



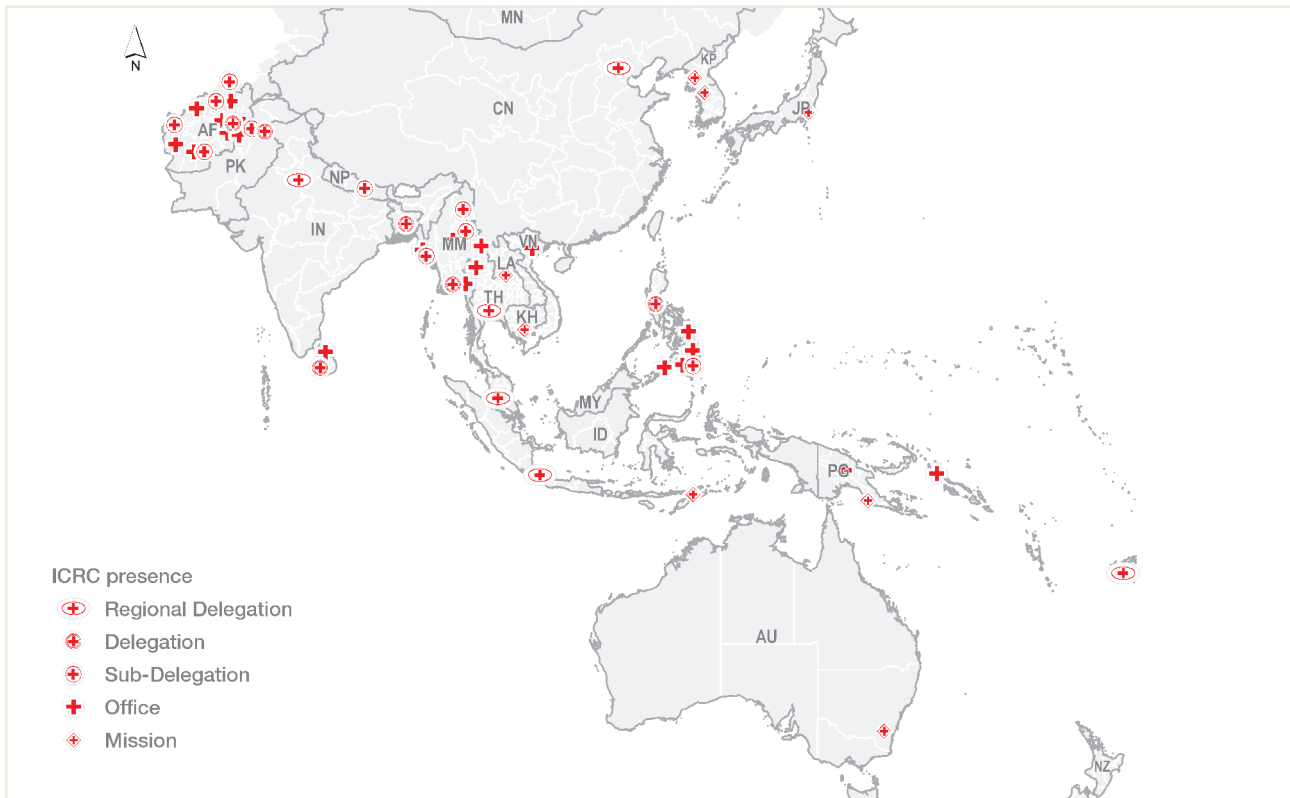
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ICRC ASIA AND THE PACIFIC COVID-19 RESPONSE



ICRC

INTRODUCTION



Unprecedented stress on the most advanced health-care systems. Extreme strain on major economies and financial markets. A global shutdown such as the world has never seen before.

This is today's reality as COVID-19 continues to spread unabated in over 160 countries across the world. With the Asia-Pacific region being home to 60 per cent of the world's population – i.e. some 4.3 billion people – an uncontrolled outbreak could be devastating.

To contain the spread of COVID-19, early efforts have included strict measures such as restriction on movement and lockdowns. Some countries face an already compromised public health-care system, overcrowded detention facilities, densely populated camps of displaced populations and informal settlements, adding layers of vulnerability for populations already facing immense challenges.

With a well-coordinated and well-resourced response mechanism involving national and international actors, the danger can be averted.

Our response

Like elsewhere, in the Asia-Pacific region also the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) has joined the massive efforts being carried out by governments, international community and humanitarian organizations to fight the spread of novel coronavirus. We have massively adjusted, and where relevant, launched new initiatives to support national authorities, health-care facilities, places of detention and local Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies to respond to the pandemic.

Our operational response to COVID-19 in the region focuses on four main areas:

- Supporting health-care facilities
- Infection-control in detention facilities
- Humanitarian forensics (management of the dead)
- Support to National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

In the following pages, you will see a country-wise overview of the ICRC operational response to COVID-19 in the Asia-Pacific region.

Cover image: Ma Win, who lives in Kyauktaw Township, Rakhine State learns the proper technique to clean hands with the ICRC Sittwe team

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ASIA-PACIFIC

214,098
TOTAL CASES

118,436
TOTAL RECOVERED

8,417
TOTAL DEATHS

*Figures related to COVID-19 as on 29 April 2020



COVID-19 HEALTH RESPONSE

- **14** PRP centres supported
- **37** Hospitals supported
- **7** Prisons hospitals supported
- **3** IPD camps supported



HUMANITARIAN FORENSICS

We are working with the government authorities, funerary services, forensic experts and NGOs to devise specific protocols related to COVID-19. This includes dignified management of the bodies and material support, including body bags. Over **3,700 body bags** have been distributed as part of the assistance.



INFECTION-CONTROL IN DETENTION FACILITIES

- **446,589** Beneficiaries
- **32** Police stations supported
- **304** Prisons supported
- **19** Immigration Detention Centres supported
- **4** Temporary Detention Centres supported

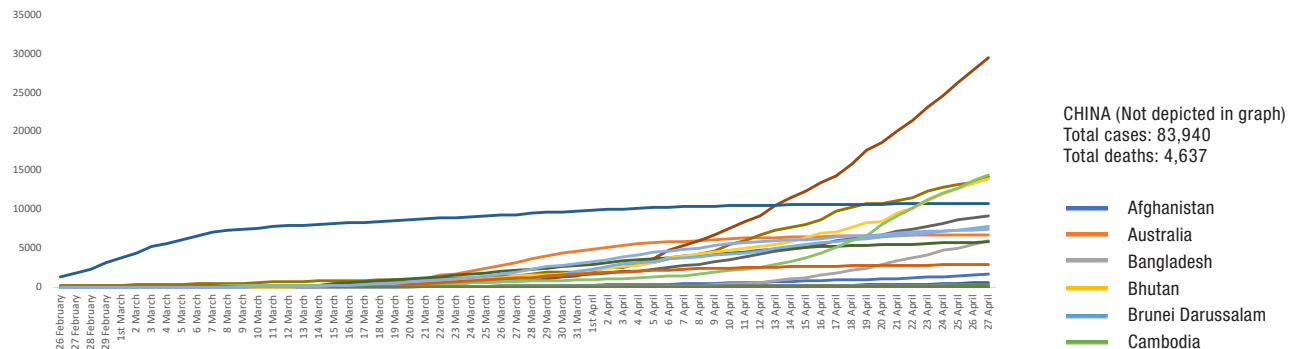


PARTNERING WITH NATIONAL SOCIETIES

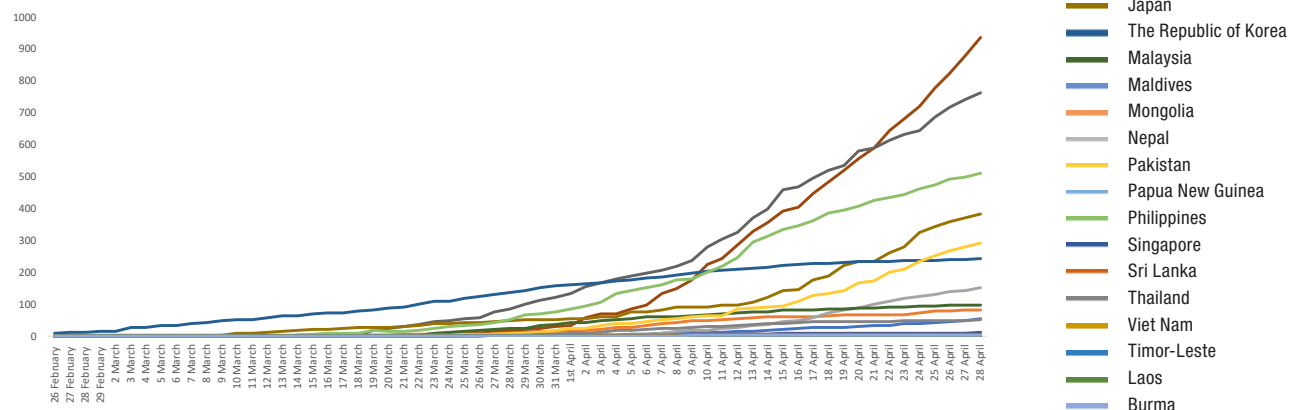
In the Asia-Pacific region, **39 National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies** along with thousands of volunteers have been working tirelessly to extend the required support to multitudes of people at the grassroots. Apart from helping build capacities of the staff and volunteers, we are extending financial and material support to these National Societies.

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO) STATISTICS ON COVID-19 FOR THE ASIA-PACIFIC

NUMBER OF CONFIRMED CASES OF COVID-19 IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION SINCE 26 FEBRUARY 2020



NUMBER OF CONFIRMED CASES OF DEATHS LINKED TO COVID-19 IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION SINCE 26 FEBRUARY 2020



*Source: Johns Hopkins University (Coronavirus Resource Center) <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html>

AFGHANISTAN

1,828

TOTAL CASES

228

TOTAL RECOVERED

58

TOTAL DEATHS

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COVID-19 HEALTH RESPONSE

7 Physical Rehabilitation Centres: Provided with hygiene material (Gulbahar, Kabul, Herat, Mazar-e-Sharif, Jalalabad, Faizabad, Lakshar Gah)

KANDAHAR, Mirwais Hospital:

- 620 Beneficiaries
- Hygiene material provided
- Advice extended on infection-control measures
- Sensitization sessions and distribution of personal protective equipment (PPE) (Health staff with Ministry of Health and Mirwais Hospital)
- Screening facility set up at hospital

HELMAND / FARAH:

- Sensitization sessions and distribution of PPE (first-aiders and drivers)



INFECTION-CONTROL IN DETENTION FACILITIES

	Soap bars	Masks	Chlorine (in 1,000 mg)	Liquid bleach	Cleaning soap
3 Police Stations 1,500 Beneficiaries		690		99 units	288 kg
8 Prisons 25,276 Beneficiaries	42,970		7,420	29,400 l	

Others: Rubber boots, gloves, overalls, sprayers, scrubbing brushes, soap dispensers, dust bins, brooms and basins

- Guidance and technical support to authorities
- Projects include extending support / building the screening (triage rooms) in isolation centres



HUMANITARIAN FORENSICS

	Body bags	Rubber boots	Reusable aprons	Eyewear	Overalls	Masks	Gloves	Sprayers	Respirators
HERAT , Ministry of Public Health	100								
HERAT , Forensic Medicine Department		6	10	10					
KANDAHAR , Forensic Medicine Department	100								
LAKSHAR GAH , Forensic Medicine Department	15								
KABUL , Medico Legal Directorate	30	8	70		8	500			
GHAZNI , Provincial Hospital	10								
Afghan Red Crescent (ARCS)						500	1,000		
In prisons		69		56	96	5,460		95	219

25 PPE kits distributed

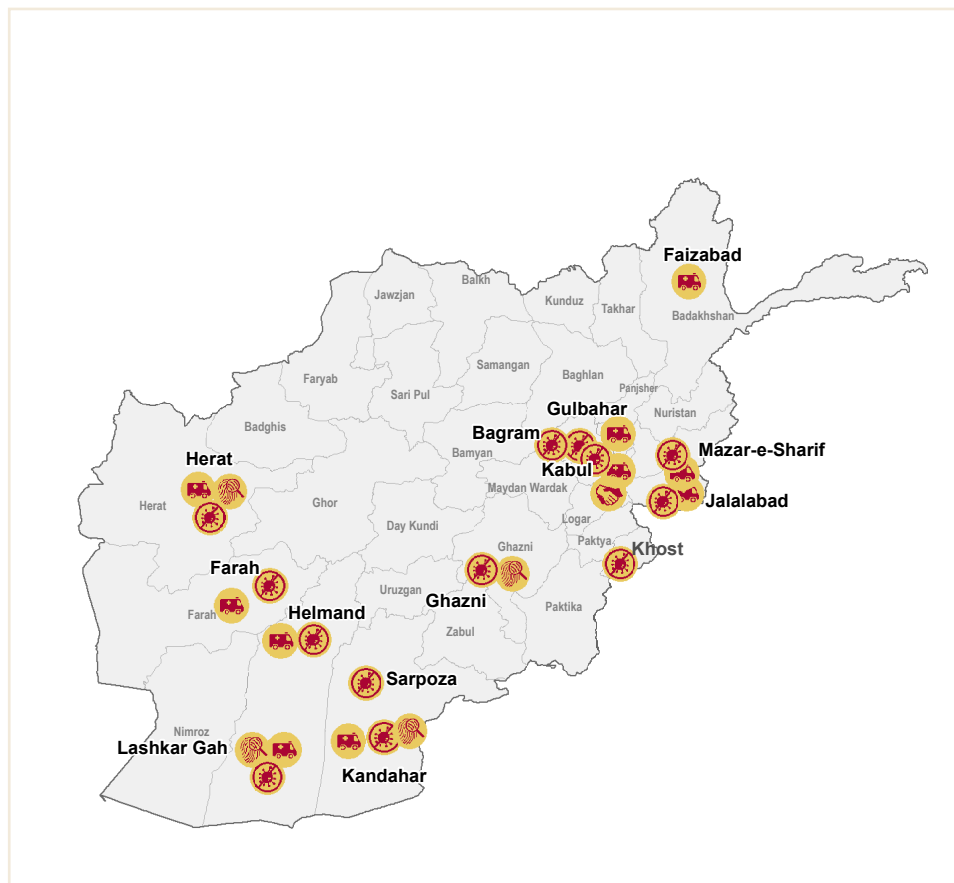
Assessments of forensic services, hospitals and detention centres done



PARTNERING WITH AFGHAN RED CRESCENT SOCIETY

- Extending **technological support** by providing laptops and internet connections to maintain connectivity and smooth operations
- Aiding the **humanitarian dialogue** to ensure NS staff can continue to access hard-to-reach areas

AFGHANISTAN



TYPE OF ACTIVITIES

-  Infection-control in detention facilities
-  Humanitarian forensics
-  Health response
-  Partnering with Afghan Red Crescent Society

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OPERATIONAL ORIENTATION

- In Afghanistan, the ICRC is part of the **COVID-19 taskforce** led by the Ministry of Public Health, along with World Health Organization, Afghan Red Crescent, International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, and others.
- Our operational response to COVID-19 focuses on prevention and infection-control in places of detention and supporting the health facilities. Additionally, we are also adapting our existing water and sanitation activities.

OTHER INITIATIVES / SUPPORT

- Training provided to community water committee members in **hand-pump repairs** and maintenance.
- **Distribution of spare parts** for hand pumps in various communities.

PHILIPPINES

7,958

TOTAL CASES

975

TOTAL RECOVERED

530

TOTAL DEATHS

*Figures related to COVID-19 as on 29 April 2020



COVID-19 HEALTH RESPONSE

4 Places of detention (Screening / triage / isolation facility)

- Quezon City Jail (Payatas village)
- San Fernando District Jail (Pampanga)
- Quezon District Jail (Pagbilao)
- New Bilibid Prison (Muntinlupa City)

Support extended to build the infrastructure and generate awareness, benefiting over **370 people**



HUMANITARIAN FORENSICS

	Body bags	Masks	Kits
Isolation centres (prisons)	1,000		10
Medicolegal Department of Crime Laboratory, Camp Crame	50	500	1

- **500 respiratory masks** and **500 N95 respirators**
- Guidelines on “management of the dead” shared with the authorities.



INFECTION-CONTROL IN DETENTION FACILITIES

	Soap bars	Tooth-paste	Tooth-brush	Sanitary napkins	Masks	Face towel	Cleaning material	Liquid handwash	Laptops	Phones	Prepaid cards	Sim cards
13 Prisons (Remanded PDLs) 69,937 Beneficiaries – 200 info-as-aid posters	2,667	2,000	500		2,000		91 gallon	2,231	64		30	30
8 Prisons (Sentenced PDLs) 28,756 Beneficiaries – Guidelines on “mitigating COVID-19 in places of detention” shared with the authorities.							51 gallon	1,509	15	25	750	25
20 Police Stations	2,667	2,000	500		2,000							
4 Isolation Centres in prisons 400 Beneficiaries	2,000	3,500	1,500	500	1,000	1,500		720	16	16		

1 Immigration Detention Centre

458 Beneficiaries

- Normative / technical support offered
- Quarantine facility: Normative advice given on sexual violence



PARTNERING WITH THE PHILIPPINE RED CROSS

Material support provided to National Society in the form of:



28,600

Surgical masks



58

Hand sanitizers with refill



56

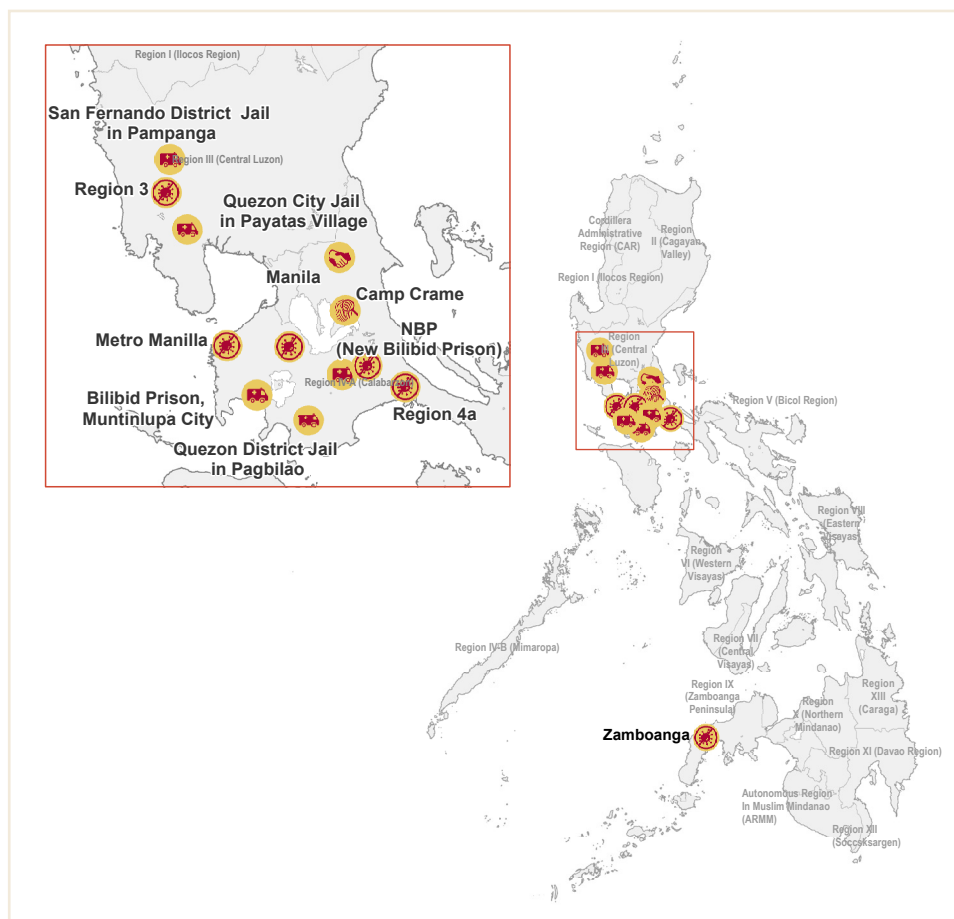
Contactless thermometers



1,000

Sets of basic protective personal equipment for ambulance crew

PHILIPPINES



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OPERATIONAL ORIENTATION	OTHER INITIATIVES / SUPPORT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As part of our persuasion efforts, we are holding high-level dialogue and engagement with authorities to ensure safeguards for vulnerable populations, including our recommendation for immediate decongesting measures such as early release and parole. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Benefiting close to 18,500 people, 15 drums of chlorine and 400 litres of fuel donated to Marawi City District. This two-month supply will serve urban centers and the camps. Provided personal protective equipment to frontline responders in conflict-affected areas in Mindanao.

MYANMAR

150

TOTAL CASES

16

TOTAL RECOVERED

5

TOTAL DEATHS

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COVID-19 HEALTH RESPONSE

KACHIN:

- **Medical waste management project** adapted to COVID-19 for Myitkyina General Hospital, **benefitting 400 people**

RAKHINE:

- Material provided to build **handwashing stations** and **solar panels** in **13 health facilities**
- **WASH** installations at **Sittwe Hospital**
- **11 handwashing stations** and **water supply system** at two other hospitals
- Material support to build screening / triage / isolation centre at IDP camp, **benefitting 537 people**

SHAN:

- Material provided to build **13 handwashing stations** and ten isolation / triage / **screening tents** for staff of Ministry of Health and Sports
- In coordination with National Society, over **20,000 soap bars** distributed, handwashing facilities being built and **16 latrines** donated in IDP camps



INFECTION-CONTROL IN DETENTION FACILITIES

6 Prisons supported
28,000 Total beneficiaries

SUPPORT PROVIDED

- Sprayers & disinfectant
- **1,000 posters:** Info-as-aid dissemination material
- Normative / technical support
- Building handwashing infrastructure
- Under an ICRC programme, **500 detainees** have been supported with **transportation cost for returning home safely**



PARTNERING WITH MYANMAR RED CROSS SOCIETY

- Supported **training session for staff** of National Society for better coordination
- Financial support in the form of an **“Emergency Fund”**

KACHIN, SHAN, RAKHINE:

- Training of volunteers and staff on the proper use of personal protective equipment

RAKHINE:

- Supported MRCS to upgrade **insurance cover for volunteers** to include COVID-19
- **Seven handwashing stations** provided at MRCS offices. Three more points planned
- Tripartite cooperation with National Society and Norcross to ensure smooth functioning of mobile health units

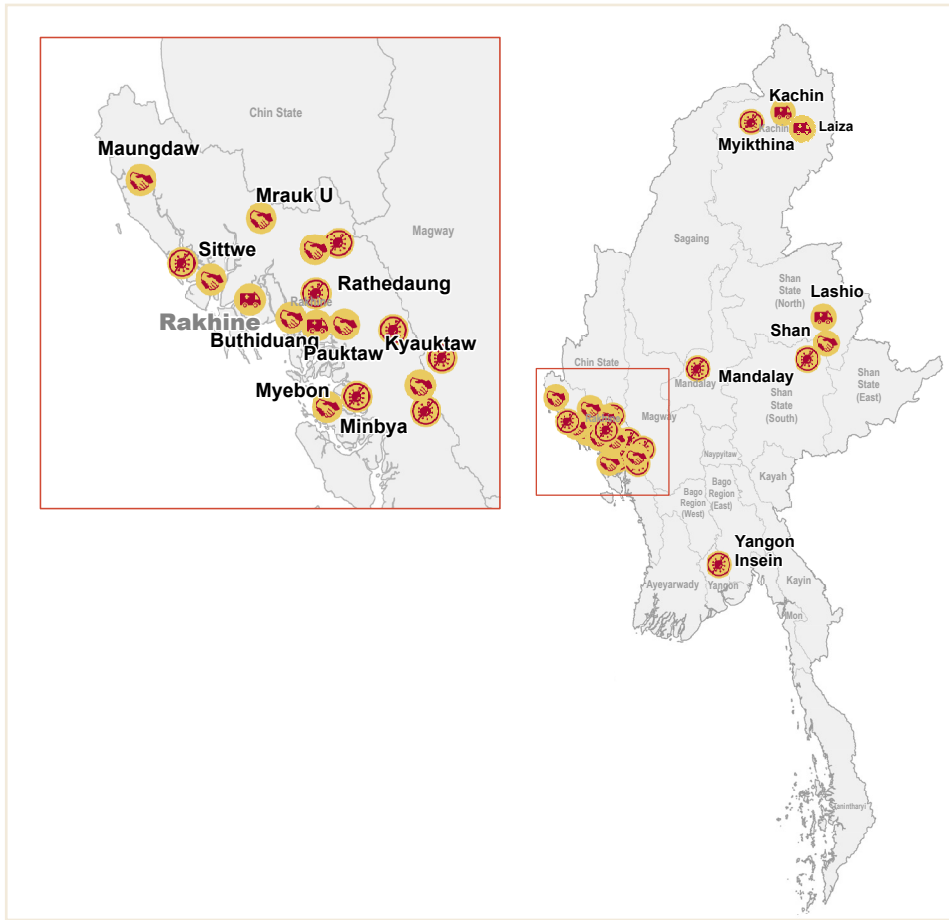
OPERATIONAL ORIENTATION

- We have adapted our humanitarian response across the country to the new realities of COVID-19 while keeping our robust operations on for victims of different armed conflicts and other situations of violence.
- We are maintaining essential operations in Kachin, Rakhine and Shan states, while maximizing prevention efforts for COVID-19 together with the Myanmar Red Cross Society and to support the Ministry of Health and Sports.

OTHER INITIATIVES / SUPPORT

- **Rakhine:** Infrastructural support for building six handwashing facilities for communities, improvement of handwashing stations in schools, building over **100 handwashing facilities** and donation of soaps in IDP camps to benefit over **30,000 people**, mobile handwashing stations for distribution drives.
- **Kachin:** **WASH** installations improved and partition walls built to ensure social distancing in four educational institutes.

MYANMAR



TYPE OF ACTIVITIES

-  Infection-control in detention facilities
-  Health response
-  Partnering with Myanmar Red Cross Society

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BANGLADESH

6,462

TOTAL CASES

139

TOTAL RECOVERED

155

TOTAL DEATHS

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COVID-19 HEALTH RESPONSE

COX'S BAZAAR

- "Flu Ward" set up in the district hospital to deal with those displaying symptoms of COVID-19 infection. The hospital emergency staff has been provided with personal protective equipment. Regular coordination with MSF and WHO to continue
- Responding to an urgent need raised by civil surgeon and WHO, **waste management area established in Ramu Health Complex**, which will become the referral / isolation centre for COVID-19



INFECTION-CONTROL IN DETENTION FACILITIES

68 Places of detention supported

88,804 Total beneficiaries

INFECTION-CONTROL AND HYGIENE



340

Plastic mugs



13,600

Plastic spoons



136

Plastic containers



408

20L plastic containers



272

Buckets



272

Footbath



1,020

Gloves



295

Sprayers

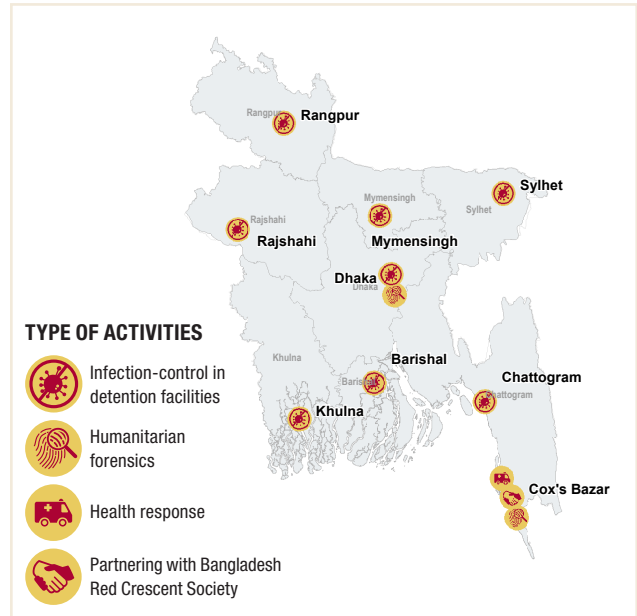


7,000 kg

Chlorine

AWARENESS-GENERATION SESSIONS

- Normative information and guidelines shared with authorities
- Production of training video
- Posters on hygiene and use of chlorine distributed



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HUMANITARIAN FORENSICS

	Body bags	Burial sheets
MINISTRY OF DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND RELIEF	300	
AL-MARKAZUL ISLAMI , an NGO assigned by Ministry of Health for Dhaka	100	100
QUANTUM FOUNDATION , an NGO assigned by Ministry of Health for other districts	200	



PARTNERING WITH BANGLADESH RED CRESCENT SOCIETY

- National Society volunteers help prison authorities in installing handwashing stations, water tanks and/or medical screening facilities in places of detention
- Volunteers conduct hygiene-promotion sessions and distribute leaflets
- National Society supported with personal protective equipment and infection-control materials, including hand sanitizer, thermometer and masks

OPERATIONAL ORIENTATION

Preventive messaging on COVID-19 are being relayed for the displaced populations in Cox's Bazar and host families, as well as for people living in Chittagong Hill Tracts.

OTHER INITIATIVES / SUPPORT

We are continuing to support more than **3,000 displaced people from Rakhine living in the camp of Konarpara** who depend on humanitarian assistance for their survival. One-month food ration and hygiene material were recently distributed among them.

PAKISTAN

14,885
TOTAL CASES

3,425
TOTAL RECOVERED

327
TOTAL DEATHS


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INFECTION-CONTROL IN DETENTION FACILITIES

47 Prisons supported

28,602 Total beneficiaries


85,992
Soap bars


1,210
Soaps (box of 72)

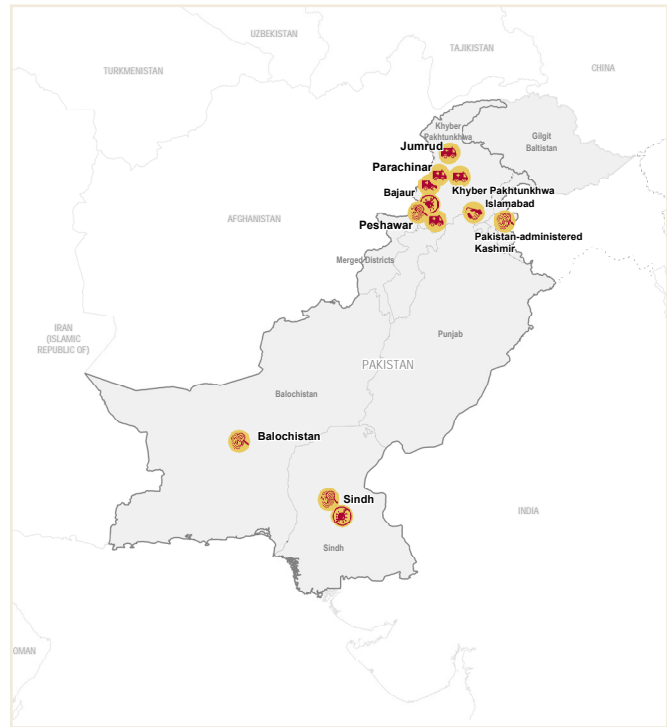

94
Contactless thermometers


Info-as-aid posters


275 l
Bleach


111 kg
Chlorine


10,850
Hand sanitizers



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TYPE OF ACTIVITIES

-  Infection-control in detention facilities
-  Health response
-  Humanitarian forensics
-  Partnering with Pakistan Red Crescent Society

COVID-19 HEALTH RESPONSE

	 Goggles	 Gloves	 Soap bars	 Masks	 Shoe covers	 Cap
PESHAWAR , Lady Reading Hospital	250	25,075	500	9,000	25,000	250
PARACHINAR , DHQ Hospital	30	5,185	100	200	2,000	20
BAJAUR , DHQ Hospital	30	5,185	100	200	2,000	20
JAMRUD , Civil Hospital	30	4,435	100	100	2,000	20

Infrastructure support to build screening / triage / isolation centres and WASH facilities in four hospitals

HUMANITARIAN FORENSICS

415 Total body bags distributed

	Body bags	Kits
RESCUE 1122	85	30
PESHAWAR , Lady Reading Hospital	100	
PAKISTAN-ADMINISTERED KASHMIR , State Disaster Management Authority	100	1
BALUCHISTAN , Provincial Disaster Management Authority	100	1
SINDH , Pakistan Red Crescent Society	30	

PARTNERING WITH PAKISTAN RED CRESCENT SOCIETY

Financial support to kickstart COVID-19 response:

- Purchase of personal protective material for volunteers
- Procuring disinfection material for ambulances and PRCS premises
- Managing public communication

Technical and financial support provided for:

- **Reuniting Family Links service** in government-established quarantine facilities

OPERATIONAL ORIENTATION

To support the collective humanitarian response to COVID-19 in Pakistan, the ICRC has redirected a part of its annual budget towards measures and initiatives to be taken in the face of this pandemic.

*Source: Johns Hopkins University (Coronavirus Resource Center) <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html>

SRI LANKA

619

TOTAL CASES

134

TOTAL RECOVERED

7

TOTAL DEATHS

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INFECTION-CONTROL IN DETENTION FACILITIES

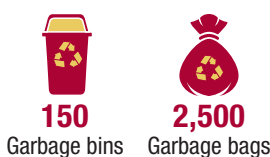
25 Prisons supported

22,000 Beneficiaries

INFECTION-CONTROL AND HYGIENE



WASTE MANAGEMENT

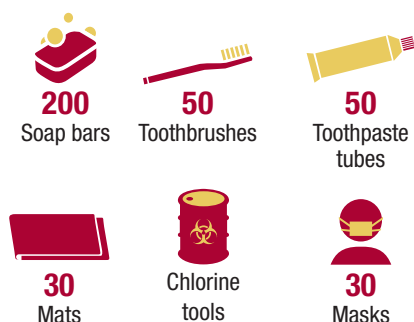


AWARENESS-GENERATION SESSIONS

- Questionnaire used to **gather data** about needs & priorities
- Awareness-generation **sessions attended by Prison Directors**, other senior officials
- Posters on use of chlorine distributed

1 Immigration Detention Centre

121 Beneficiaries



HUMANITARIAN FORENSICS

Health facilities and funerary services assisted with adopting procedures and protocols to handle deaths related to COVID-19

SUPPORT EXTENDED TO:

- Ministry of Health
- Welikada Prison Hospital
- Mahara Prison
- Negombo Prison
- Institute of Forensic Medicine and Toxicology

	Body bags	Goggles	Surgical masks	Shoe covers	Gowns	Biohazard bins
Ministry of Health	300	70	5,000	2,500	300	
Welikada and Mahara Prisons	30	2	200	200	10	4



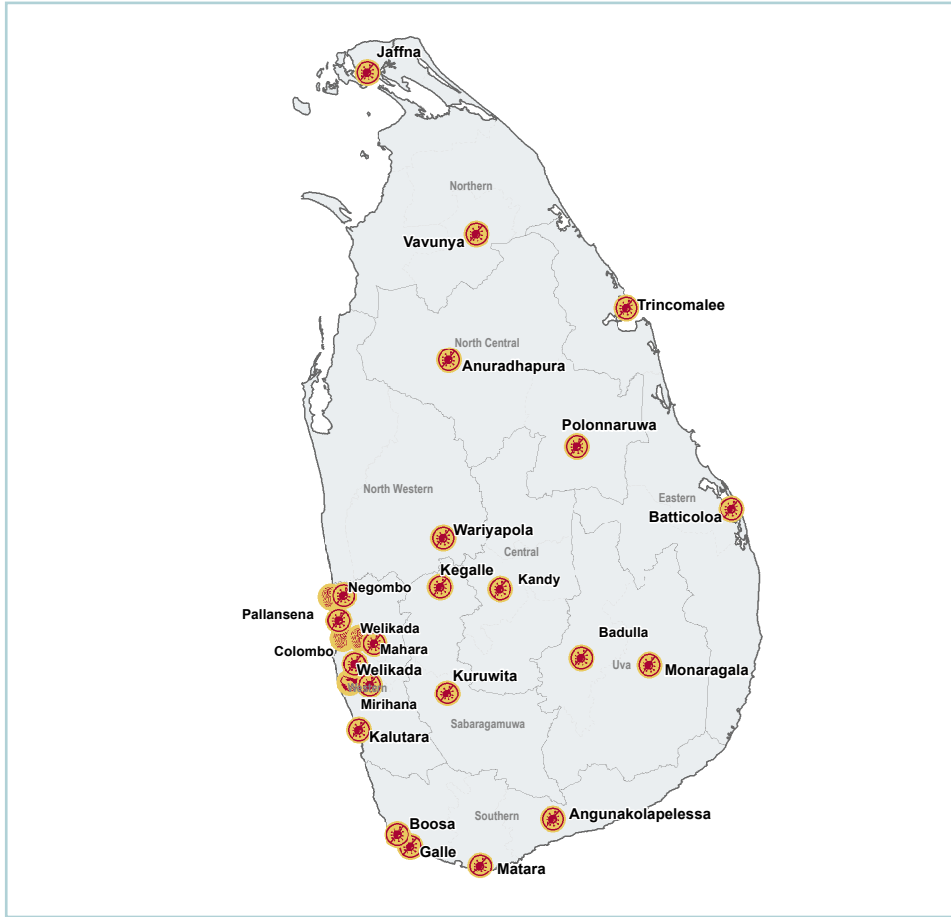
PARTNERING WITH THE SRI LANKA RED CROSS SOCIETY

- Supported donation of 500 overalls to Ministry of Health
- **Communications support:**
 - Posters with health messages – Jointly produced by NS and the IFRC
 - **Video with mental health messages** – Jointly produced by the ICRC and NS
- **Technical support** provided to reach out to the public regarding **Reuniting Family Links**

OPERATIONAL ORIENTATION

Response plan shared with local authorities following a series of high-level meetings to understand needs, priorities, coordination mechanisms and areas of ICRC's added value. The ICRC's response plan in Sri Lanka rests on three pillars – support to places of detention, support to public health structures and support to the Sri Lanka Red Cross Society – and it aims to prevent and / or mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

SRI LANKA



TYPE OF ACTIVITIES

-  Infection-control in detention facilities
-  Humanitarian forensics
-  Partnering with The Sri Lanka Red Cross Society

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BANGKOK REGIONAL DELEGATION

(THAILAND, CAMBODIA, VIET NAM, LAOS)

3,358

TOTAL CASES

3,013

TOTAL RECOVERED

54

TOTAL DEATHS

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COVID-19 HEALTH RESPONSE

THAILAND

- **2 hand-washing facilities** financially supported
- **CHIANG MAI**
 - **10 Hospitals** supported
 - (Paid admission costs of patients without insurance)
 - **60 health workers** trained in five border communities (Training of trainers)
 - **Financial support** to health teams for screening, awareness-generation sessions in four villages



INFECTION-CONTROL IN DETENTION FACILITIES

THAILAND

- **3** Immigration Detention Centres supported
- **300** Beneficiaries
- Guidelines on “mitigating COVID-19 in detention facilities” and “management of the dead” shared with the Department of Prison Management

CAMBODIA

- **29** Places of detention supported
- **38,135** Beneficiaries


429,160
Bars of soap


6,897
Hand sanitizer


185
Goggles


10,296 kg
Bleach


41,950
Gloves


1,731
Gowns


49
Cleaning kits


31,500
Masks


1,731
N95 Masks


25,730
Detergent

- **49 Cleaning kit:** One apron, goggles, heavy-duty gloves, boots, jerry can, drum (200L), bucket (20L), sprayer tank
- Training over **60 people** on the usage of hygiene material and chlorine



HUMANITARIAN FORENSICS

CENTRAL INSTITUTE OF FORENSIC SCIENCE:


20

Disposable medical face shields


40

Disposable overalls


50

Disposable long-sleeved gowns


500

Disposable nitrile gloves


500

Disposable latex gloves



PARTNERING WITH NATIONAL SOCIETIES

Supporting the four National Societies in reaching out to isolated communities by providing technical training in risk communications and aid-as-info messages in local languages / dialects; procuring masks and PPE

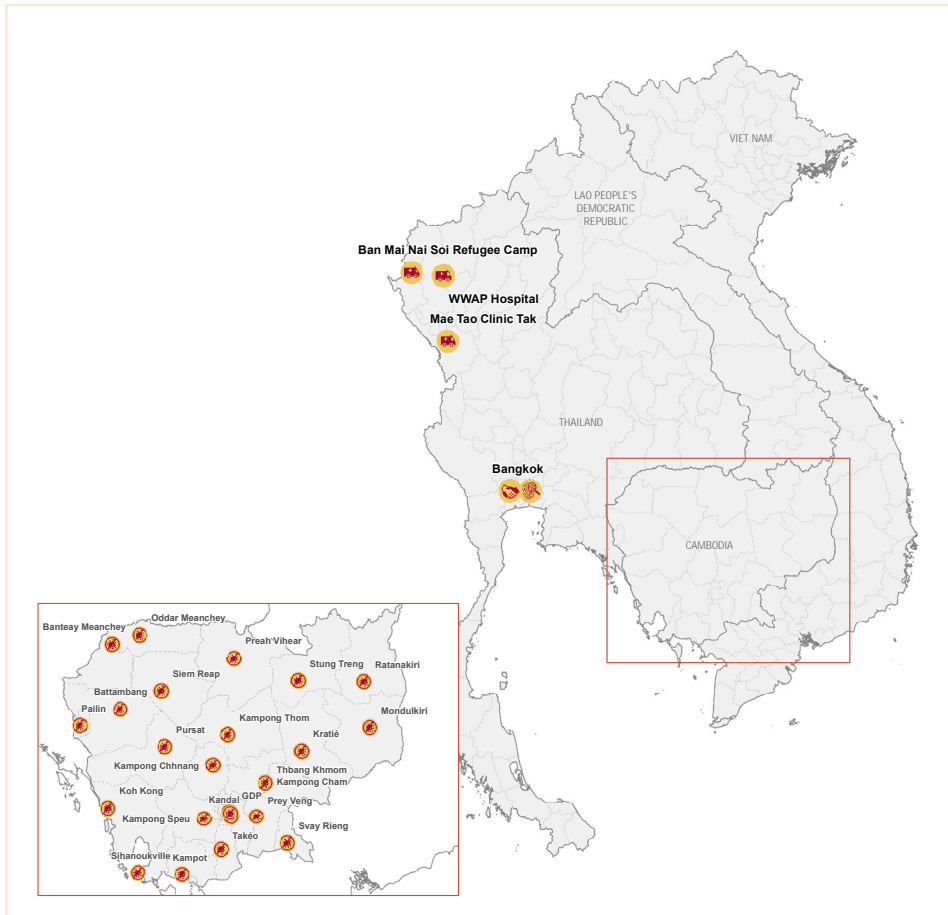
CAMBODIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY:

- **1,300 volunteers** conducted awareness-generation sessions on hygiene practices
- Shared communication material used for education and instruction purposes and translated relevant text
- Distributed **5,000 bars of soap** and **614 hand gels** among 13 branches
- Printed **80,000 leaflets** on migration and Reuniting Family Links for border crossings and quarantine centres
- Trained **25 provincial staff** in needs assessment

THE THAI RED CROSS SOCIETY:

- Supporting with communication knowhow and activities, including translations
- **100,000 surgical masks** donated
- **Financial support** for National Society's project of making cloth masks in their 76 chapters

BANGKOK REGIONAL DELEGATION (THAILAND, CAMBODIA, VIET NAM, LAOS)



TYPE OF ACTIVITIES

-  Infection-control in detention facilities
-  Humanitarian forensics
-  Health response
-  Partnering with National Societies

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OPERATIONAL ORIENTATION

Our **multi-disciplinary response** aims to address the immediate humanitarian needs as well as long-term structural impacts of COVID-19 crisis, focusing on protection including detention, health, and water activities.

OTHER INITIATIVES / SUPPORT

- Supporting the **physical rehabilitation** facilities through technical advice.
- Tackling **mental health and psychological support needs** of populations as well as **stigmatization** during the outbreak through communication products and campaigns together with our Movement partners.
- Developing **virtual reality training tools** for detention and refugee settings.

NEW DELHI REGIONAL DELEGATION

(INDIA, MALDIVES, BHUTAN, NEPAL)

31,643
TOTAL CASES

7,785
TOTAL RECOVERED

1,008
TOTAL DEATHS

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COVID-19 HEALTH RESPONSE

JAMMU AND KASHMIR, INDIA

30,000 triple-layer masks, 15,000 pairs of gloves and 15,000 litres of sanitizer provided to Health Ministry

KATHMANDU, NEPAL

Following an ICRC-Nepal Red Cross Society joint assessment, tents and tarpaulins provided to help improve conditions of quarantine areas in two detention centres in Kathmandu

MADHYA PRADESH (INDIA)

Supporting Central Armed Police Forces Composite Hospital, BSF Tekanpur, Gwalior with: 2,000 triple-layer surgical masks, 6,000 pairs nitrile gloves and 500 spill-resistant aprons

INDIA

Guidelines developed for:

- Seven ICRC-supported Physical Rehabilitation Centres in India
- Partner organizations working for people with disabilities
- Support extended to forensic experts at All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, in developing the SOPs for the management of bodies of those who succumb to COVID-19

INFECTION-CONTROL IN DETENTION FACILITIES


11
Tents


7
Tarpaulins

NEPAL

- Infection-control and hygiene support provided by Nepal Red Cross Society
- Plastic mugs, soaps provided

PARTNERING WITH NATIONAL SOCIETIES

INDIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY (IRCS) has been provided with:

- Dissemination material on prevention of COVID-19
- Guidelines for volunteers' safety
- Guidelines on management of dead bodies and helping separated families stay in touch through Reuniting Family Links (RFL) service
- The IRCS volunteers, who have been trained by the ICRC, helped people stranded in the state of Uttar Pradesh get in touch with their families in the states of Assam and Meghalaya
- ICRC-trained social and emergency response volunteers support authorities through dissemination of awareness material related to social distancing and personal hygiene, including in the quarantine centres

HUMANITARIAN FORENSICS

PROVIDED TO INDIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY (IRCS):


1,500
Jackets


4,000
Surgical masks


4,000
Gloves


1,000
Body bags

NEPAL

- 150 surgical masks provided to Department of Forensic Medicine, Patan Hospital
- Conditions in places of detention during the pandemic discussed with the director general of prisons
- Shared COVID-19 forensic recommendations with the authorities

INDIA

Shared best practices and guidance documents from the fields of health in detention and forensics, especially dignified management of the dead, with institutions involved in COVID-19 response in India, such as WHO and UN agencies like UNICEF, UNDP and UNHCR

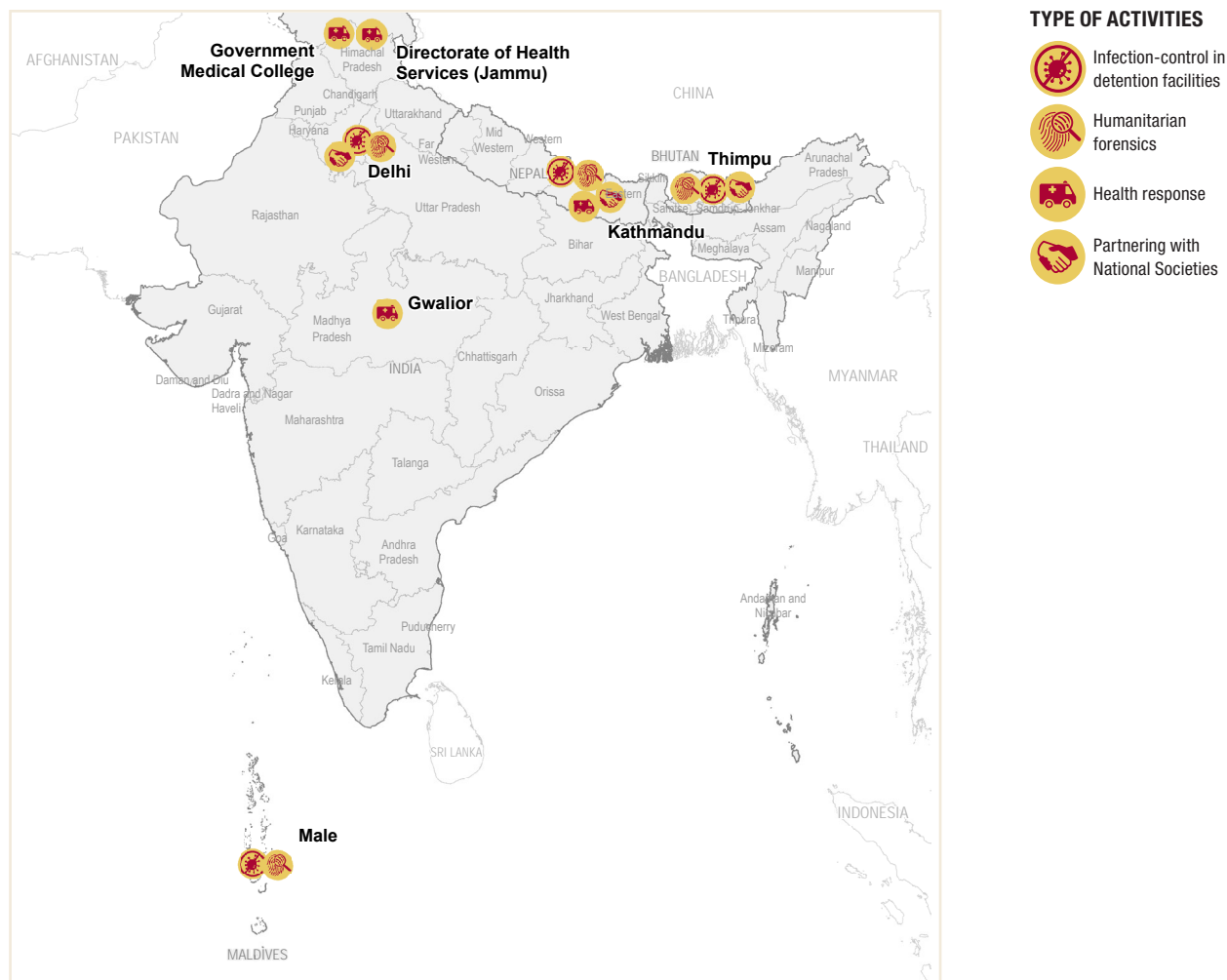
BHUTAN

Based on ICRC guidelines on management of the dead during COVID-19, the Bhutan Red Cross Society has developed standard operating procedures with the health ministry's support

MALDIVES

Detailed set of recommendations shared with Maldives Correctional Services (Ministry of Home Affairs) on preventive and reactive measures to mitigate the effects of COVID-19 on the prison system and communities

NEW DELHI REGIONAL DELEGATION (INDIA, MALDIVES, BHUTAN, NEPAL)



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OPERATIONAL ORIENTATION

The ICRC regional delegation in New Delhi is closely working with the Indian Red Cross Society in its response to COVID-19. **More than 40,000 IRCS volunteers** are present on the front lines in all districts to support communities in this time of crisis.

OTHER INITIATIVES / SUPPORT

- India:** The regional delegation has shared guidance documents and good practices on health in detention (prevention of epidemics in prisons) and forensics, particularly dignified management of the dead, with Indian authorities, including the **National Disaster Management Authority**, and the ministries concerned.
- Maldives:** The Maldivian Red Crescent (MRC) has set up a **psychosocial support centre** to help people in isolation and quarantine facilities. The National Society has also provided sensitization material to prisons and conducted COVID-19 awareness sessions for custodial officers. The volunteers are helping disseminate information on social distancing and respiratory hygiene and providing administrative support during COVID-19 related consultations at its branches. MRC's **emergency response team is deployed at the airport** to support the Maldivian health authorities in screening and immigration of returning Maldivians.
- Nepal:** The Nepal Red Cross Society is supplying essentials to quarantine centres and broadcasting radio messages to generate awareness. The National Society has also distributed **protective equipment to 80 ambulance drivers** and trained them in safety measures and is calling out to blood donors to mitigate any shortage during the pandemic.

REGIONAL DELEGATION TO INDONESIA AND TIMOR-LESTE

9,535
TOTAL CASES

1,260
TOTAL RECOVERED

773
TOTAL DEATHS

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TYPE OF ACTIVITIES



Infection-control in detention facilities



Partnering with National Societies

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INFECTION-CONTROL IN DETENTION FACILITIES

8 Prisons supported
18,500 Beneficiaries

	Soap bars	Surgical masks	Pair of gloves	Goggles	Disinfectant bottles	Contactless thermometers	Sprayers	Water containers
Detainees	80,000							
Staff		20,000	20,000	250	20,000	30	20	100
Facility					10,000	30	20	100

Info-as-aid posters on use of chlorine and ICRC guideline booklets for prisons distributed



PARTNERING WITH NATIONAL SOCIETIES

PALANG MERAH INDONESIA (PMI)

- Supporting PMI by providing ambulance during emergencies and for management of the dead
- Equipping PMI ambulances to make them suitable for COVID-19 response
- Providing PPE, financial support to ambulance personnel, staff and volunteers
- Supporting PMI in dignified management of dead bodies
- Capacity-building by providing training and simulation through webinar / online platform and field simulation

TIMOR LESTE RED CROSS

- Technical assistance to Timor Leste Red Cross for health and Reuniting Family Links initiatives
- Capacity-building of volunteers
- Provision of instruction & education material, along with personal protective equipment and sanitizers



HUMANITARIAN FORENSICS

	Body bags	Overalls	PPE kits
Hospital morgue	50		
Prison guards		216	500

OPERATIONAL ORIENTATION

- In **Indonesia**, we are focusing on **preventive response** in places of detention.
- In **Timor-Leste**, we are supporting the Timor Leste Red Cross with info-as-aid messages, provision of materials, SOPs and proper training in management of the dead.

OTHER INITIATIVES / SUPPORT

Community engagement messages on special measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

KUALA LUMPUR REGIONAL DELEGATION

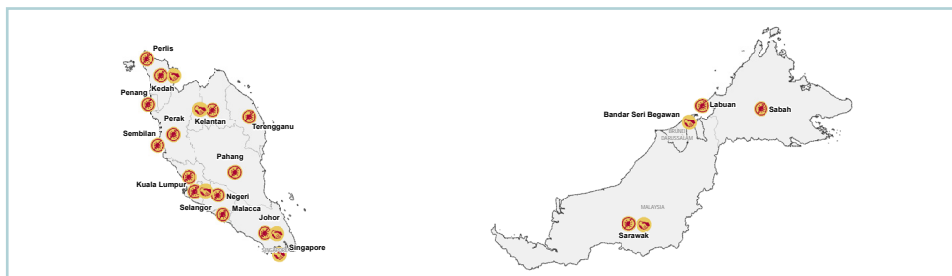
(MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE & BRUNEI DARUSSALAM)

20,940
TOTAL CASES

5,284
TOTAL RECOVERED

115
TOTAL DEATHS

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TYPE OF ACTIVITIES



Infection-control in detention facilities



Partnering with National Societies

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INFECTION-CONTROL IN DETENTION FACILITIES

89,000 Beneficiaries

	 Soap bars	 Respirators	 Face masks	 Contactless thermometers	 Hand sanitizers
14 Immigration detention centres (permanent)	12,198	400	36,900	28	168 l
4 Immigration detention centres (temporary) – Normative / technical support to authorities – Info-as-aid communication material distributed – Material support	6,000		3,600	8	48 l
60 Prisons	7,020		12,700	82	612 l



PARTNERING WITH NATIONAL SOCIETIES

MALAYSIA

Funds mobilized to support the **Malaysian Red Crescent Society** for:

- Increasing reach to the most vulnerable
- Upgrading technical capacity
- Communication activities
- Buying **50,000 surgical masks** for MRCS headquarters
- MRCS Sabah branch provided with **500 plastic aprons, 5,000 pair of gloves, 100 bottles of hand sanitizer, 300 DIY face shields, 10 boxes of surgical masks and 500 head covers**

BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

Funds mobilized to support the **Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent Society** for:

- Acquiring PPE and infection-control material to expand their reach and response
- Support deployment of volunteers by providing material and financial assistance

SINGAPORE

Funds mobilized to support the **Singapore Red Cross Society** for:

- Facilitating care packages for the elderly and vulnerable communities
- Financial and logistical help for continued operations and safety of staff



HUMANITARIAN FORENSICS

Working with **National Institute of Forensic Medicine** (General Hospital of Kuala Lumpur) on dignified management of the dead

OPERATIONAL ORIENTATION

Malaysia: Extended technical advice on health care in detention to authorities and continue to engage in a bilateral dialogue on other areas of support.

PACIFIC ISLANDS

8,245

TOTAL CASES

6,911

TOTAL RECOVERED

108

TOTAL DEATHS

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COVID-19 HEALTH RESPONSE

PAPUA NEW GUINEA (PNG), Mount Hagen Hospital

- Material provided to set up screening / triage / isolation ward (Including PPE, handwashing facility)
- 12 Beneficiaries

PNG, Western Highlands Province

- Sensitization and training health staff, birth attendants and community workers in partnership with PNG Red Cross Society
- Sessions on mental and psychosocial support sensitization

PNG, Hela

- Sensitization and training health staff, birth attendants and community workers
- Sessions on mental and psychosocial support sensitization for: Health staff in ICRC-supported facilities, birth attendants, health workers, community workers

PNG, Southern Highlands Province

- Handwashing facilities installed at Mendi General Hospital
- Material support to build screening / triage / isolation centre



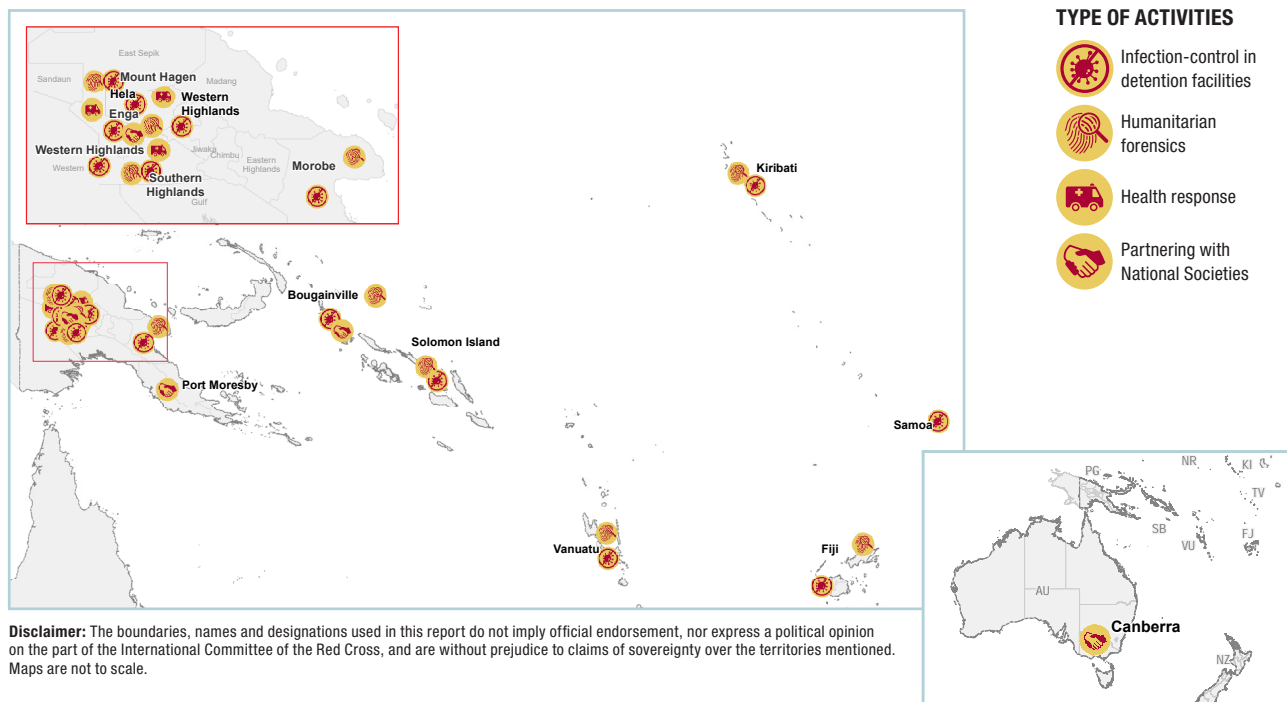
INFECTION-CONTROL IN DETENTION FACILITIES

SUVA REGION: Relevant guidance from the ICRC and other aid organizations on COVID-19 preparedness, prevention and response shared with 14 Corrections Commissioners of the Pacific (including New Zealand and Western Australia)

	 Soap bars	 Disinfection material	 Chlorine	 Bleach	 Handwashing stations	 Hand sanitizers	 Mobile phone
PNG: 6 Prisons supported; 2,520 Beneficiaries – Support in developing preparedness and response SOPs at headquarters level – Training sessions and sharing of technical know-how to build screening / triage / isolation facilities	32,150	✓	24	420	✓		
9 Police stations supported; 350 Beneficiaries – Hygiene material, body and laundry soaps, handwashing stations set up	✓				✓		
FIJI: 9 Prisons supported; 2,400 Beneficiaries – Advocacy for better preparedness and involvement with the Ministry of Health Taskforce – Sharing of guidelines and recommendations for screening / triage / isolation facilities	18,000		108 l	220 l		82 l	
KIRIBATI: 4 prisons supported; 125 beneficiaries	1,125		5 l	10 l		10 bottles	
SAMOA: 2 prisons supported; 420 beneficiaries – Support in building isolation centre	3,750		20 l	40 l		20 bottles	
SOLOMON ISLANDS: 6 prisons supported; 750 beneficiaries – Cost to cover one call a week for all detainees for duration of crisis – Advocacy for better preparedness and involvement with the Ministry of Health Taskforce – Support in developing preparedness and response SOPs at headquarters level – Tent for screening detainees / staff entering main prison	7,008		40 l	95 l		✓	11
VANUATU: 5 prisons supported; 213 beneficiaries – Sharing of guidelines and recommendations for screening / triage / isolation facilities – Advocacy for better preparedness and involvement with the Ministry of Health Taskforce	2,400		10 L	22 L		✓	

*Source: Johns Hopkins University (Coronavirus Resource Center) <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html>

PACIFIC ISLANDS



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HUMANITARIAN FORENSICS

Shared ICRC guidance on management of the dead due to COVID-19 with forensic specialists in the region.

	 Face shield	 Aprons	 Face masks	 Contactless Thermometers	 Pairs of gloves	 Gowns
PNG Prisons			1,000			
Suva (Fiji) prisons	600	1,100	2,800	20	5,000	1,000
Solomon Islands prisons	600	1,000	2,800	20	5,000	1,000
Vanuatu prisons	600	1,000	2,800	20	5,000	1,000



PARTNERING WITH NATIONAL SOCIETIES

Assisted all **15 National Societies** by extending technical support for communications, besides financial support

OPERATIONAL ORIENTATION

- In PNG, we have stepped up our operations by providing personal protective equipment, handwashing stations, hygiene and awareness material to various health facilities in the Highlands, as part of the capacity-building measures.
- We are also working closely with authorities to provide necessary support to detention facilities in Port Moresby, Highlands and Bougainville.

OTHER INITIATIVES / SUPPORT

- In **Australia**, there is an ongoing discussion with the government on COVID-19, focusing on the **domestic response and repatriation of citizens**. Support has also been offered to the NS in its COVID-19 efforts.
- Efforts also being ramped up to engage actively with the media and share stories of ICRC activities throughout the world with Australian audiences.

BEIJING REGIONAL DELEGATION

(CHINA, DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA, THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, MONGOLIA)

94,739
TOTAL CASES

87,367
TOTAL RECOVERED

4,883
TOTAL DEATHS

*Figures related to COVID-19 as on 29 April 2020



PARTNERING WITH NATIONAL SOCIETIES

CHINA

- Since the beginning of COVID-19 outbreak in China, the ICRC has remained in close contact with **The Red Cross Society of China (RCSC)**, expressing its solidarity and support with the staff and volunteers responding to the outbreak
- In March, the ICRC made a financial contribution to the RCSC for its domestic response to COVID-19

THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

- The ICRC office in Seoul is in close contact with the **The Republic of Korea National Red Cross** and has expressed its solidarity and support to the efforts of its staff and volunteers in responding to the pandemic



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OPERATIONAL ORIENTATION

The Republic of Korea: In April, the ICRC President had a telephonic conversation with the Minister of Foreign Affairs, during which the latter vowed to continue supporting ICRC's global humanitarian endeavours.

JAPAN

13,736
TOTAL CASES

1,899
TOTAL RECOVERED

394
TOTAL DEATHS

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COVID-19 HEALTH RESPONSE

Using social media to:

- Mobilize blood donations for the **Japanese Red Cross Society**
- Spread awareness about hygiene measures related to COVID-19

OPERATIONAL ORIENTATION




The ICRC highly values Japan's political and financial support to our humanitarian activities globally. During COVID-19 pandemic, we continue working closely with **government partners** and **Japanese Red Cross Society** for coordination and sharing of information.



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