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INTRODUCTION

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) was involved in physical rehabilitation services before 1979, but that year marked the beginning of our serious commitment, as we set up the Physical Rehabilitation Department. As part of our mandate, the ICRC supports the physical rehabilitation of victims of armed conflict and other violence through physical rehabilitation programmes and MoveAbility. Since 1979, we have expanded the range of physical rehabilitation activities we provide throughout the world; without the dedication and trust of our partners this work would not be possible. Physical rehabilitation as part of humanitarian assistance has moved well beyond emergency response; many people who need physical rehabilitation services will need them for the rest of their lives.



PHYSICAL REHABILITATION

Physical rehabilitation includes the provision of mobility devices (prostheses, orthoses, walking aids and wheelchairs) and physiotherapy, as well as other services. Physical rehabilitation is also a means of integrating physically disabled people into families and communities, schools and work places. The ICRC's support plays an essential role in achieving the ultimate goal of rehabilitation, which is full integration into society, whatever the cause of a person's disability. Restoring mobility is also the first step towards enjoying basic rights such as access to food, shelter, education, employment, equal opportunities and equal citizenship.

VISION

To ensure that people left with physical disabilities as a result of armed conflict or other violence will have access to high-quality physical rehabilitation services. This in turn will lead to better health and well-being, and opportunities for disabled people to achieve their full potential in society.

MISSION

To support a multidisciplinary, person-centred approach to physical rehabilitation, ensuring high-quality, equitably delivered and sustainable services, which fosters the social inclusion of disabled people.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR THE PHYSICAL REHABILITATION PROGRAMME: THE FOUR PILLARS

The Physical Rehabilitation Programme pursues a twin-track approach, combining a person-centred approach with a system approach, providing assistance to both national systems and the users of its services. Its four pillars (access, quality, long-term sustainability and societal integration) are interdependent and interrelated.

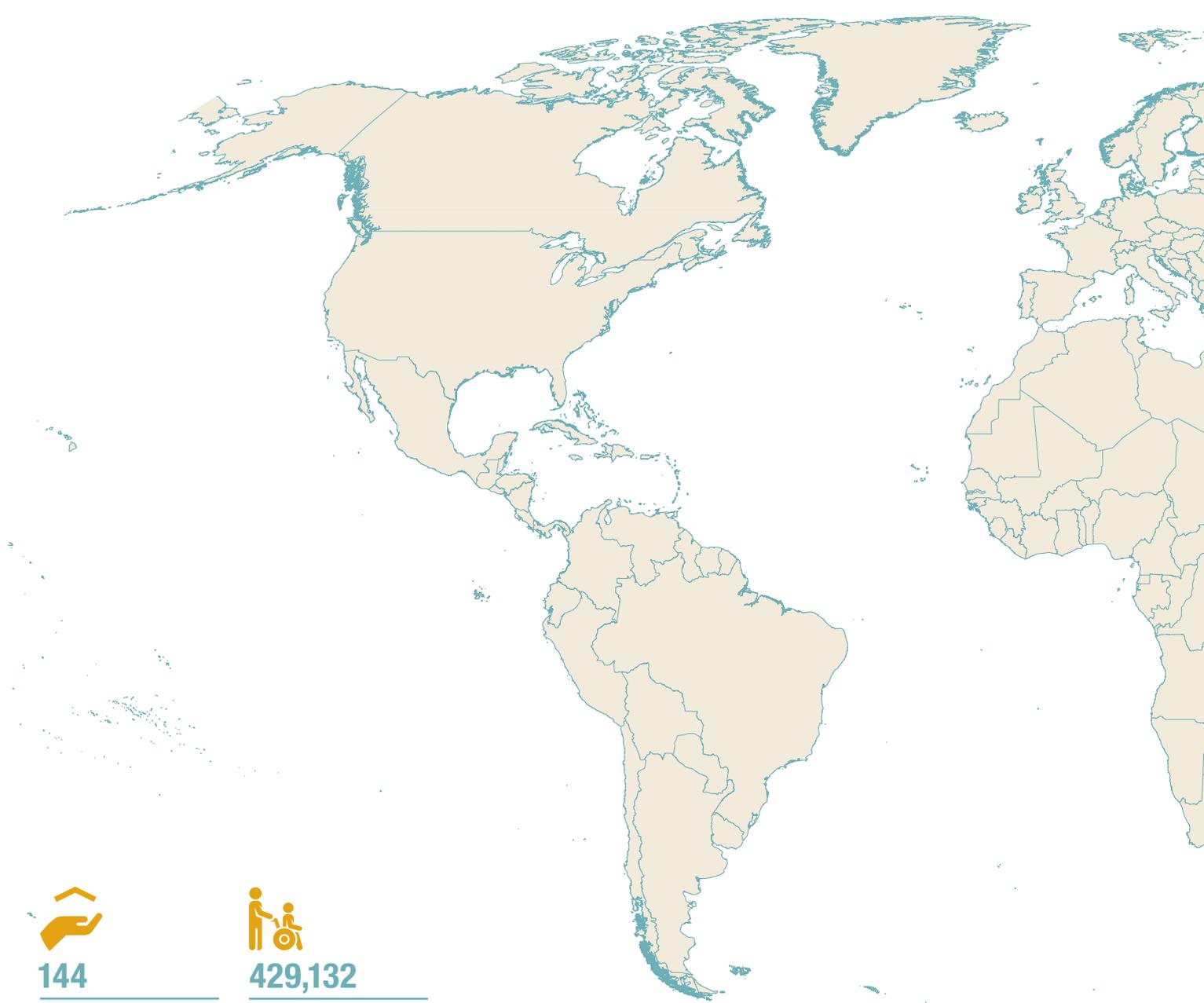
The ICRC takes measures to ensure that all who need physical rehabilitation services have equal access. Measures include identifying groups that may be particularly vulnerable and working to remove barriers hampering access to services. Such barriers may be experienced on the basis of geography, religion, wealth, ethnicity, gender, age, etc.

In order to ensure the quality of the services provided, the ICRC promotes the application of internationally accepted best practice. We promote a multidisciplinary approach to physical rehabilitation and other services, ensuring that staff are competent and that mobility-device technology remains appropriate and up to date. Furthermore, providing the highest quality of care involves accurately assessing the diversity of people's needs in close collaboration with those affected, and building and retaining professional competence through training.

In order to foster the long-term sustainability of assisted projects, the ICRC runs the project with a local partner from the beginning of the assistance period and takes action to build up this partner's capacity in terms of technical skills, people and service management, and funding mechanisms. Ensuring long-term sustainability also includes advocating for policies for physical rehabilitation and social protection, leadership and governance. The long-term approach not only takes into account the principle of residual responsibility towards one of the ICRC's target populations but also reduces the risk of loss of investment in human capital and materials.

To take steps towards achieving the full social inclusion of disabled people, we support and promote activities and programmes that enable their educational and professional growth. Initiatives include sporting activities, academic scholarships and home-schooling, microfinance programmes, and job creation.

GLOBAL PHYSICAL REHABILITATION ACTIVITIES



144

Physical rehabilitation centres supported



429,132

People assisted



188,932

Male



84,019

Female



156,181

Children



12,742

New service users fitted with prostheses



54,382

New service users fitted with orthoses



229,527

Service users receiving physiotherapy



7,201

Wheelchairs provided



26,291

Prostheses provided



103,995

Orthoses provided



46,301

Walking aids provided



AMERICAS

COLOMBIA

In Colombia we continued to directly assist the victims of the internal armed conflict through seven projects with services providers and two wheelchair workshops in seven cities in the country. We developed relationships with various training institutions and with government bodies to establish good practices in physical rehabilitation and to strengthen the national rehabilitation sector. In addition, we made a special effort to directly assist vulnerable people that could not access services, such as in remote rural areas and in places of detention.



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Physical rehabilitation centres supported



11,215

People assisted



3,692

Male



3,842

Female



3,681

Children



430

New service users fitted with prostheses



5,646

New service users fitted with orthoses



2,423

Service users receiving physiotherapy



1,113

Wheelchairs provided



737

Prostheses provided



7,536

Orthoses provided



716

Walking aids provided



17

People with access to economic programmes

GUATEMALA

Projects in Mexico, Honduras and Guatemala are part of the ICRC's regional effort to ensure access to suitable rehabilitation services for migrants. Many of these migrants travel to the United States in dangerous conditions, suffering serious injuries after falling from trains or being assaulted on their journey. Many are left physically disabled because of amputations or spinal injuries. In Guatemala, we assisted Guatemalan migrants who returned to their country and people affected by the violence in the country. The main focus was to improve the technical aspects of the services provided to disabled people at the Centro de Atención Integral. We identified people in need of physical rehabilitation services and referred them to one of the centres supported by the ICRC, which then covered the cost of treatment, transport and accommodation.



738

People assisted



211

Male



56

Female



471

Children



10

New service users fitted with prostheses



421

New service users fitted with orthoses



153

Service users receiving physiotherapy



54

Prostheses provided



658

Orthoses provided

MEXICO

The ICRC has established coordination mechanisms with the Mexican Red Cross, humanitarian actors and governmental entities to provide better and more effective treatment of sick and injured migrants. We continued to fit migrants with prostheses in Mexico and Central America, and gave ad hoc support to the Orthimex Prosthetics and Orthotics Centre in Tapachula. The main focus of our strategy was to locate and work with a new physical rehabilitation centre that met international standards of prosthetic and orthotic service provision. After reviewing the quality aspects of the professionals, protocols and materials, the Centro Estatal de Rehabilitación was chosen.



1

Physical rehabilitation centre supported



35

People assisted



27

Male



3

Female



5

Children



8

New service users fitted with prostheses



6

Service users receiving physiotherapy



8

Wheelchairs provided



15

Prostheses provided



13

Walking aids provided

HONDURAS

In Honduras we focused on helping disabled Honduran migrants who returned to their country to receive proper rehabilitation services. After identifying migrants in need of such services, we referred them to one of the two partner physical rehabilitation centres, and covered the cost of treatment, transport and accommodation, in partnership with the Comisión Nacional de Migrantes Retornados con Discapacidad, a civil society organization that helps disabled migrants. We also awarded scholarships to study prosthetics and orthotics.



6,177

People assisted



2,009

Male



2,291

Female



1,877

Children



101

New service users fitted with prostheses



377

New service users fitted with orthoses



4,765

Service users receiving physiotherapy



3

Wheelchairs provided



170

Prostheses provided



492

Orthoses provided



73

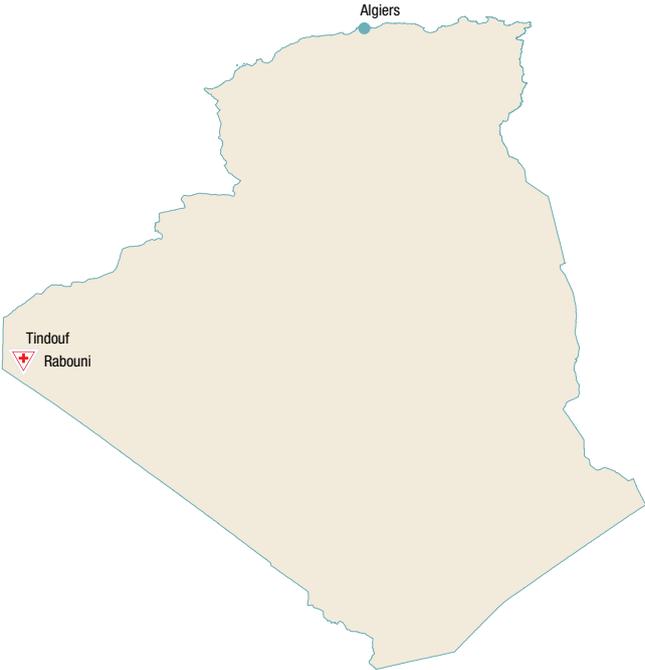
Walking aids provided



AFRICA

ALGERIA (SAHARAWI)

In 2017 we provided rehabilitation services to disabled refugees living in the five Sahrawi refugee camps (Laayoune, Awserd, Smara, Boujdour and Dakhla) and to the residents of the neighbouring city of Tindouf. In total, 865 people received free services offered by the Centre Martyr Chereïf, 297 of whom were new to the centre. The ICRC's camp visits and transportation support for patients not only helped to facilitate access to rehabilitation services but also helped raise awareness among the community of the importance of fostering the social inclusion of disabled people.



1

Physical rehabilitation centre supported



865

People assisted



380

Male



266

Female



219

Children



22

New service users fitted with orthoses



662

Service users receiving physiotherapy



151

Wheelchairs provided



19

Prostheses provided



89

Orthoses provided



292

Walking aids provided

BURUNDI

In 2017 we continued to work in conjunction with the Saint Kizito Institut in Bujumbura, with the aim of providing physical rehabilitation services for people from the centre's catchment areas – the provinces of Bubanza, Bujumbura Mairie, Bujumbura Rural, Cibitoke and Muramvya. We also supported victims of the 2015 crisis and vulnerable people. Last year was calmer compared with the previous two years. The quality of services provided was strengthened by the technical and clinical mentoring of an ICRC physiotherapist and orthopaedic technician who provided on-the-job training and mentoring to all staff at the ICRC-supported centre.



1
Physical rehabilitation centre supported



4,694
People assisted



314
Male



211
Female



4,169
Children



27
New service users fitted with prostheses



735
New service users fitted with orthoses



4,763
Service users receiving physiotherapy



2
Wheelchairs provided



36
Prostheses provided



1,221
Orthoses provided



148
Walking aids provided

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

In the Central African Republic we continued to work with the Association nationale de rééducation et d'appareillage de Centrafrique, which is independently managing physical rehabilitation services for the Ministry of Social Affairs. The ministry, in whose premises the centre is located, supplies water, drainage and electricity. To increase the number of qualified staff to improve the quality of rehabilitation services, we sponsored a three-year training course for four students at the school for orthopaedic technicians in Lomé, Togo. In addition, four students were enrolled on the physiotherapy bachelor degree course in Cotonou, Benin.



1

Physical rehabilitation centre supported



900

People assisted



501

Male



182

Female



217

Children



43

New service users fitted with prostheses



77

New service users fitted with orthoses



500

Service users receiving physiotherapy



5

Wheelchairs provided



108

Prostheses provided



301

Orthoses provided



979

Walking aids provided



1

People with access to sports activities



4

People with access to education

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

We continued to work with three ICRC-supported centres in Kinshasa, Goma and Bukavu. Amputees, whether civilian or military, received free physical rehabilitation services there. We set up a workshop to make walking sticks for retired disabled military personnel, in partnership with the Service d'éducation civique et d'actions sociales. In addition, 23 disabled children received financial support to attend school.



4

Physical rehabilitation centres supported



1,209

People assisted



831

Male



242

Female



136

Children



223

New service users fitted with prostheses



110

New service users fitted with orthoses



459

Service users receiving physiotherapy



36

Wheelchairs provided



441

Prostheses provided



183

Orthoses provided



1,147

Walking aids provided



81

People with access to sports activities

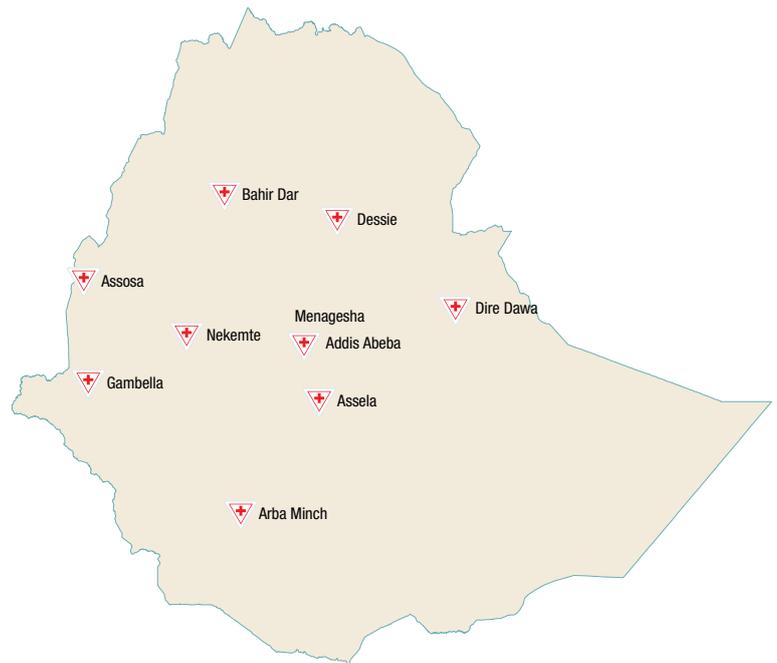


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People with access to education

ETHIOPIA

We continued providing support to nine facilities – physical rehabilitation centres and an orthopaedic workshop – across the country. To ensure that comprehensive rehabilitation efforts are made collectively, we became involved in continuing professional development in association with professional bodies. As a result, the Ethiopian Physiotherapy Association organized a training course, facilitated by the ICRC, on an interdisciplinary approach to stroke rehabilitation. Furthermore, in partnership with the Ethiopian Basketball Federation and the Ministry of Youth and Sport, we held a coaching camp for 30 wheelchair basketball players and 65 referees, coaches and classifiers from six regions in the country.



9

Physical rehabilitation centres supported



6,479

People assisted



3,699

Male



1,397

Female



1,383

Children



703

New service users fitted with prostheses



2,081

New service users fitted with orthoses



2,496

Service users receiving physiotherapy



442

Wheelchairs provided



1,400

Prostheses provided



2,081

Orthoses provided



4,331

Walking aids provided



131

People with access to sports activities

GUINEA-BISSAU

In Guinea-Bissau we are supporting the only physical rehabilitation centre in the country. The centre provides assistive devices (prostheses, orthoses, wheelchairs), services (acupuncture and physiotherapy) and treatment for club foot. Last year, we donated raw materials, components and equipment, and financed the cost of producing devices, walking aids and wheelchairs. In addition, we helped with the centre's management and capacity-building. A three-year agreement between the Ministry of Health and the ICRC was signed in October 2017. We also promoted social integration activities by donating wheelchairs to the Sports Federation for Disabled People.



2,397

People assisted



1,012

Male



716

Female



669

Children



44

New service users fitted with prostheses



55

New service users fitted with orthoses



1,842

Service users receiving physiotherapy



73

Wheelchairs provided



59

Prostheses provided



66

Orthoses provided

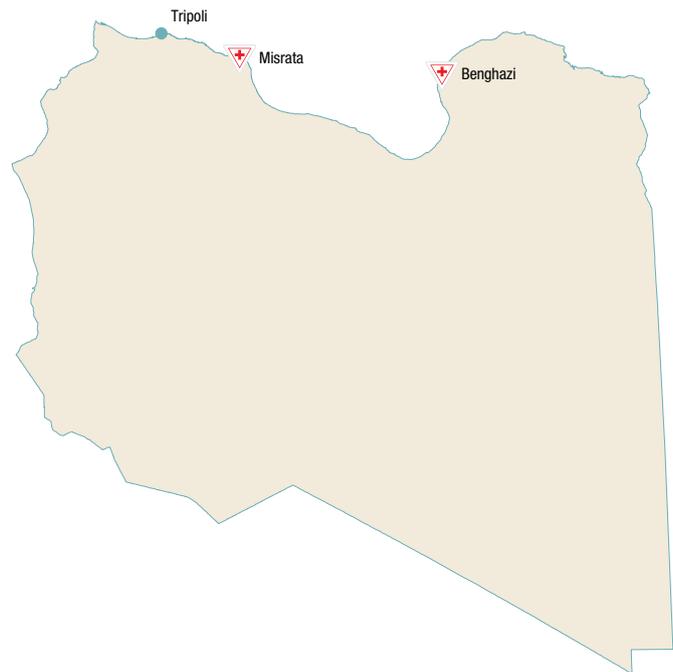


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Walking aids provided

LIBYA

In 2017 we continued to support the physical rehabilitation centre in Misrata, established in 2014 with ICRC support. The main service provided was producing lower limb prosthetic and orthotic devices. We provided material as well as financial support for the centre's staff. In addition, we sponsored three prosthetic and orthotic students for their studies abroad. A memorandum of understanding was signed last year with a centre in Benghazi for the provision of similar services to those provided in Misrata.



2

Physical rehabilitation centres supported



594

People assisted



370

Male



96

Female



128

Children



230

New service users fitted with prostheses



237

New service users fitted with orthoses



251

Service users receiving physiotherapy



18

Wheelchairs provided



224

Prostheses provided



270

Orthoses provided

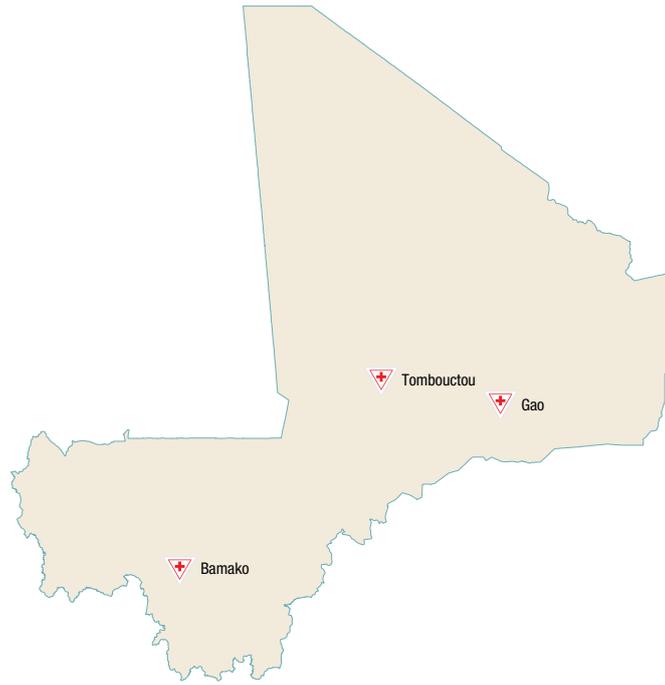


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Walking aids provided

MALI

We supported four physical rehabilitation centres and three regional centres, providing them with technical equipment, orthotic equipment and materials, and helping with capacity-building. We also covered the costs of services for victims of the conflict in the country (physical rehabilitation services, transport, lodging). We also advocated for greater government involvement in the physical rehabilitation sector. The national strategy for physical rehabilitation was drafted in 2016 but has not yet been approved.



7

Physical rehabilitation centres supported



10,711

People assisted



2,817

Male



2,577

Female



5,317

Children



100

New service users fitted with prostheses



84

New service users fitted with orthoses



9,265

Service users receiving physiotherapy



21

Wheelchairs provided



329

Prostheses provided



508

Orthoses provided



232

Walking aids provided

NIGER

In 2017 we continued to support the physical rehabilitation department at Niamey National Hospital and by the end of the year started supporting a second orthopaedic centre at Zinder National Hospital. Most of our activities in 2017 were focused on increasing services at these two hospitals by building up service provision and logistical capacities and training personnel. We also continued to support the existing network of disabled associations in the country and helped 60 disabled people financially to buy tricycles produced by disabled people's organizations in Agadez and Niamey.



3

Physical rehabilitation centres supported



987

People assisted



396

Male



166

Female



425

Children



168

New service users fitted with prostheses



523

New service users fitted with orthoses



247

Service users receiving physiotherapy



60

Wheelchairs provided



152

Prostheses provided



414

Orthoses provided

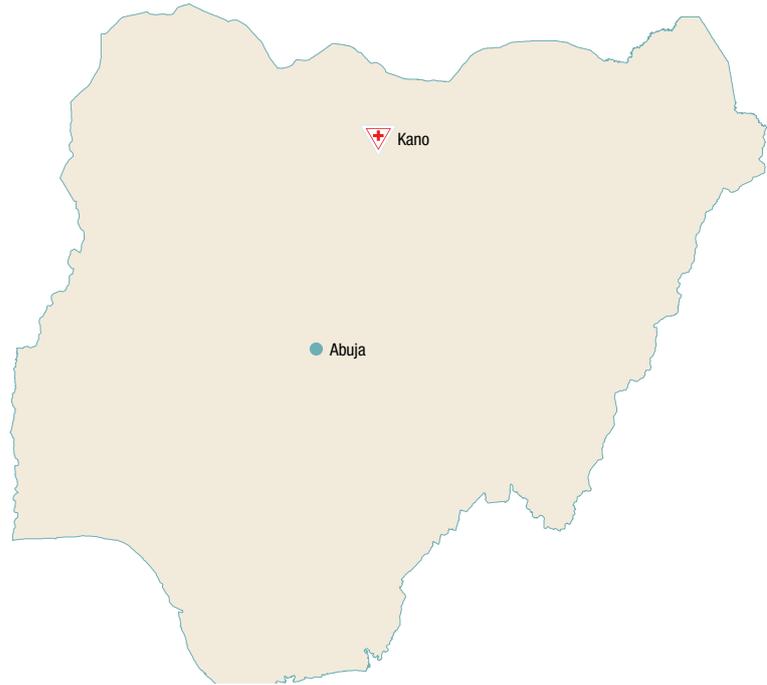


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Walking aids provided

NIGERIA

The north-eastern region of Nigeria has been a major site of armed conflict for several years, with more than 2.1 million people displaced. Disabled people only have access to the ICRC's prosthetic and orthotic services and continue to be referred to the centre there by our Maiduguri team. This year, we supported one hospital in Kano to provide rehabilitation services to disabled people from conflict areas (mainly Borno, Yobe and Adamawa). We also provided assistance on treating club foot (Ponsetti clinic) at the University Teaching Hospital in Maiduguri. We keep issuing reminders that the war-wounded and women and children are the priority, but most referred amputees are still adult males.



1

Physical rehabilitation centre supported



215

People assisted



168

Male



31

Female



16

Children



192

New service users fitted with prostheses



2

New service users fitted with orthoses



190

Prostheses provided



2

Orthoses provided

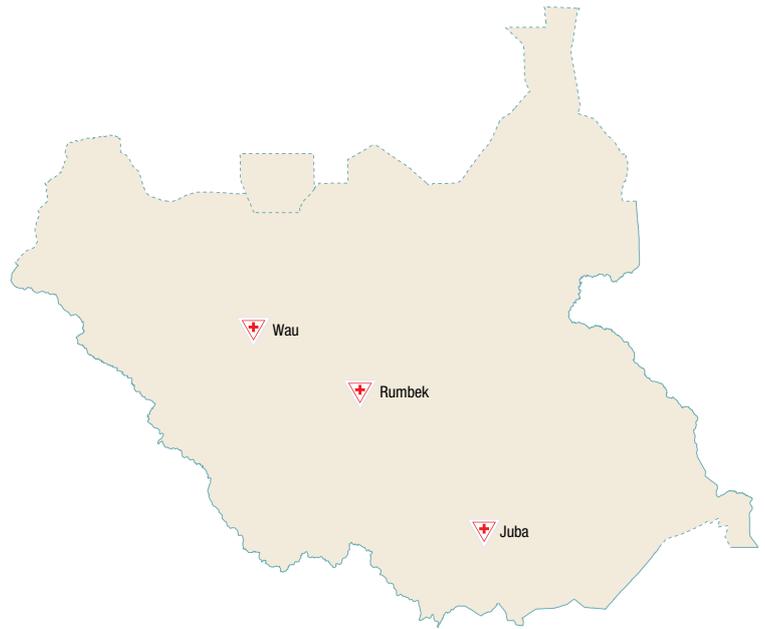


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Walking aids provided

SOUTH SUDAN

In South Sudan our main activity was supporting the three physical rehabilitation centres in the country (Juba, Rumbek and Wau). We cooperated with the Water and Habitat Unit on several projects, notably on building a dormitory in Rumbek and re-establishing the water supply for the centre in Juba. Access to physical rehabilitation services is a major challenge in South Sudan owing to the conflict there; there is a widespread lack of security, transport and awareness of the situation; poverty and displacement is widespread too. Despite the challenging situation, we significantly increased the number of beneficiaries, and production, at all centres.



3

Physical rehabilitation centres supported



3,156

People assisted



2,323

Male



600

Female



233

Children



165

New service users fitted with prostheses



166

New service users fitted with orthoses



877

Service users receiving physiotherapy



298

Wheelchairs provided



525

Prostheses provided



305

Orthoses provided



2,141

Walking aids provided



60

People with access to sports activities



9

People with access to economic programmes

SUDAN

In 2017 we continued our partnership with the Ministry of Security and Social Development and the National Authority for Prosthetics and Orthotics (NAPO) to provide accessible quality services in a sustainable manner in Sudan. Our role consisted of providing imported raw materials, components, equipment and technical support for the national referral centre in Khartoum and the country's physical rehabilitation centres in Damazine, Dongola, Elobaid, Gadaref, Kadugli, Kassala and Nyala. We also continued supporting Khartoum Cheshire Home by building the capacity of all the staff involved in the club foot programme, providing imported raw materials and facilitating a two-week training course on producing foot abduction braces. In addition, we continued to support the Al Fashir maintenance and repair workshop which is operated by the Al Fashir Disabled Society. To promote the sustainability of service provision at the physical rehabilitation centres in Sudan, we continued to support the College of Prosthetics and Orthotics in Khartoum, which was established by NAPO and Al Neelian University.



11

Physical rehabilitation centres supported



5,878

People assisted



3,065

Male



1,208

Female



1,605

Children



678

New service users fitted with prostheses



638

New service users fitted with orthoses



5,748

Service users receiving physiotherapy



2

Wheelchairs provided



1,494

Prostheses provided



1,478

Orthoses provided



2,130

Walking aids provided



76

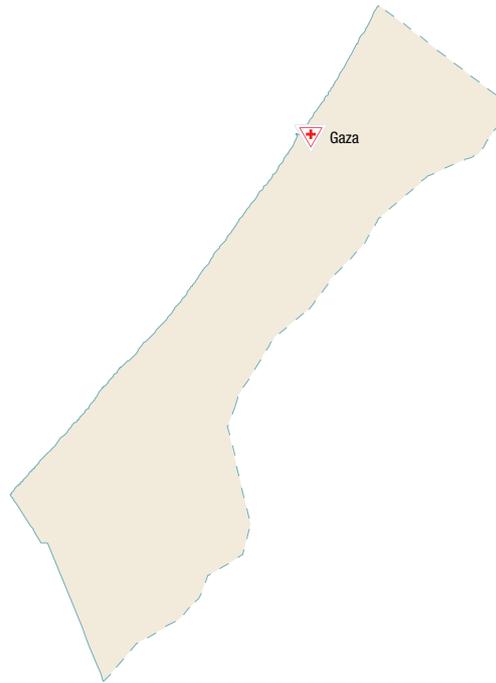
People with access to economic programmes



NEAR AND MIDDLE EAST

GAZA

In Gaza we supported the Artificial Limb and Polio Centre. This support covered most areas of the organization, including technical support for specific prosthetic and orthotic, and physiotherapy services, as well as logistics, management support, materials, training and education, and improvement of processes and guidelines for patient treatment in the centre. There were also a number of smaller-scale partnerships with other organizations that aim to support and improve physical rehabilitation in Gaza. In 2017 we collaborated with the Palestine Paralympic Committee regarding sporting activities for disabled people.



1

Physical rehabilitation centre supported



2,475

People assisted



629

Male



250

Female



1,596

Children



58

New service users fitted with prostheses



1,319

New service users fitted with orthoses



911

Service users receiving physiotherapy



58

Wheelchairs provided



168

Prostheses provided



1,830

Orthoses provided



135

Walking aids provided

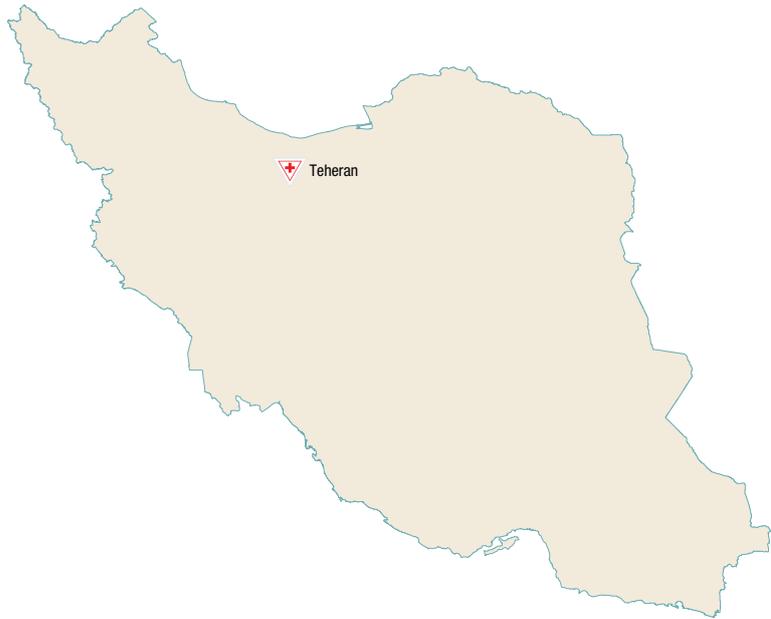


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People with access to sports activities

IRAN

In Iran we focused on providing rehabilitation services to vulnerable people in the Golshahr district of Mashhad; the district is home to many disabled Afghan refugees whose needs had not previously been met. In late 2016 the ICRC signed a memorandum of understanding with the Red Crescent Society of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Society for Recovery Support on providing physical rehabilitation services in the district. The services included providing mobility devices (prostheses, orthoses, wheelchairs and walking aids) and physical therapy (physiotherapy and/or occupational therapy). The beneficiaries were identified by the Society for Recovery Support and referred to the Iranian Red Crescent's physical rehabilitation centre in Mashhad, whose services were then reimbursed by the ICRC.

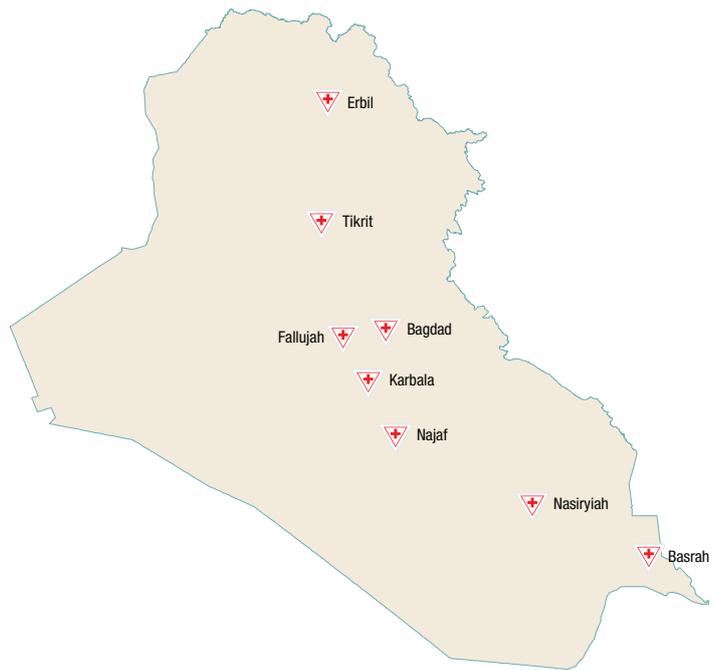


Statistics for activities carried out in Iran were not available at the time of producing this report.



IRAQ

In 2017 we provided ongoing support to the following centres: in Baghdad (Orthotics Workshop in Al-Wasity Hospital, Sadr Al Qanat Centre for Prosthetics and Orthotics, and Baghdad Prosthetics Centre), and a physical rehabilitation centre in Basra, Kerbala, Najaf and Nasiriyah. In addition, in Baghdad, support was provided to one centre managed by the Ministry of Defence and another by the Ministry of Higher Education – the Middle East Technical University, which is where people gain a diploma in prosthetics and orthotics in Iraq. The Hambisela training programme for parents/caregivers of children with cerebral palsy continued successfully in 2017 at the ICRC's centre in Erbil with two courses in Kurdish and two in Arabic.



13

Physical rehabilitation centres supported



36,538

People assisted



15,415

Male



4,477

Female



16,646

Children



1,292

New service users fitted with prostheses



10,966

New service users fitted with orthoses



13,606

Service users receiving physiotherapy



378

Wheelchairs provided



2,910

Prostheses provided



19,130

Orthoses provided

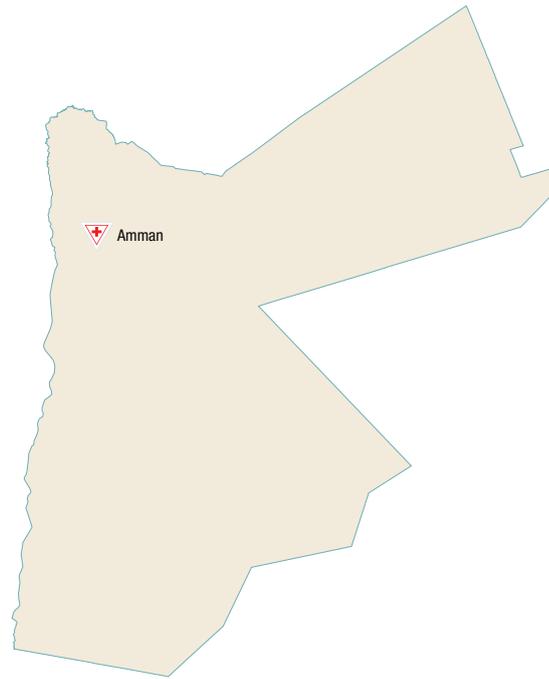


1,917

Walking aids provided

JORDAN

We signed a memorandum of understanding with the University of Jordan in September 2017 and immediately began providing technical assistance to the teaching staff. Our assistance focused on trans-femoral prosthetics and lower limb orthotics, management support and planning. An agreement with Al Bashir Hospital was signed on the 23 November 2017 so that staff could put their technical skills to use.



Statistics for activities carried out in Jordan were not available at the time of producing this report.



LEBANON

In Lebanon we supported several organizations and centres that provide physical rehabilitation services across the country, including the Ortho-Med Centre in Tripoli, the Al Mawla Centre in Zahle and the Singer Centre for Prosthetics and Orthotics in Saida, as well as the Forum of the Handicapped Association in Tripoli. In cooperation with the Forum, we funded access to vocational training for Syrian refugees with severe physical impairments. We also support the training of prosthetic and orthotic professionals, in partnership with an academic institution, and promote wheelchair basketball in cooperation with a local non-governmental organization.



8

Physical rehabilitation centres supported



1,926

People assisted



774

Male



270

Female



882

Children



188

New service users fitted with prostheses



507

New service users fitted with orthoses



204

Service users receiving physiotherapy



88

Wheelchairs provided



217

Prostheses provided



781

Orthoses provided



101

Walking aids provided



56

People with access to sports activities

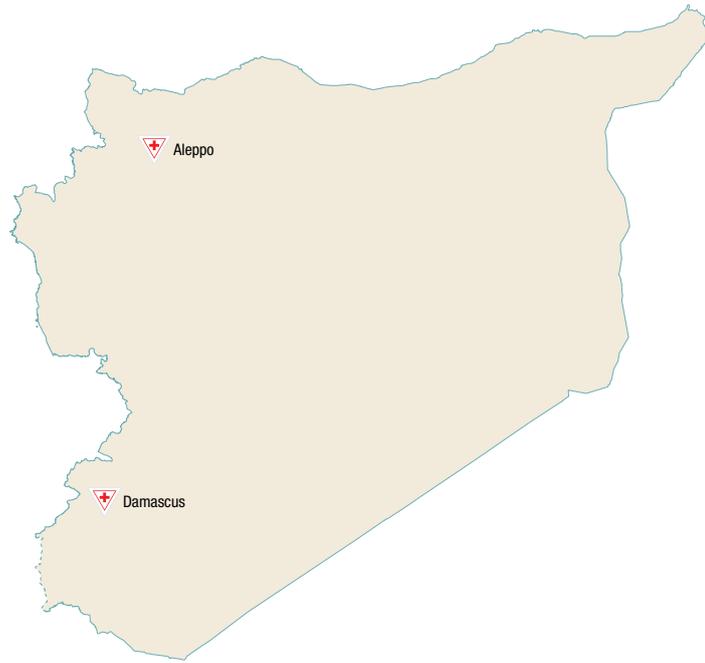


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People with access to economic programmes

SYRIA

In 2017 we supported the Syrian Arab Red Crescent's physical rehabilitation centre in Damascus by covering materials, running costs, rents and salaries as well as providing on-the-job training for technicians and physiotherapists. We offer a range of services for amputees, both upper and lower limbs, and services to people with other kind of disabilities, such as club foot, cerebral palsy, etc. We also ran a centre in the western part of Aleppo. It worked in close collaboration with the Aleppo branch of the Syrian Arab Red Crescent for referrals, assessment of service users and psychosocial support.



2

Physical rehabilitation centres supported



3,912

People assisted



2,625

Male



666

Female



621

Children



364

New service users fitted with prostheses



107

New service users fitted with orthoses



2,307

Service users receiving physiotherapy



87

Wheelchairs provided



729

Prostheses provided



183

Orthoses provided



589

Walking aids provided



42

People with access to economic programmes

YEMEN

In 2017 we supported five physical rehabilitation centres in Aden, Mukalla, Sa'ada, Sana'a, and Taiz, all under the responsibility of the Ministry of Public Health and Population. In addition, key partnerships with the Rehabilitation Fund and the High Institute of Health Sciences were sustained, mainly within the fields of wheelchair service provision and education. The Yemeni Forum and the General Union of Sports for the Disabled were also key partners for improving social inclusion, focusing on the rights and needs of disabled people and their involvement in sport.



5

Physical rehabilitation centres supported



71,711

People assisted



21,902

Male



18,452

Female



31,357

Children



673

New service users fitted with prostheses



10,257

New service users fitted with orthoses



33,131

Service users receiving physiotherapy



625

Wheelchairs provided



955

Prostheses provided



21,137

Orthoses provided



1,981

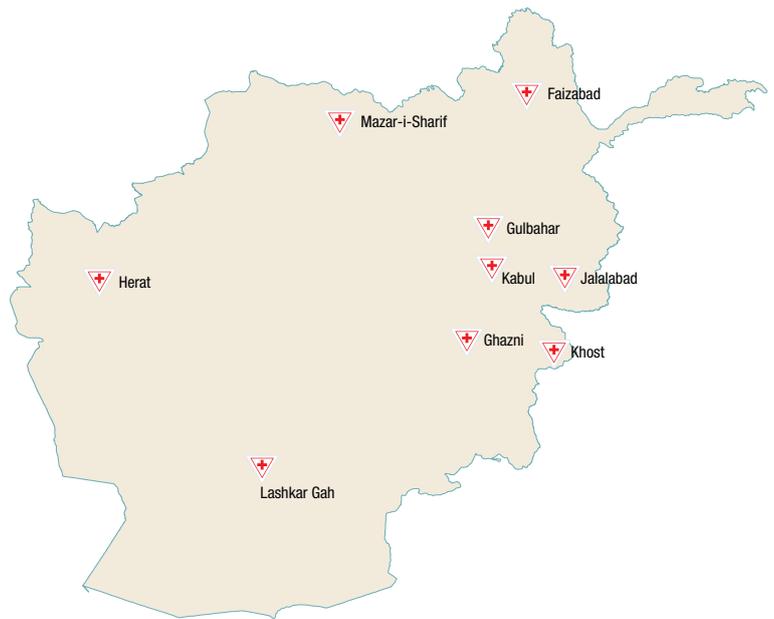
Walking aids provided



ASIA

AFGHANISTAN

The physical rehabilitation programme in Afghanistan is the main service provider in the country and has become a referral point for disabled people in Afghanistan. Our programme supports seven centres and a component factory and eight non-ICRC rehabilitation centres with material, training and technical assistance. To foster the inclusion of disabled people, we train and employ disabled people only, most of them former patients. It might be said that the programme is a major contributor to ICRC acceptance in Afghanistan. Having benefited so many people, it is popular and respected by people, organizations and governmental institutions in the country.



8

Physical rehabilitation centres supported



139,221

People assisted



65,756

Male



21,396

Female



52,069

Children



1,055

New service users fitted with prostheses



6,498

New service users fitted with orthoses



87,615

Service users receiving physiotherapy



1,644

Wheelchairs provided



4,352

Prostheses provided



17,112

Orthoses provided



18,022

Walking aids provided



592

People with access to sports activities



369

People with access to vocational training



919

People with access to education



22,969

People with access to economic programmes

BANGLADESH

We provided technical and material assistance to the Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralympic and the Proyash Institute of Special Education. To improve poor and marginalized people's access to services, we provided transport and food and covered accommodation costs for people who cannot afford them. We also provided equipment and materials to the Bangladesh Health Professionals Institute, supported professional training and awarded scholarships to students to be trained there in physiotherapy or prosthetics and orthotics. We also encouraged disabled people's participation in sports activities to improve their social integration by, for example, organizing a large tournament of physical disability cricket.



2

Physical rehabilitation centres supported



1,024

People assisted



296

Male



80

Female



648

Children



211

New service users fitted with prostheses



568

New service users fitted with orthoses



2,356

Service users receiving physiotherapy



316

Prostheses provided



1,300

Orthoses provided



2

Walking aids provided

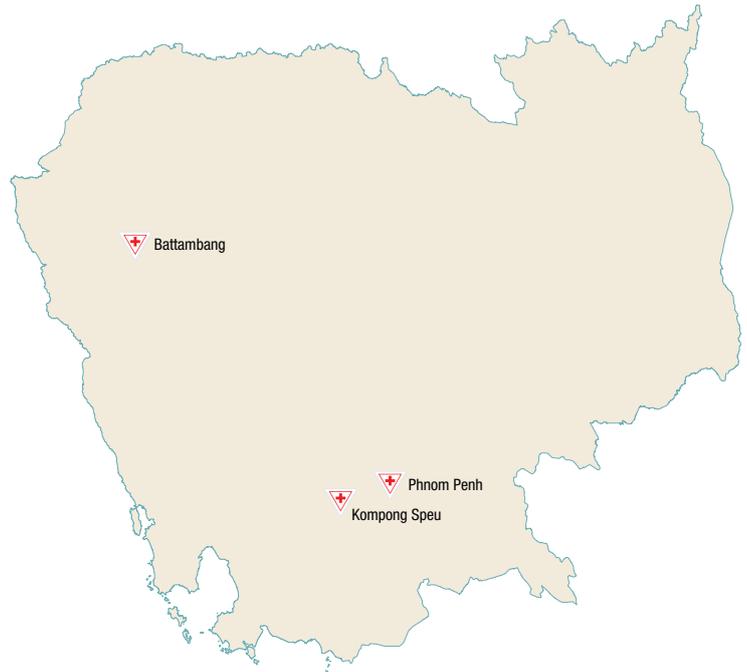


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People with access to sports activities

CAMBODIA

In 2017 we continued to work with the Ministry of Social Affairs, Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation in support of the Battambang Regional Physical Rehabilitation Centre, the Kompong Speu Regional Physical Rehabilitation Centre and mobile workshop in Siem Riep. We helped the Technical School for Medical Care to carry out a review of its curriculum, training staff and awarding scholarships for physiotherapy students. In addition, we supported the Cambodian Physical Therapy Association and helped draft the Cambodian national standards on physiotherapy professional competency in conjunction with the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Social Affairs, Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation. We have maintained a prominent position in the physical rehabilitation sector in Cambodia by providing 42% of the disabled population in Cambodia with services from our centres. Supply of low-cost components to the physical rehabilitation sector was met by an orthopaedic component factory, which is now fully managed by the authorities.



11,088

People assisted



7,852

Male



1,815

Female



1,421

Children



261

New service users fitted with prostheses



382

New service users fitted with prostheses



3,761

Service users receiving physiotherapy



666

Wheelchairs provided



1,602

Prostheses provided



1,175

Orthoses provided



1,122

Walking aids provided



23

People with access to vocational training



67

People with access to education



21

People with access to economic programmes



36

People with access to sports activities

CHINA

We continued to provide technical and financial support to the Kunming Orthopaedic Rehabilitation Centre and the repair workshop in Malipo managed and run by the Yunnan Branch of the Red Cross Society of China. The aim was to ensure that the most destitute people with disabilities living in the catchment areas of the centre have access to appropriate physical rehabilitation services. The ICRC and the Chinese Red Cross continued a joint livelihood-support project in Yunnan Province, providing assistance to 71 households containing at least one disabled person. Also, a partnership agreement between the Chengdu Second People’s Hospital and the ICRC was signed in March 2017 to help the hospital provide high-quality physical rehabilitation services to the technical standards recognized by the ICRC.



395

People assisted



309

Male



72

Female



14

Children



58

New service users fitted with prostheses



214

Service users receiving physiotherapy



220

Prostheses provided

DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA

In 2017 we continued to assist the Ministry of the People's Armed Forces by providing financial and technical support to the physical rehabilitation centre in Rakrang. We also continued to support, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, the centre in Songrim. To enhance access to services, we donated materials and components and completed its renovation. To improve the quality of services, our prosthetist-orthotists and physiotherapist continued to provide training courses for personnel at both centres.



1,815

People assisted



1,455

Male



317

Female



43

Children



579

New service users fitted with prostheses



83

New service users fitted with prostheses



946

Service users receiving physiotherapy



48

Wheelchairs provided



1,566

Prostheses provided



181

Orthoses provided



435

Walking aids provided

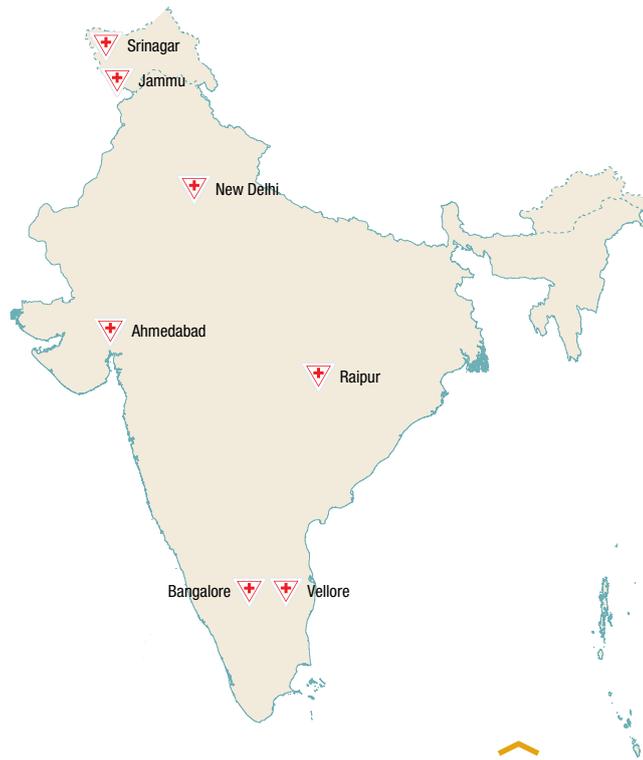


1,055

People with access to sports activities

INDIA

In 2017 we supported seven physical rehabilitation centres and continued our partnership with the Wheelchair Basketball Federation of India to introduce wheelchair basketball to new parts of the country. We also supported 198 male and 86 female players from 14 states to take part in state-level training, national championships and international tournaments. In addition, we supported the Enable Makeathon, which was carried out with the Global Disability Innovation Hub in London.



44,948

People assisted



21,874

Male



14,978

Female



8,096

Children



595

New service users fitted with prostheses



7,113

New service users fitted with orthoses



17,386

Service users receiving physiotherapy



419

Wheelchairs provided



742

Prostheses provided



11,146

Orthoses provided



4,737

Walking aids provided



500

People with access to sports activities



184

People with access to vocational training



427

People with access to education



159

People with access to economic programmes

LAOS

In Laos our programme focused on strengthening public physical rehabilitation services within the national health-care system. The Ministry of Health and the ICRC signed a five-year memorandum of understanding last year aimed at upgrading the government's professional skills, principally in prosthetics and orthotics, and at setting clinical and managerial standards of practice for physical rehabilitation services nationwide. In 2017 we provided scholarships for eight candidates in internationally recognized schools to raise service standards.



Statistics for activities carried out in Laos were not available at the time of producing this report.



MYANMAR

Our assistance activities in Myanmar included the supply of raw materials, components, tools and equipment. In 2017 we supported the Myanmar Red Cross Society, the Hpa-an Orthopaedic Rehabilitation Centre and the Yenanthar Leprosy Hospital. We also provided support for the National Rehabilitation Centre in Yangon to manufacture rubber prosthetic foot and crutches and care for patients referred from Southern Shan by the ICRC and the National Society. In Kachin and Eastern Shan, two physical rehabilitation centres were built in agreement with the Ministry of Health and Sports. The Kyaing Tong Physical Rehabilitation Centre started to provide assistance at the end of 2017. We continue to sponsor formal training and short courses abroad, capacity-building, direct financial support for accommodation, and transport for service users.



5

Physical rehabilitation centres supported



4,125

People assisted



3,355

Male



487

Female



283

Children



386

New service users fitted with prostheses



65

New service users fitted with orthoses



1,070

Service users receiving physiotherapy



106

Wheelchairs provided



865

Prostheses provided



114

Orthoses provided



1,438

Walking aids provided



54

People with access to sports activities



14

People with access to vocational training

NEPAL

At the Army Rehabilitation Centre in Kathmandu, we provided post-graduation coaching to associate prosthetists-orthotists and physiotherapists, and clinical and technical mentoring. We also reimbursed the cost of physical rehabilitation services for civilians at this centre. In addition, we provided administrative support to a hospital in Pokhara, and covered the costs of physical rehabilitation services.



1,136

People assisted



721

MALE



369

Female



46

Children



55

New service users fitted with prostheses



51

New service users fitted with orthoses



881

Service users receiving physiotherapy



4

Wheelchairs provided



83

Prostheses provided



84

Orthoses provided

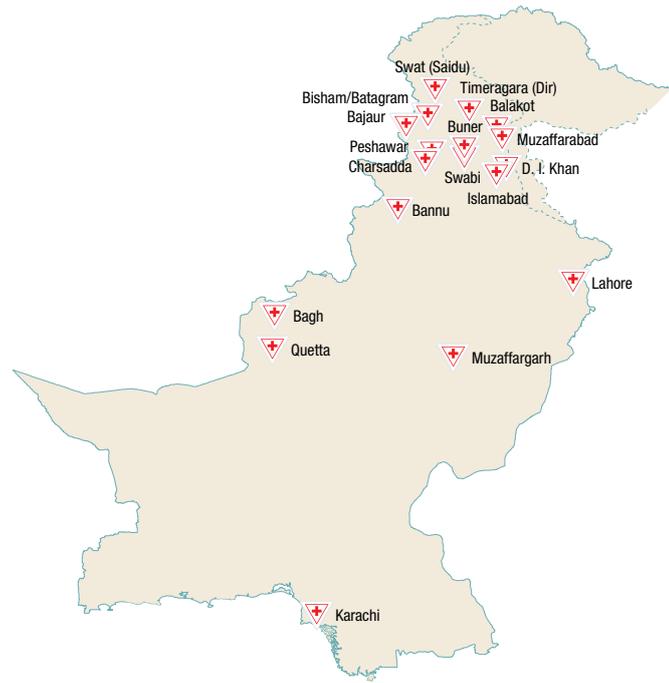


79

Walking aids provided

PAKISTAN

In 2017 we continued to support 25 physical rehabilitation projects in Pakistan, mostly focusing on capacity-building. We contributed to expanding and strengthening the provision of physical rehabilitation in the provinces of Pakistan through financial, technical, educational and material assistance to most rehabilitation centres in the country. We also enhanced disabled people's access by covering the cost of their transport, food and accommodation. We set up a monitoring and evaluation team, standardized our wheelchair manufacturing and continued to support prosthetic and orthotic training centres by providing raw materials and technical assistants to build capacity.



25

Physical rehabilitation centres supported



52,219

People assisted



23,997

Male



6,426

Female



21,796

Children



3,783

New service users fitted with prostheses



6,672

New service users fitted with orthoses



30,460

Service users receiving physiotherapy



845

Wheelchairs provided



5,480

Prostheses provided



14,197

Orthoses provided



1,987

Walking aids provided



82

People with access to vocational training



86

People with access to education



65

People with access to economic programmes

PHILIPPINES

The ICRC supports the rehabilitation of people with permanent physical disorders in partnership with the Davao Jubilee Foundation. In 2017 we reimbursed the costs of physical rehabilitation services for conflict-related victims, provided managerial guidance and facilitated capacity-building for the staff of the Foundation. It should be noted that some of the patients benefited also from the ICRC socio-economic inclusion programme.



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Physical rehabilitation centre supported



347

People assisted



155

Male



80

Female



112

Children



107

New service users fitted with prostheses



11

New service users fitted with orthoses



222

Service users receiving physiotherapy



19

Wheelchairs provided



130

Prostheses provided



21

Orthoses provided



71

Walking aids provided

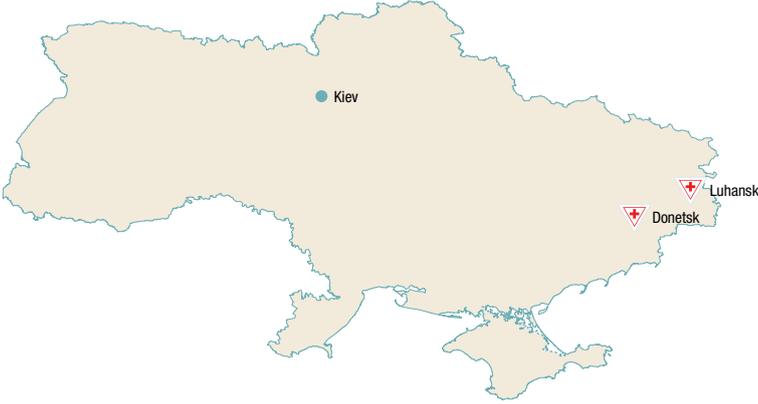


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UKRAINE

We supported physical rehabilitation services by providing art-therapy classes, equipment for sport, walking aids and wheelchairs. We also supported local organizations for disabled people that work to foster social inclusion by supplying training equipment and construction materials such as the Donetsk Children Rehabilitation Centre, assisted with materials for the art therapy classes and two pool lifts for swimming pools in Donetsk and Sloviansk, donated to ensure access to swimming classes for disabled people.



Statistics for activities carried out in Ukraine were not available at the time of producing this report.



NAGORNO-KARABAKH

The physical rehabilitation project in Nagorno-Karabakh started in early April 2017 and ended at the end of the year. We supported a prosthetic and orthotic centre and a rehabilitation centre during the year. The former received material assistance to address a shortage of prosthetic components and to carry out trials on hybrid prostheses; the latter received a wide range of material assistance, in particular wheelchairs. Our physiotherapist provided training and mentoring to local rehabilitation professionals.



Statistics for activities carried out in Nagorno-Karabakh were not available at the time of producing this report.



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