

ICRC Relief Consignments

January – June 1973

During the first half of 1973, the ICRC Relief Service despatched the following consignments:

To Africa, the ICRC sent medicaments and medical equipment totalling 55,365 Swiss francs to the National Societies of Chad, the Central African Republic, Dahomey, Ethiopia, the Gambia and Rwanda, and to the GRAE (Revolutionary Government of Angola in Exile). On behalf of the European Economic Community (EEC) it transmitted 120 tons of skimmed powdered milk (480,000 Swiss francs), in four consignments of 30 tons, to the National Societies of Ghana, Liberia, Mauritius and Senegal. Eight countries were the recipients of a Swiss Government donation consisting of 10 tons of unskimmed powdered milk (70,000 Swiss francs) for the Gambia, 75 tons of wheat flour (41,250 Swiss francs) for Ethiopia and a further 335 tons of wheat flour (184,250 Swiss francs) shared by the Gambia (50 tons), Kenya (75 tons), Liberia (30 tons), Mauritius (50 tons), Sierra Leone (30 tons), Swaziland (50 tons) and Tanzania (50 tons).

To Latin America, the consignments consisted mainly of medicaments and medical equipment. The ICRC sent first-aid kits, litters and other supplies to a total value of 119,030 Swiss francs to the National Societies of Argentina, El Salvador, Honduras, Trinidad and Tobago, and Uruguay, while those of Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala and Uruguay received medicaments worth 56,220 Swiss francs in all.

A Swiss Government donation of unskimmed powdered milk worth 217,000 Swiss francs was sent to Chile (30 tons) and to Panama (1 ton).

To Asia, the ICRC sent several consignments, some of its own and some on behalf of the Indo-China Operational Group (IOG). The ICRC itself supplied medicaments and medical and surgical equipment totalling 171,135 Swiss francs, as follows: Bangladesh (791 kg, 19,520 Swiss francs); Khmer Republic (50 kg, 4,530 Swiss francs); Nepal (28 kg, 525 Swiss francs); Republic of Vietnam (134 kg, 8,600 Swiss francs); Democratic Republic of Vietnam (631 kg, 17,800 Swiss francs), and Pathet Lao (635 kg, 120,000 Swiss francs). In addition, it consigned to Pakistan 5 tons of unskimmed powdered milk (35,000 Swiss francs) offered by the Swiss Confederation.

On behalf of the IOG, the ICRC transmitted emergency medicaments and medical equipment for Laos (110,000 Swiss francs); medical equipment, X-ray apparatus and operating tables for the Pathet Lao (58,700 Swiss francs), and medicaments for the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (92,000 Swiss francs).

In Europe, various countries received medicaments from the ICRC, the total value of the supplies being 17,940 Swiss francs.

In the Middle East, the ICRC transmitted on behalf of the Swiss Confederation 3 tons of unskimmed powdered milk to Jordan and 10 tons to the Syrian Arab Republic, totalling 91,000 Swiss francs. An EEC donation of 180 tons of skimmed powdered milk worth 720,000 Swiss francs was consigned to the following countries: Arab Republic of Egypt, 30 tons; Israel and occupied territories, 30 tons (120,000 Swiss francs); Jordan, 20 tons (80,000 Swiss francs); Lebanon, 20 tons; Syrian Arab Republic, 20 tons; Yemen Arab Republic, 30 tons, and Democratic Republic of Yemen, 30 tons. Besides this, the ICRC sent the Syrian Red Crescent medicaments to the value of 7,000 Swiss francs, and the "Palestinian Red Crescent" antibiotics amounting to 8,500 Swiss francs.

The relief supplies sent or transmitted by the ICRC during the first half of the year totalled more than 2.5 million Swiss francs.