



ICRC OPERATIONS IN RAKHINE

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The ICRC has been providing humanitarian assistance in Myanmar for more than 30 years and in Rakhine State since 2012. In the last few years, we have responded to the needs of people suffering the consequences of the armed conflict and violence, by providing food and other essentials through emergency and sustainable programmes. Within Rakhine and beyond, thousands of people remain displaced due to conflicts and the capacity of many to return home safely and with dignity remains unclear.

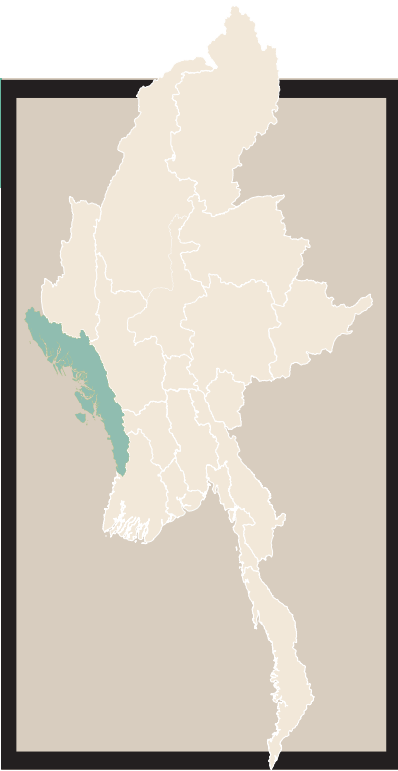
Access to communities in need remains challenging, especially in rural areas. Often, this is due to the security situation and other restrictions. The ICRC remains concerned about the humanitarian consequences of conflict and violence on all communities in Rakhine, and we continue to share these concerns with relevant stakeholders. To be able to respond effectively, we strive to be timely in emergencies and work on durable and sustainable solutions to foster the resilience of these communities.

An important part of our work is carried out alongside the Myanmar Red Cross Society (MRCS) as well as other partners. We remain committed to a humanitarian response that helps communities live in safety and with dignity, and by working together we can do more and go further.



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OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS



To improve rice production and maintain the sustainable access to food, we were able to provide paddy seeds to more than 8,800 farmers from 73 village tracts in Maungdaw, Buthidaung, Minbya and Mrauk-U and our team also discussed the best practices for paddy plantation and pest control with them.



Our teams in Sittwe were able to reach families living in nine camps in Rathedaung, to provide food rations and hygiene items for nearly 3,000 people.

462 people from different communities in Sittwe, Ponnagyun, Kyauktaw, Mrauk-U, Rathedaung and Pauktaw townships learned more about ICRC and its operations through 23 awareness sessions.





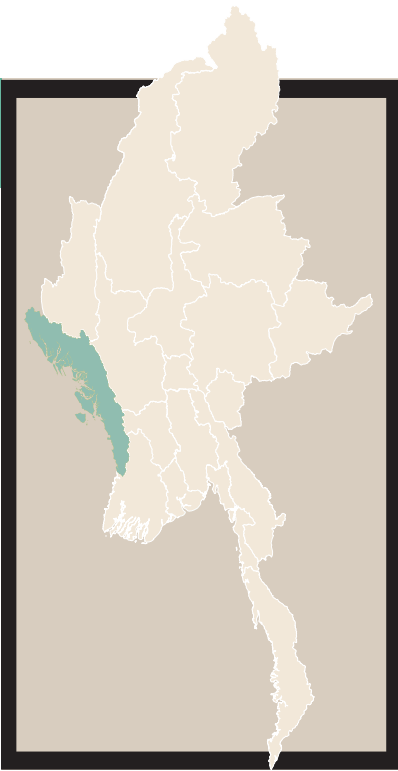
We provided support to Ministry of Health (MoH) for their expanded programme of immunization in 11 IDP sites and 13 villages in Sittwe, benefited 13,219 children under 1 year and 1,669 pregnant women.



To strengthen the preventive health activities, ICRC team in Maungdaw provided support to Buthidaung Township Health Department to train 20 community health workers (CHW) and 20 auxiliary midwives (AMW) according to MoH curriculum and also provided first aid training in collaboration with MRCS for them, who will later coordinate with township health department for preventive activities.



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3 new bridges in Pauktaw Township eased daily commutes for some 13,000 people.



Communities have safe, sustainable and convenient access to clean water near their houses, thanks to the efforts of ICRC team in Maungdaw. The ICRC built a water tower and installed water tanks, water taps, solar pump and solar panels in Maung Ni quarter in Maungdaw town.

Together with The Leprosy Mission Myanmar (TLMM), our team in Sittwe provided 157 prostheses, 202 mobility aids, 19 wheelchairs to people living with disabilities. We also supported 9 women living with disabilities to participate in tailoring training and provided scholarship for one university student and fabric mask making project to 4 trained tailors as part of social inclusion programme for people living with disabilities.





180 staff from township hospitals and some Myanmar Red Cross Society members from Buthidaung and Maungdaw gained knowledge on safer access and delivery of health care in areas affected by conflicts or other emergencies through a training facilitated by ICRC team in Maungdaw.



483 recently released detainees were supported as they returned home to northern parts of Rakhine safely and with dignity.





ENCOURAGING THE ABILITY OF PEOPLE TO MEET THEIR NEEDS



201,884 people received essential household items like blankets, mosquito nets and kitchen sets.



111,324 people received food or support to buy food.



86,225 people received seeds, farm tools and fertilizers to produce staple crop and vegetable.



50,673 people received fuel sticks for cooking.



3,792 people earned incomes through various work programme.



3,160 people were supported to start a small business or maintain the existing one.



64 people were trained for systematic emergency response, operating project, and data collection.



HELPING TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO WATER, SANITATION AND SHELTER



252,271 people improved their access to water, sanitation, shelter and received hygiene materials through ICRC's emergency response.



84,628 people living in Maungdaw and Sittwe urban areas including where IDPs are living had better access to clean water.



46,954 people living in rural areas including IDP and host communities had better access to clean water and sanitation system.



With support of ICRC **2 station hospitals** (Myaung Bwe and Ah Pauk Wa) provided 116 consultations per day.



Sittwe General Hospital has been upgraded with **500 new beds**.



Infrastructure support in **3 primary health centres** in Mrauk-U township.



HEALTH



107,815 people including 30,369 children under age five were immunized as part of an ICRC supported immunization programme.



ICRC supported **19** health facilities in Rakhine provided **9,650** antenatal care consultation and **53,945** curative consultations.



25,056 patients including **19** weapon wounded patients and **4,340** surgical patients were admitted to ICRC supported **6** hospitals (Minbya Township Hospital, Mrauk-U District Hospital, Buthidaung Township Hospital, Maungdaw District Hospital, Rathedaung Township Hospital and Sittwe General Hospital).



3,709 patients were transferred or transported for urgent and immediate medical care.



42 first aid trainings were conducted in Rakhine.



PHYSICAL REHABILITATION



232 people living with disabilities including



133 people affected by mines or other explosive hazards were supported through our physical rehabilitation programme.

2,459 services provided including:



2,080 Physiotherapy sessions



157 Prostheses



19 Wheelchairs



202 Mobility aids



1 Orthosis



SUPPORTING DETAINEES AND THEIR FAMILIES



19,000 detainees in prisons supported with COVID-19 prevention materials.



695 people supported upon release from prison, allowing them to return home safely to their families.



216 families were supported to deliver food parcels or letters to their loved ones in the prisons.



ICRC helped **30** families identify whereabouts of their loved ones.



18 family news were shared between separated families through Red Cross Messages.



RAISING MINE RISK AWARENESS AND ENCOURAGING SAFE PRACTICES



8,792 people learned more about the risks of mines and other explosive devices and safe practices through



303 sessions conducted in line with International Mine Action Standards and guidelines.



74 community volunteers, **20** school teachers and **106** Red Cross



Volunteers were trained as trainers to raise awareness of risk and safer behavior.



We helped **8** landmine victims with their medical costs.



Risk related to Landmine or other explosive remnants of war and safe behaviour/practices were promoted during **6** campaigns.



WORKING WITH MYANMAR RED CROSS SOCIETY



196 Red Cross Volunteers
trained on Safer Access in
9 training sessions.



Red Cross Volunteers working alongside
the ICRC distributed assistance items
such as food, fuel sticks and other
household items in

437 operations in Rakhine
State.



10 meetings with Red Cross
Movement partners on field and
emergency operations as well as

3 coordination meetings with
local authorities and other stakeholders.



INFORMATION AS AID



1,892,642 views of ICRC operational
and thematic posts on Facebook with an engagement
of 95,601 likes/shares/comments.



93 people from different
entities such as academic or legal
circles, as well as community leaders
and religious leaders participated in

15 meetings to discuss
IHL/IHRL issues.



22 news articles focused
on or mentioned ICRC in local media
outlets.

SUPPORTING SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD

Clashes in 2019 led many to flee their homes and seek shelter elsewhere. Ma Moe Moe Nwe was one of them. As she fled, she lost one of her legs and it became a challenge for her to find a job and to earn a livelihood.

Today, she's been fitted with a prosthetic at the ICRC supported orthopedic workshop in Sittwe and Ma Moe Moe Nwe now has a new lease of life.

She recently completed a tailoring training programme, which was also supported by the ICRC. "This is my first experience learning how to sew clothes," she explained. "I can work just at home and make a living with this job."

Despite the challenges, she remains motivated to overcome them all. "Although I can't work like I used to, I'm thinking of opening a small grocery store and a tailor shop when I return home," Ma Moe Moe Nwe said.

In Sittwe, we support people in Rakhine with stories like Ma Moe Moe Nwe's. But this is also the work we do across Myanmar. We do this work so that all people living with disabilities can participate fully in society.



IMPROVED SAFE AND SUSTAINABLE ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER

Safe and readily available water is important for the communities in all aspects. In northern part of Rakhine, our teams repaired or installed 114 handpumps across 6 villages in Maungdaw and Buthidaung, ensuring close to 7,000 people improved their sustainable access to clean water. We also provided 114 toolboxes and spare parts for each handpumps, so that community could maintain them for longer use.

“We are delighted that we can now get water easily from these handpumps,” said U Mohamed Alom from Hpa Yone Chaung village in Buthidaung. “It’d been a long time that we were not able to use them as they were damaged.”

Our team in Maungdaw works with all communities in many other ways to ensure access to quality water: renovating and refilling ponds, installing tube wells as well as handpumps.



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