

ISRAEL AND THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

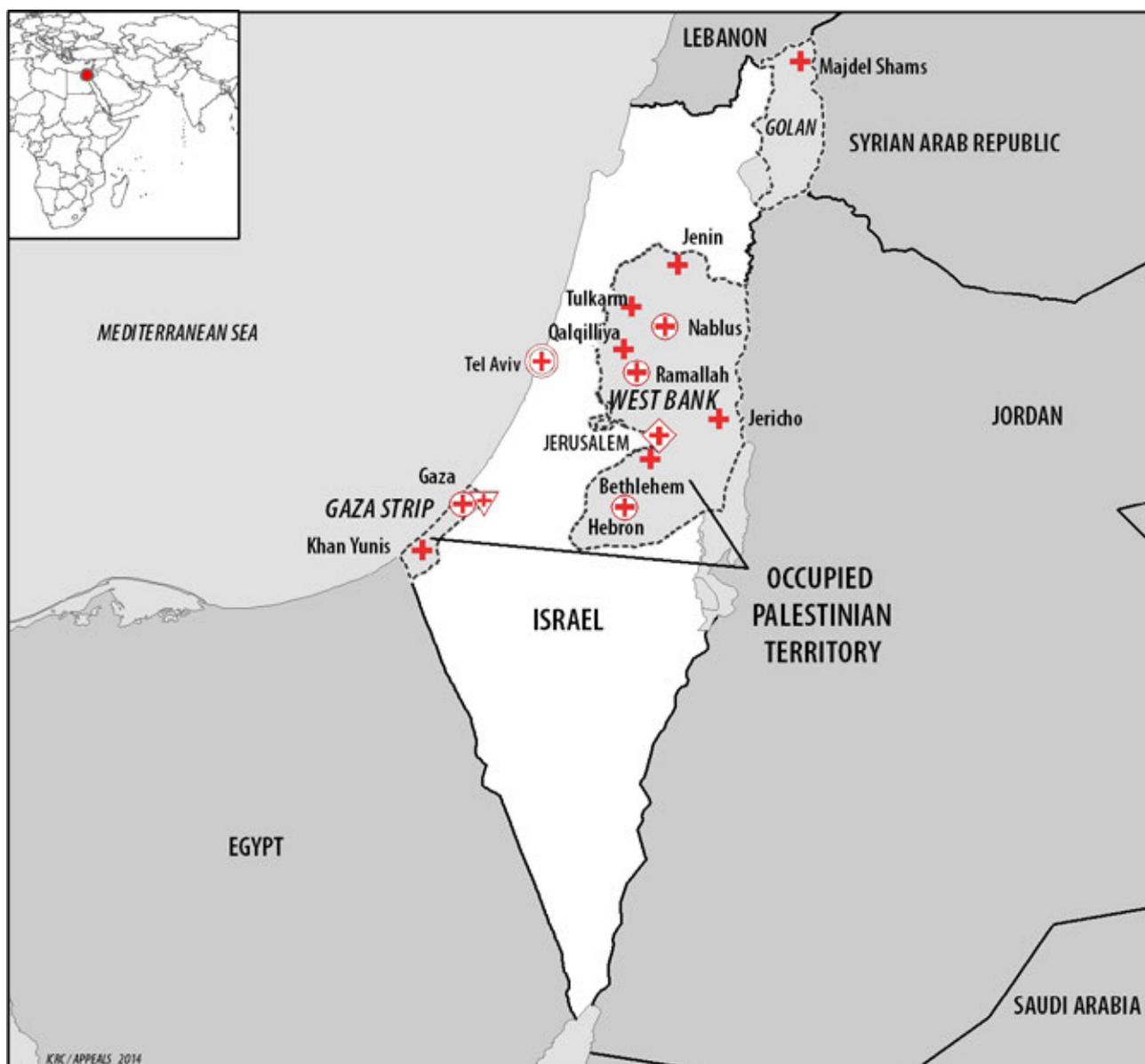
The ICRC has been present in Israel and the occupied territories since the 1967 Arab-Israeli war. It strives to ensure respect for IHL, in particular its provisions relative to the protection of civilians living under occupation. It monitors the treatment and living conditions of detainees held by the Israeli and Palestinian authorities and provides assistance to the Palestinian population, particularly during emergencies. As the lead agency for the Movement in this context, the ICRC coordinates the work of its Movement partners and supports the activities of the Magen David Adom and the Palestine Red Crescent Society.

BUDGET IN KCHF

Protection	16,140
Assistance	18,499
Prevention	6,073
Cooperation with National Societies	3,011
General	-
Total	43,722
<i>Of which: Overheads</i>	<i>2,668</i>

PERSONNEL

Mobile staff	62
Resident staff (daily workers not included)	277



-  ICRC delegation
-  ICRC sub-delegation
-  ICRC mission
-  ICRC-supported prosthetic/orthotic centre
-  ICRC office/presence

MAIN TARGETS FOR 2014

- ▶ key civil society actors and decision-makers publicly debate the applicability of IHL in relation to core occupation policies and their humanitarian consequences
- ▶ the Israeli authorities act upon the consequences of their non-compliance with IHL, ensuring respect for civilians, civilian infrastructure and medical services, on the basis of ICRC representations submitted to them
- ▶ through ICRC-supported family visits, Palestinian detainees under Israeli custody maintain contact with relatives living in the occupied Palestinian territory
- ▶ detainees held by Israeli and Palestinian authorities are afforded treatment and living conditions in line with international law and norms, with those held in some Gaza Strip prisons benefiting from rehabilitated basic facilities
- ▶ wounded and sick people obtain timely emergency/medical care from Magen David Adom and Palestine Red Crescent Society first-responders and, in the Gaza Strip, from hospitals receiving ICRC technical and material support
- ▶ Gaza Strip residents reduce their exposure to health hazards, as a result of improved waste water treatment and access to an adequate water supply

ASSISTANCE		Targets (up to)
CIVILIANS (RESIDENTS, IDPs, RETURNEES, ETC.)		
Economic security, water and habitat (in some cases provided within a protection or cooperation programme)		
Essential household items	Beneficiaries	600
Productive inputs	Beneficiaries	38,400
Water and habitat activities	Beneficiaries	500,000
WOUNDED AND SICK		
Hospitals		
Hospitals supported	Structures	8
Water and habitat		
Water and habitat activities	Number of beds	1,300
Physical rehabilitation		
Centres supported	Structures	1
Patients receiving services	Patients	3,000



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CONTEXT

Palestinians in East Jerusalem, the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, Syrians in the Golan Heights and Lebanese in the Shebaa farms continue to live under occupation and are entitled to protection under applicable IHL provisions.

Israel and the Palestinian Authority have resumed peace negotiations.

Despite regular meetings, Fatah, the elected Palestinian Authority, and Hamas, which controls the Gaza Strip, have yet to reach an agreement toward reconciliation.

The security situation in the Gaza Strip is relatively stable, but its economy remains fragile owing to Israel's continued closure of the border, the regular closing of the Rafah

crossing, and Egypt's operations to shut down tunnels along its border. The West Bank sees recurring protests aimed at some Israeli practices and in relation to the Palestinian Authority's continuing economic difficulties.

Fewer migrants are entering Israel compared with previous years.

Israel remains stable despite the situation in the surrounding region. Tensions linked to the armed conflict in the Syrian Arab Republic (hereafter Syria) have risen along Israel's borders with Lebanon and Syria, also affecting the situation in the occupied Golan. Israel and the Islamic Republic of Iran continue to exchange hostile rhetoric.

HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

In 2014, the ICRC will continue to urge Israel to address the humanitarian consequences of its non-compliance with IHL. To this end, it will encourage public debate on core occupation policies in contravention of IHL, on which the ICRC has not been able to engage in dialogue with the Israeli authorities, namely the routing of the West Bank barrier, the annexation of East Jerusalem and the settlement policy. For other issues, the ICRC will maintain its confidential bilateral dialogue with the Israeli authorities.

To stimulate public debate, the ICRC will raise awareness among key civil society actors of the adverse effects of Israel's main occupation policies on the lives of Palestinians and of the ICRC's interpretation of IHL and other norms in relation to these practices. These efforts will aim to secure, over the next few years, key Israeli leaders' acceptance of the applicability of the Fourth Geneva Convention to the Palestinian context and Israel's respect for its provisions.

Simultaneously, to foster acceptance of and respect for IHL and other applicable norms more generally, the ICRC will pursue its confidential dialogue with the Israeli authorities on other issues, notably restrictions on movement, access to land, settler violence, detention, the use of force in law enforcement, the conduct of hostilities, and the integration of IHL into the doctrine, training and operations of the Israel Defense Forces (IDF). Similarly, it will pursue dialogue with and organize dissemination/training sessions for the Palestinian authorities and weapon bearers, seeking their commitment to respect people not or no longer participating in the fighting.

The ICRC will focus on persuading the Israeli authorities to respect their obligations toward Palestinians living under occupation, notably through the submission of written representations on access to land and on the adverse effects of Israel's water-management/environment policies and restrictions on the movement of people/goods.

The ICRC will visit detainees held by the Israeli and Palestinian authorities to monitor their treatment and living conditions. It will facilitate family visits to detainees under

Israeli custody and lend its expertise to all detaining authorities in helping ensure inmates have access to medical care and enjoy adequate material conditions.

Movement family-links services will remain available to family members separated by current and past conflicts in the region. Efforts to help clarify the fate of people still unaccounted for/missing in action will continue.

The ICRC will remain ready to respond to emergencies throughout the occupied Palestinian territory, notably by helping the Palestine Red Crescent Society cover the operating costs of its emergency medical services (EMS) to ensure the timely transfer of patients to hospital.

In the Gaza Strip, the ICRC will focus on long-term/sustainable initiatives aimed at enhancing residents' access to basic services and improving their livelihoods. To help residents obtain quality emergency/medical care, key hospitals will be supported, including through regular monitoring visits and the provision of technical advice, medicines and spare parts for equipment maintenance. The Gaza Artificial Limbs and Polio Center (ALPC) will receive material/training support to sustain its capacities to produce and fit prostheses and orthoses.

The ICRC will help vulnerable farmers in border areas of the Gaza Strip boost their agricultural production in a sustainable manner. It will supplement the provision of farming implements with support to the *de facto* authorities in conducting pest-control initiatives. It will help Gaza's water board rehabilitate and maintain essential water/sanitation infrastructure.

Cooperation with and support to the Magen David Adom and the Palestinian Red Crescent will help ensure the timely delivery of humanitarian services. The ICRC will focus on helping both National Societies strengthen their disaster-management, tracing and dissemination capacities. Coordination with Movement partners and other humanitarian actors will continue.