



## MAIN TARGETS FOR 2014

- ▶ the Egyptian Red Crescent Society provides quality first-aid services to people injured during situations of unrest through emergency action teams established and trained with the help of the ICRC and other Movement partners
- ▶ surgeons and other health staff of public and private hospitals have the means to manage large influxes of weapon-wounded patients, aided by material support and seminars co-organized by local institutions and the ICRC
- ▶ people without valid identification papers resettle in third countries, with the help of travel documents issued by the ICRC in coordination with UNHCR and the embassies concerned
- ▶ following the ICRC's submissions of allegations of arrests to the authorities, Egyptian families receive information on the whereabouts of relatives believed to be arrested or detained
- ▶ the authorities, armed/security forces and other key stakeholders facilitate the ICRC's access to detainees and other vulnerable people, as a result of their acceptance of its humanitarian role during situations of violence
- ▶ traditional/social media representatives help promote awareness of and support for humanitarian issues and the Movement, following their participation in workshops and seminars, including on first aid and conflict reporting

ASSISTANCE		Targets (up to)
<b>CIVILIANS (RESIDENTS, IDPs, RETURNEES, ETC.)</b>		
<b>Economic security, water and habitat (in some cases provided within a protection or cooperation programme)</b>		
Essential household items	Beneficiaries	25,600



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## CONTEXT

Egyptian politics is in a state of transition, led by a military-backed interim government that assumed office after Mohammed Morsi's ouster in mid-2013. A transition plan is in place, with parliamentary and presidential elections scheduled for early 2014.

Tensions have surrounded Mr Morsi's removal from office, with separate large-scale demonstrations staged by his supporters and by those expressing discontent and pressing for reforms. Clashes between the two groups and between

demonstrators and the police have led to casualties and arrests. In September 2013, a court banned the Muslim Brotherhood from operating in Egypt.

Unrest is still prevalent across the country, including in Sinai, where the military is allegedly conducting operations to quell criminality and "terrorism".

Cairo hosts the headquarters of the League of Arab States (LAS) and the Arab Inter-parliamentary Union.

## HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

In 2014, the ICRC will focus on supporting the Egyptian Red Crescent Society in developing its operational capacities, focusing on emergency preparedness and response, communication and logistics. It will develop dialogue with the authorities, the armed and police forces and key civil society actors to raise awareness of and support for humanitarian principles, IHL, other applicable norms and internationally recognized standards and for the ICRC's mandate and activities, including during situations of unrest. In particular, it will draw the authorities' attention to its offer to visit people deprived of their freedom.

The ICRC will help the National Society boost its capacity to address humanitarian needs arising from internal violence and from armed conflict in neighbouring countries. In coordination with other Movement partners, it will support the training of volunteers in first aid, restoring family links and the Safer Access approach, enabling the National Society to establish new emergency action teams and strengthen existing ones. It will help the National Society provide essential household items to Palestinians should they seek refuge in Sinai in case of violence in the Gaza Strip, as well as assistance to Syrian refugees.

To help them cope with a potential influx of weapon-wounded people, surgeons will hone their skills at dedicated seminars, while hospitals and other health facilities, including in the Sinai, will receive medicines and other supplies. Material support and a workshop will help Health Ministry officials and staff of selected NGOs enhance their capacities to manage human remains in a manner that preserves the deceased's dignity.

Family-links services will be available to Egyptians, refugees and migrants separated from their relatives owing to conflict or detention/internment. ICRC travel documents will facilitate family reunifications, as well as the resettlement/repatriation of asylum seekers. Unaccompanied foreign minors will receive psychological support and vocational training from an institution funded by the ICRC.

The ICRC will remind the authorities of the protection afforded to refugees and other foreigners under the principle of *non-refoulement* and encourage them to address the

humanitarian concerns of irregular migrants. It will submit allegations of arrest reported by Egyptian families so that they may be informed of their relatives' whereabouts.

To foster broad acceptance of its neutral, impartial and independent humanitarian action, the ICRC will organize seminars, dissemination sessions and other events for the authorities, armed and security forces, political parties, NGOs, professional associations, and academic and religious circles. It will highlight the goals of the Health Care in Danger project, the similarities between IHL and Islamic law, and the ICRC's potential contribution to the authorities' efforts to ensure respect for international law and internationally recognized standards, in particular those relating to the use of force in law enforcement operations, arrest and detention. With the national IHL committee, the ICRC will continue to promote the integration of IHL provisions into national legislation, military doctrine, training and operations, and university curricula.

Traditional and social media will be encouraged to report on humanitarian issues and the Movement's activities, raising widespread awareness of these topics. At workshops and seminars, journalists and influential social media users will learn more about the work of the Movement. Journalists will also receive training enabling them to administer first aid should violence erupt during mass gatherings where they are present.

The ICRC will cooperate with the LAS and the Arab Inter-parliamentary Union to promote IHL treaty ratification and implementation among their member States. Efforts will include networking, participating in events of mutual concern and coordinating support for national IHL committees.

The delegation's regional resource and communication centre will work with regional training institutes to organize IHL training for diplomats, magistrates and parliamentarians. It will support ICRC efforts to increase knowledge and acceptance of its humanitarian activities and IHL, produce written and audiovisual materials on these topics, and keep its Arabic-language website updated.