuz Region) to help them restore their livelihoods. The ICRC also granted financial assistance ranging from **1,000** Birr to **1,400** Birr to the same households covering their agricultural inputs and services.
- Distributed NFI kits (plastic shelters, sleeping mats, blankets, jerry cans, soaps and cooking utensils) to almost **2,142** people displaced in Quarra (Amhara region) and Tuliguled (Somali region).
- Provided financial assistance to about **3,270** people affected by violence in North Gondar (Amhara) and Gambella.
- Provided livestock vaccination against three diseases (Anthrax, Black Leg and Pasteurella) to more than **450,000** domestic animals belonging to semi-pastoralist people living along the Somali and Oromia Northern border benefiting **196,800** people.



Peter Maurer, President of ICRC listens to people affected by ethnic conflict, Tuliguled district, Somali Region 2020, before the outbreak of COVID-19.

WATER AND HABITAT

From January to June 2020, the ICRC:



- Finalized the construction of underground water storage in Kaliyale kebele in Babile district of Fafan Zone, Somali region benefitting **4,500** people.
- Constructed a health post and a veterinary drug store in Chalho and Roggie kebeles of East Hararge Zone in Oromia region benefitting **10,000** people.
- Rehabilitated the water supply system of a primary health care unit located in Chinaksen (Oromia region) and Tuliguled (Somali region).
- Finalized the first phase of the drilling of a new borehole (water supply project) in Roggie Kebele. The project is expected to benefit **10,000** conflict affected communities.



Ethnic violence-affected residents fetching water built by the ICRC in Awjaber Kebele, Babile district, Somali Region, 2020, before the outbreak of COVID-19.

PEOPLE WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES (PWDs)

From January to June 2020, the ICRC:



- Distributed hand washing stands, hygienic items and posters with COVID-19 prevention messages, in nine partner physical rehabilitation centers (PRCs) in Oromia, Amhara, Harari, South Ethiopia, Benishangul-Gumuz and Somali regions.
- Addressed inclusive communication about appropriate attitudes and behaviors to persons with disabilities together with the Federation of the Ethiopian National Associations of Persons with Disabilities (FENAPD) through TV and radio spots aired at national and regional media in four local languages.
- Supported the Ministry of Health and the FENAPD in assessing **12** quarantine and isolation centers in Addis Ababa to ensure the accessibility for persons with disabilities
- Supported five PRCs in the manufacture of **4,000** locally made face shields for frontline health workers.
- Enabled **2,918** PWDs to have access to physical rehabilitation services in ten ICRC-supported PRCs. Of the total, **76** economically vulnerable individuals had their transport and food costs covered by the ICRC.
- Provided comprehensive physical rehabilitation services, including mobility devices, wheelchairs, crutches, compensation shoes, prosthesis and orthotics for **53** detainees



ICRC staff supporting manufacture of face shields at Bahr Dar Physical Rehabilitation Center, Bahr Dar, Amhara Region, 2020.

PREVENTION/COMMUNICATION

From January to June 2020, the ICRC:

- Provided a training on international humanitarian and human rights standards (IHRL) in relation to crime investigation for **35** crime investigation heads and other personnel of Oromia Region Police Commission.
- Provided a training on IHRL in relation to crowd management for **31** special police force commanders from Amhara Region Police Commission
- Provided International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and human rights standards trainings for **80** officers of South and North regional commands of Ethiopian National Defense Forces.
- Supported Addis Ababa University in establishing the first IHL Clinic in Ethiopia.
- Signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Ethiopian Police University College (EPUC) to work towards disseminating information pertaining to the role of the police during COVID-19 and public awareness raising on the virus using the police media outlets. Supplied **30,448** masks, **17,950** gloves, **600** liters of hand sanitizer and **50** megaphones to the EPUC as part of the MoU.
- Published over **100** posts on the ICRC Ethiopia Facebook page to sensitize the public on the Fundamental Principles, the ICRC and ERCS activities, and COVID 19 preventive measures.

PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ETHIOPIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY (ERCS)

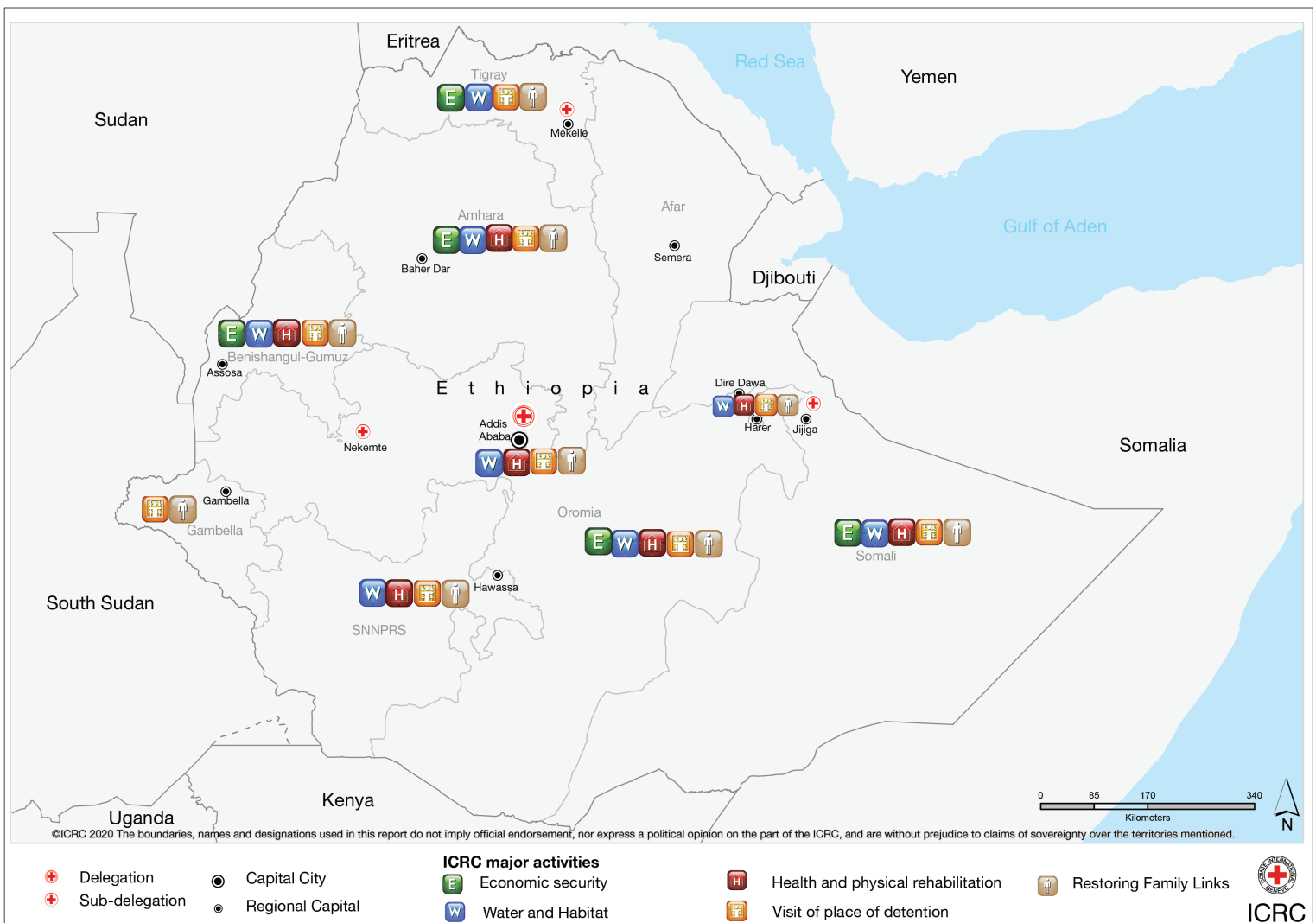


From January to June 2020, the ICRC:

- Provided **1,000** kits (containing essential household items) to ERCS that can cover the needs of **1,000** families.
- Donated over **2.7** million Birr to ERCS for its response in fighting the spread of COVID-19 outbreak in all regions in Ethiopia.



Conflict affected communities in Eritrea, Babile district, Oromia Region, receive seeds, 2020.



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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.

