

Relief in 1967

Last year was notable, for National Societies as well as for Red Cross international institutions, for its intense relief work. Readers may be interested in the following tables which show this. It will be noticed that there were thirty-four beneficiary countries and over fifty donor countries.

SUMMARY TABLE OF RELIEF IN CASH OR IN KIND PROVIDED
BY THE ICRC FROM ITS OWN FUNDS,
OR FORWARDED AND DISTRIBUTED BY THE ICRC IN 1967

<i>Countries</i>	<i>Category of aided persons</i>	<i>Value in Swiss francs</i>
<i>Cambodia</i>	1. Despatch from Geneva of 2 ambulances to the Cambodian Red Cross for its action in favour of sick refugees	75,000.—
	Purchase price plus transport	17,647.—
	Contribution for the building of an infirmary at Beng Khtum	
<i>West Bank of the Jordan</i>	Despatch from Geneva of tarpaulins, blankets, under-clothing, woollen wear for children, raisins, medical supplies	307,000.—
	Local purchases for relief distributions by delegates	80,000.—
<i>Greece</i>	1. Medical supplies to the Hellenic Red Cross for its medical work in favour of deportees	17,300.—
	2. Warm clothing, blankets, foodstuffs, toys for children with their mothers in detention: forwarded from Geneva and purchased locally	2,600.—
	carry forward	499,547.—

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	brought forward	499,547.—
<i>Haiti</i>	Medical supplies, surgical kits, dressing material; sent from Geneva to the Haitian Red Cross	25,537.—
<i>Hungary</i>	Pharmaceuticals sent to the Hungarian Red Cross on request	10,900.—
<i>India</i>	10 tons powdered milk sent from Geneva for the government's feeding programme	45,000.—
<i>Iraq</i>	Vitamin products to the Iraqi Red Crescent	1,500.—
<i>Israel</i>	Cash donations received for and transferred to Magen David Adom	45,091.—
	Food parcels to POW's	35,000.—
	Local purchases of cigarettes and other comforts for POW's	46,500.—
<i>Jordan</i>	See list of donators to joint ICRC-League action	
<i>Laos</i>	Local purchases by ICRC delegate of foodstuffs, blankets, mosquito-netting, straw matting and cooking utensils; distribution carried out with help of Lao Red Cross to Meo refugees	31,000.—
<i>Nigeria</i>	1. Medical supplies, surgical instruments, and dressing material sent from Geneva to ICRC team on Federal territory	56,000.—
	2. Direct consignments of medical supplies, sheets and blankets by various donators to Lagos	175,000.—
	3. Medical supplies, surgical instruments, dressing material and X-ray apparatus to ICRC team in Biafra	217,800.—
	4. Consignment by air of medical supplies and dressing materials to Port Harcourt; contributed by various donators	122,000.—
	5. Consignment to Douala for Biafra of medical supplies, blankets and sheets from various donators	13,000.—
<i>Poland</i>	Special pharmaceutical products sent to Polish Red Cross on request	25,683.—
<i>United Arab Republic</i>	Four consignments of food parcels and clothing for Israeli POW's	1,300.—
	See list of donators to joint ICRC-League action	
<i>Rwanda</i>	Supplies to Shagasha camp on behalf of various governments	170,000.—
<i>Syria</i>	See list of donators to joint ICRC-League action	
	carry forward	1,520,858.—

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<i>Republic of Vietnam</i>	<p style="text-align: right;">brought forward</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Medical supplies, powdered milk, material and baby clothes sent from Geneva for sick children and orphans 2. Assistance to orphanages: building work and foodstuffs 3. Local purchases of medical supplies, blankets, mosquito-nets, cigarettes and soap distributed by ICRC delegates to detainees and internees 4. Freight on medical supplies provided by various donators 	<p style="text-align: right;">1,520,858.—</p> <p style="text-align: right;">262,000.—</p> <p style="text-align: right;">75,000.—</p> <p style="text-align: right;">38,000.—</p> <p style="text-align: right;">51,900.—</p>
<i>Democratic Republic of Vietnam</i>	<p>Medical supplies, laboratory chemicals, refrigerators, X-ray equipment and surgical instruments to the Red Cross of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam; by air via Moscow, Peking or Phnom Penh or by rail via Moscow.</p> <p>On December 21 a mobile field-hospital comprising a prefabricated "clinobox" operating theatre, a container convertible into a room, and electricity generating equipment, left Hanover by rail for Vladivostok, via Moscow and from Vladivostok by sea to Haiphong</p> <p>Total value plus freight</p> <p>These relief consignments were made possible by many donators (National Societies, National Aid Committees to Vietnam, non-governmental organizations, broadcasting corporations and individuals).</p> <p>The Alliance of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies of the USSR attended to the transport as far as Haiphong.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">650,000.—</p>
<i>Yemen</i>	<p>ICRC medical teams continued their work in the Yemen for the benefit of the sorely tried civilian population.</p> <p>Medical supplies and surgical instruments to these teams involved expenditure amounting to</p> <p>In addition foodstuffs were distributed to a value of</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">101,000.—</p> <p style="text-align: right;">20,000.—</p>
<i>Federation of South Arabia</i>	<p>Medical supplies to the " Queen Elizabeth " Hospital, Aden</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">3,500.—</p>
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	<p>ICRC action for the benefit of civilian population, detainees, internees, victims of internal disorder in 15 countries . . .</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">150,000.—</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>2,872,258.—</u></p>

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JOINT ICRC AND LEAGUE ACTION IN THE NEAR EAST

The ICRC aircraft which left Geneva on the night of June 6/7, 1967, transported an assortment of standard emergency material (blood plasma, medical supplies and dressings). These were divided equally among the countries involved in the conflict (Jordan, Syria, United Arab Republic, Lebanon and Israel). The consignment was for delivery to the National Societies, that is to say the Red Crescent Societies of Syria, Jordan and the United Arab Republic, the Red Cross Society of the Lebanon and the Magen David Adom.

Even before the ICRC had set up its central depot in Cyprus, relief material began to flow into Nicosia and Beirut. The Lebanese Red Cross with whole-hearted verve immediately organized reception arrangements in Beirut for the incoming consignments by air and sea, and it arranged forwarding by road and air to the countries affected by the conflict (Jordan and Syria). In the United Arab Republic the Red Crescent received the relief supplies sent direct or via Nicosia, whilst in Israel it was the Magen David Adom to whom the supplies were sent direct.

On June 18, the League of Red Cross Societies delegated to Beirut its Relief Bureau Director, Mr. Robert-Tissot, who played an active part in the relief operations.

Many donators, particularly National Red Cross Societies, sent their contributions in cash and kind to the ICRC and the League. Others requested instructions for direct despatch by air and sea to Nicosia and Beirut and, subsequently, when the air-fields were re-opened, to Jordan and Syria. Red Cross, Red Crescent and governments sent supplies direct to the countries concerned. Many of these consignments were notified to the ICRC or to the League only a long time afterwards.

In view of the extent of this assistance, international solidarity with the victims of events in the Near East, and the impossibility of keeping strict control of supply movements, for reasons just explained, the ICRC's and the League's 1967 reports list only the contributions in cash and kind sent by them, through their intermediary, or direct by donors to the beneficiaries and later notified to the international institutions of the Red Cross. The following list

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of donators is not exhaustive; it only shows the donations of which we have been informed. It does however present a fair picture of the efforts made by the Red Cross throughout the world for the benefit of the victims of the conflict.

In addition to its work in favour of displaced persons and refugees, the ICRC was active on behalf of other categories of war victims for whom it was the only body able to act, that is to say, for prisoners of war and the civilian population on Israeli occupied territory. The cost of such relief is included not in the list which now follows, but in the summary of relief just given.

The list of known donators and their contributions has been drawn up jointly by the International Committee of the Red Cross and the League of Red Cross Societies.

<i>Donators</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Value in Swiss francs</i>
<i>Afghanistan</i>	blankets	51,000.—
<i>Algeria</i>	medical team	not specified
	services of a delegate	2,000.—
<i>Australia</i>	cash donations	32,826.—
<i>Austria</i>	blood plasma, medical supplies, blankets, bedding, clothing, foodstuffs, dressing material, first-aid kits, milk, 1 Diesel lorry, sundries	190,712.—
<i>Belgium</i>	blood plasma, antibiotics, milk	51,537.—
<i>Bulgaria</i>	medical supplies, foodstuffs, clothing	1,658,880.—
<i>Canada</i>	government contribution	220,080.—
	cash donations	358,760.—
	tents, blankets, serum, clothing, baby clothing, toilet articles	378,375.—
	services of 2 delegates	30,000.—
<i>Chile</i>	blankets, clothing, baby clothing, foodstuffs	45,000.—
<i>Czechoslovakia</i>	blood plasma, medical supplies, tents, blankets, bedding, milk, surgical instruments	268,300.—
<i>Denmark</i>	cash donations	249,219.—
	services of a delegate	12,461.—
<i>Ethiopia</i>	cash donations	12,000.—
<i>Finland</i>	medical supplies, tents, blankets	58,236.—
<i>France</i>	cash donations	4,400.—
	tents, blankets, foodstuffs, medical supplies	141,224.—
<i>Germany (Dem. Rep.)</i>	medical supplies, tents, blankets, clothing, dressings, soap	776,040.—

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<i>Donators</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Value in Swiss francs</i>
<i>Germany</i> (Fed. Rep.)	cash donations	543,899.—
	blood plasma, medical supplies, disinfectants, surgical instruments, dressings, X-ray equipment, tents, blankets, bedding, foodstuffs, clothing, milk, 4 mobile clinics, 1 field hospital and bakery	2,123,115.—
<i>Greece</i>	2 mobile hospitals with 6 doctors and a staff of 41, beds and bedding	not specified
<i>Guatemala</i>	cash donations	14,050.—
<i>Hungary</i>	medical supplies, tents, blankets, foodstuffs, dressings	100,000.—
<i>India</i>	medical supplies, blankets, clothing, material	24,900.—
<i>Iran</i>	establishment of a refugee camp (medical supplies, tents, blankets, clothing, plasma, etc.)	2,273,000.—
<i>Iraq</i>	cash donations	60,375.—
	40-bed hospital, plasma, medical supplies, tents, blankets, beds, bedding, milk, foodstuffs, clothing, kitchen utensils	not specified
<i>Ireland</i>	cash donations	68,061.—
<i>Italy</i>	blood plasma, blankets, foodstuffs, clothing, medical supplies, dressings	1,073,627.—
	cash donations	4,820.—
<i>Japan</i>	cash donations	8,630.—
	medical supplies, milk, clothing, sewing machines	63,080.—
<i>Korea</i> (Republic)	medical supplies	10,000.—
<i>Kuwait</i>	medical supplies, tents, blankets, foodstuffs, clothing	not specified
<i>Libya</i>	medical supplies, blankets	65,000.—
<i>Liechtenstein</i>	cash donations	21,472.—
<i>Luxemburg</i>	cash donations	20,418.—
<i>Malaysia</i>	cash donations	2,804.—
<i>Monaco</i>	cash donations	4,395.—
<i>Mongolia</i>	medical supplies and equipment	108,000.—
<i>Netherlands</i>	cash donations	450,000.—
	medical supplies, vitamins, blankets, foodstuffs, baby food, medical equipment, blood plasma, tents, laundry equipment, soap	487,332.—
<i>New Zealand</i>	cash donations	9,195.—
<i>Norway</i>	cash donations	30,148.—
	TAB vaccine, blankets, milk, baby food, blood transfusion equipment, 2 VW buses and 1 VW station-wagon	155,509.—
	blankets and clothing	not specified
<i>Pakistan</i>	medical supplies, tents, bedding, foodstuffs, clothing	416,743.—
	blankets, clothing, material, blood transfusion equipment	not specified
<i>Poland</i>	blood plasma and equipment	not specified
	blankets	18,024.—
<i>Portugal</i>	cash donations	3,000.—
	blood plasma	1,000.—
<i>Rumania</i>	medical supplies, foodstuffs	207,000.—
<i>Saudi Arabia</i>	blood plasma, medical supplies, tents, blankets, bedding, clothing, carpets, stretchers	1,000,000.—
<i>South Africa</i>	cash donations	45,258.—
	blood plasma	3,636.—

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<i>Donators</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Value in Swiss francs</i>
<i>Spain</i>	cash donations	4,000.—
	blood plasma	not specified
<i>Sudan</i>	blankets, tents	8,370.—
	blood plasma, tents, foodstuffs, clothing	not specified
<i>Sweden</i>	cash donations	376,446.—
	blood plasma, medical supplies, tents, blankets, bedding, vitamins, milk	1,424,200.—
<i>Switzerland</i>	cash donations	130,000.—
	blood plasma, tents, blankets, foodstuffs, clothing, soap services of a delegate	564,000.—
<i>Thailand</i>	cash donations	5,000.—
<i>Tunisia</i>	cash donations	2,070.—
<i>Turkey</i>	medical supplies, tents, blankets, clothing, foodstuffs	39,000.—
	medical supplies, tents, blankets, foodstuffs, clothing, dressings, cigarettes	not specified
<i>United Arab Republic</i>	prisoner of war parcels	20,500.—
<i>United Kingdom</i>	cash donations	760,125.—
	tents and blankets	265,068.—
<i>USA</i>	medical supplies and clothing	not specified
	cash donations	525,647.—
<i>USSR</i>	government cash donations	864,000.—
	medical supplies, clothing, school equipment and sundries	1,825,115.—
<i>Yugoslavia</i>	medical supplies, tents, blankets, foodstuffs, clothing, dressings, oxygen, medical and surgical equipment, material, condensed milk	1,169,235.—
	tents, blankets, foodstuffs, clothing, material, ambulance, radio and telephone equipment	158,500.—
<i>Individual Donors</i>	cash donations	621,575.—
	(Swiss firms and federal and cantonal authorities) Various donations in kind from non Red Cross sources (Geneva Arab Committee, Caritas, American Joint, World Council of Churches, etc.)	57,150.—

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RELIEF FORWARDED THROUGH ICRC

<i>Date and place of despatch</i>	<i>Transport</i>	<i>Donators</i>
8 June-27 July ; 9 consignments from Geneva	by air to Nicosia	ICRC and various National Societies
7 July Geneva	by air to Cairo	ICRC
June-December 10 consignments	by air to Syria, Jordan, UAR	ICRC
July 10 Göteborg	by sea to Beirut	ICRC
12 July Geneva	by sea to Beirut	ICRC Geneva Arab Committee French Red Cross
17 July Geneva	by sea to Beirut	ICRC French Red Cross ICRC
19 August Geneva	by sea to Beirut	ICRC
11 August Hamburg	by sea to Beirut	ICRC
29 June Turkey	by sea to Beirut	Red Cross of Federal Republic of Germany
11 July Göteborg	by sea to Beirut, for Syria	ICRC
31 August Hamburg	by sea to Beirut, for Syria	ICRC
17 August Göteborg	by sea to Beirut	ICRC
18 November Göteborg	by sea to Beirut	ICRC
Iran	Syria, by lorry	ICRC
20 December Geneva	by sea to Alexandria, for Cairo	ICRC Chilean Red Cross Swiss Red Cross
20 December Geneva	by sea to Beirut, for Syrian Red Crescent	ICRC Chilean Red Cross ICRC Mr. Zreikat of Geneva

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TO LEBANON-SYRIA-JORDAN-UAR

<i>Description</i>	<i>cif value in Sw. frs.</i>
medical supplies, dressing material, blankets, tents, clothing, milk, soups, baby food, blood plasma	987,735.—
medical supplies, blood transfusion kits	68,600.—
medical supplies	3,600.—
full powdered milk	110,000.—
powdered milk, soups, clothing, medical supplies	77,000.—
powdered milk, clothing, blankets, footwear, medical supplies	8,000.—
medical supplies	2,000.—
soups, clothing, blankets	355,000.—
condensed milk	15,000.—
powdered milk	48,000.—
powdered milk	74,000.—
1 Clinomobil with medical equipment.	71,000.—
flour	210,875.—
13,460 blankets, 3,250 items of children's clothing, 2,100 pullovers	199,243.—
15 large tents	30,000.—
primus stoves, tents, blankets	121,000.—
cooking utensils	11,200.—
100 tons beans, 100 tons barley, 15 tons sugar	153,102.—
second hand clothing	5,400.—
new clothing	2,600.—
610 pairs dungarees for adults	15,100.—
cocoa, sugar	2,500.—
new clothing, foodstuffs	10,000.—
new clothing and foodstuffs	20,000.—
second-hand clothing, powdered milk for babies	16,500.—