

Iraqi Red Crescent society

Annual activities report of 2010



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Strategy 2010

Strategic Objective 1: Strengthening the components of the Movement.

Strategic Objective 2: Improving the Movement's effectiveness and efficiency through increased co-operation and coherence.

Strategic Objective 3: Improving the Movement's image and the components' visibility and relations with governments and external partners.

Strategy 2020

Strategic aim 1

Save lives, protect livelihoods, and strengthen recovery from disasters and crises

Strategic aim 2

Enable healthy and safe living

Strategic aim 3

Promote social inclusion and a culture of non-violence and peace

The Iraqi Red Crescent society responded to international movement strategy 2010 with its three strategic directions, adding to reacting and devoting capacities for implementing the three aims of Strategy 2020 while the society handing over relief operations in the country,

Introduction

The Iraqi Red Crescent Society (IRCS) is an independent national society, concerned with the human needs of the Iraqi people and the people in the neighboring countries. Founded in Baghdad 2 March 1932. Recognized by the Iraqi government in 1934 , then by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in 16 June 1934. In 23 June 1934 became a member in the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

IRCS aims to reduce the human suffering by offering relief, therapeutic medical care, rehabilitation, and voluntary services. Publicizing social development and concentrate on the most vulnerable. Also disseminating human values, the fundamental principles of the international movement and the International Humanitarian Law (IHL). The IRCS is a supportive body to the Iraqi government in the humanitarian field as a voluntary relief society "a member in the International Movement" committed to the Fundamental Principles; Humanity, Independence, Impartiality, Neutrality, Voluntary Service and Universality.

IRCS implements its activities in cooperation with the local community through its active departments were it works basically in the relieving field, and supportive departments that facilitate the society's activities, like water and habitat department, properties department, finance department, administration department, legal department. These departments participate in the accomplishment of the society' humanitarian tasks, and because of their huge performance we can not represent it in tables and diagrams.

IRCS Capacities

- 2077 employees.
- 3471 volunteers.
- Head quarter.
- Twenty departments.
- 18 branches one in each governorate.
- 96 offices belong to branches.
- General surgical hospital, maternity hospital.
- Orthopedic center in Nenava governorate.
- Rehabilitation centers for mines and UXOs victims (one in Sulaimaniya and the other in Al-Basra)
- Number of vehicles 236 vehicles including :
 1. 19 Trucks.
 2. 35 Ambulances.
 3. 38 Trucks of 1 tons cargo.
 4. 4 Water transportation trucks.
 5. 5 Trucks of 2 tons cargo.

The society have warehouse with 400 m³ and cooled warehouse with 200 m³ in the head quarter adding to three regional warehouses in (Al-diywania, Babil, Sla-adin) governorates with capacity more than 1000 m³ for each.

Disaster Management

Disaster management department consist of two sections (preparedness and response), the department handed over relief operations, setting up camps and distributing food and non-food items where 87578 food portions had been distributed for needy families adding to distribute 3358 non-food items, 8558 Orphan's gifts, moreover, setting up 909 tents and donating 13050000 IQDs for needy people and martyrs families.



Prominent Activities

Distributing 350 food shares and 120 filters of water purification for needy families in Al-rasheed camp area, and prepared 2000 banquets for fasters in Ramadan in (Imam Hussain shrine, Imam Mahdi mosque, Abu Hanifa shrine, shake Abdil khader shrine), and in almadain area 20 water treasurer with 10000 liters capacity had been distributed for inhabitants and 285000 liters of pure water.



Participating with health and youth departments in implementing summer school in Dyala governorate where psychological support provided to 200 students.

Setting up of 5 pavilion and 12 tents in Al-Anbar governorate for providing foods and health care to holy shrine pilgrims, as well as setting up 28 tents in Al-hashimia and Al-mhaweel districts for returned families from Iran.



Health Care

Health department concerning of providing health care in natural , man made disasters and vulnerable in community, where 1175 workshops of **community base health first aid** (CBHFA) had been held , 63 lectures delivered, with 1752 beneficiaries adding to provide first aid to pilgrims in governorates (Baghdad, Al-najaf, Babylon, Karbla, Wassit, Al-muthana, Al-simawa, Al-basra, Dyala and Al- anbar), as well as delivering 41 lectures in **psychological support** where 1709 persons benefited, also 83 wheelchairs had been distributed and health awareness lectures delivered with brochures to 5392 persons in addition 625 persons donated during the 9 blood donation campaigns.

International relations

The early stages started for the voluntary repatriation program for refugees in January 2010, a collaboration between the society and the International Federation and Swedish Red Cross, As part of the external communications of the society was responding to the desire of the Japanese Red Cross regarding the dispatch of medical staff with experience in the providing of health care during disasters and crises, in addition to this cooperation with the Iranian side, where the memorandum of understanding had been renewed similar to the previous MOU, we received a shipment of food and non-food items and sending medical teams Iranian to provide medical services for pilgrims of shrines in the province of Karbala in addition to medicate 15 Iraqi of 39 case, in another hand we agreed to train neurologist in Netherlands in cooperation with a group of Savannah / Organization Ramavi, in addition to signing an agreement with the light of life U.S. charity organization to treat heart patients of children, for support of sister Societies we donated ten thousand U.S.A dollars to the Somali Red Crescent for the purchase of medicines and medical supplies.

Youth & Volunteers

Voluntary service facilitates the access of IRCS to the local community and represents the main tool to implement programs. IRCS depends on two main resources; financial and human, this department is the provider of human resources to implement the activities of the programs (DM-Health-Logistics-Dissemination-ERWA-Tracing and Information departments). The role of this department is based



on attracting volunteers through programs directed to the youth in scout camps, orphanages and holding festivals to disseminate the Fundamental Principles of the movement. The total number of IRCS volunteers is 3471 participated in implementing 589 activities in 2010.

Youth & volunteers programs (Periodical meeting, Women support, Children support, Supporting school students, Social activities).

Logistic

Logistic department consist of four sections carrying out receiving and dispatch food and non-food items by trucks adding to storage this items and maintenances of various types of vehicles, and other tasks is supporting disaster management department with distribution of food and non-food items.

Maintenance section performed 307 maintaining operations for various type of vehicles (trucks, small trucks, cranes, 12-5 passengers cars), and by the **distributing section** the following items had been distributed (9872 food parcels, 4380 dates (1 kg), 11150 carton water, 2184 kitchen sets, 4266 thermoses, 2179 lanterns, 12 linoleum rolls, 25 stoves, 355 towels, 1584 tarpaulins, 1684 stove oil, 2900 soap sets, 9353 blankets, 388 tents, child gifts (7927 trot suits, 7449 bags, 6274 tie, 3335 shoes, 15750 socks).

Fleet section performed 92 transporting missions to the governorates and 2881 inside Baghdad by cars and by trucks 61 out of Baghdad and 6 inside Baghdad.

According to **warehouse section** the stocks in the warehouses (1268 food parcels, 4440 cartons of water, 16156 kitchen sets, 10189 thermoses, 11990 lanterns, 138 linoleum rolls, 123 stoves, 724 towels, 2486 tarpaulins, 10584 stove oil, 1074 cartons of soap, 7760 soap sets, 3773 blankets, 7663 tents).

Restoring family links program

The Iraqi Red Crescent Society providing humanitarian services to victims of armed conflicts, as well as those affected by natural disasters and in various areas, and among these services is to restore family links and search for missing persons,

looking for missing people

following-up cases of missing persons after arrest by the multinational forces and the Kurdish authorities, where (49) allegation of arrest requests sent to the International Committee for the purpose of follow-up with the authorities responsible for detention, in addition to follow-up (86) request allegation arrest on the ground for any updated information regarding those requests

Family links

exchange of letters most important means to sustain family links with the detainees, we participated in distributing of (1375) Letter Sent by detainees held by multinational forces to their families in all provinces and then collect (197) message replies to those messages and send them to the detainees once Other. In addition to the exchange of many messages sent to and from Iraq by 13 as a message and was re-(254) message to the sender not to be inferred at the addresses mentioned in the messages, or change those addresses because of the secure situation.

Table tracing requests in 2010

No	Nationality of missed person	Tracing place	Date of missing	Missing circumstances	Tracing carrying out by	Tracing result
1	Iraqi	Hungaria	2002	No information available	ICRC	Negative Tracing Still continues
2		Palestine	1973	Arab-Israel war		
3		Italy		Arresting at Italy seacoast		
4		Greece	2009	During shipment from turkey to Greece	ICRC + Greece Red Cross	Negative
5	Lebanese	Syria	2009	No information available	ICRC + Syrian Red Organization	Tracing Still continues
6	Two Iraqis	Syria	Many years ago	Arrested by Syrian authorities		
7	Iraqi	Iraq	1988	Arrested by Iraqi authorities	Iraqi Red Crescent society	Negative
8	Iraqi	Germany	2004	No information available	ICRC + Syrian Red Organization	Tracing Still continues
9		Syria	2007			
10		Libya	1998		ICRC	

Exchanging documents and addressing

Sending a request to ICRC for obtaining Sudanese citizen's consignments who had been detained by U.S. forces in Iraq and released in 2007, and another request to ICRC to regain deposit for an earlier Iraqi detainee by multinational forces was freed without his deposit.

Receiving of a death certificate with the papers to prove burial sent from the Ministry of Health of Saudi Arabia for Iraqi person dead in Rafha refugee camp in 1993, the documents handed over to his family in Baghdad, in another hand we requested from Saudi authorities via ICRC a death certificate for an Iraqi women dead in Saudi Arabia in 2005 during pilgrims season, adding to find out places of three detainees after inquiry from the Ministry of Human Rights, furthermore collecting 4287 attestation of detention requests and send it to ICRC for issuing attestation of detention, adding to notifying 786 requester and distributing of 965 achieved attestation of detention.

Reunion and investigating the release of

in cooperation with Nineveh governorate authorities 26 person had been reunited with there families after releasing operation by U.S. forces. As well as Safwan office in Al-Basra governorate cooperated with ICRC and human rights office for receiving of remains of deceased Iraqis, 9 martyrs in the second Gulf War and handed over to the Medico-Legal Institute in Basra.

Assess the needs of restoring family links

One of the main achievements of this year is completing an assessment of restoring family links program in Iraq, intended to determine the community needs and what are the other requirements to be included in the work plan for the coming years.

Table below illustrates the cases for 2010

Figures	Cases
1375	Red Cross & Red Crescent Messages distributed
254	RCMs Back to sender
26	Release Check achieved
197	RCMs collected as replies
86	Allegation of Arrest Back log achieved as (Ask for News)
6	Tracing Request collected
49	Allegation of Arrest requests collected
915	Attestation of Detention distributed
4287	Attestation of Detention requests collected
Informed AOD	Attestation of Detention beneficiaries informed
3192	Total of distribution (RCM+BTS+RL-CH+ AoA/B.L+ Distributed+ Informed AOD)

Explosive Remnants of War Awareness program

The program targets people living near the contaminated areas with war remnants (mines &UXOs) and alerts them through awareness lectures. The program started in 2002 in cooperation with ICRC till 2007, this cooperation was suspended, whereas Iraqi Red Crescent society carried out most of the program costs.

At the end of 2008 the coordination recommenced where ICRC supported IRCS/ERWA program in implementing some activities (technically and financially)

The Program coordinators working in all governorates except three northern governorates.

The number of awareness lectures 392 lectures had been delivered to various categories, performing 66 sticking awareness materials in public places and 200 various actions adding to distribute 46183 peaces of awareness materials included (poster, Folder, Snake and ladder, Maze, time table, copybook, calendar), and number of beneficiaries 29152 persons older than 6 years from both gender.



Dissemination program

Dissemination program is one of the IRCS programs that disseminate IRCS humanitarian mission, the international movement, the fundamental principles, international humanitarian law (IHL), and the emblem usage. These goals are achieved by targeting the local communities with its various population implemented by the network staff spreading in the 18 branches in all the Iraqi governorates. Not less than five monthly lectures should be delivered with different topics in addition to disseminate basic principles of the movements through the (radio programs, talk shows, participation in festivals).

The number of lectures has been delivered 362 lectures, number of beneficiaries is 11064 persons all over the country.

Information Technology

In cooperation with the International Committee of Red Cross a project in communication wireless type (CODAN-HF) has been implemented to insure connection between head quarter and branches, where communications tower with length of 25 m has been set up provided with transmitters type HF, VHF MOTOROLA, adding to link the head quarter with the branches (Dahuk, Arbil, Sulaimaniya, Kirkuk, Basra, Maysan, Dhi Qar, Muthanna, Najaf, Babelon), the work still in progress to cover the rest of branches.

Initial working with new website www.ircs.org.iq instead of the previous site www.iraqredcrscent.org for displaying the achievements of the society and facilitate contacting with our partners in the international movement adding to collect donations.

Construction and rehabilitation

Iraqi red crescent constructed 70% of 200 Houses with low cost in Karbala governorate to be distributed of displaced families, 70% of the project has been done, the project's land granted by the Ministry of Municipalities, for increasing society capacity in warehousing in cooperation with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies a regional warehouse and cold store has been built in the head quarter as donation



by Malaysian Red Crescent society, for providing more health services 90% of a health center (Al Razi Health) in the Utaifiyya in Baghdad has been completed as donation of Turkish Red Crescent society, in order to provide potable water for drinking, water purification RO capacity of 1 cubic meters / hour in Rashid Al-hamad village and Gelgm village in Babylon governorate has been set up, the number of beneficiaries from 2000 to 2500 persons in each village as well as rehabilitation and restoration of four RO stations in Al-mdayn area in



Baghdad and a capacity of 1 cubic meter / hour, number of beneficiaries more than 300 families either in the near future will be rehabilitation of two



stations in Wasit governorate, the first in Al-mikasib village and the second serves the villages (Al-adalah, Al-sadiq and Al-imam), adding to rehabilitate a house in Al-Sadr City in Baghdad of an old women effected by explosions.

Organizational development and reporting department

Issuing of Annual activity report of the society for the year 2009 in both Arabic and English in addition to issue 12 monthly Reports of the achievements of society programs, and report of first-aid community program, adding to issue report of distribution of wheelchairs, we also prepared for the annual appeal of the society for 2010-2011 and plans of action, adding to hold two induction courses for new staff in the head quarter, editing to support orphans proposal and another one for health education in schools within the award program **EMPRESS SHÔKEN FUND.**