



Iraqi Red Crescent Society

Annual Report of IRCS Activities on 2006

Introduction:

Iraqi Red Crescent Society is the independent humanitarian organization, which working in accordance to the seven principles of the international movement as an auxiliary to the government in the humanitarian operation aspect. When IRCS found on 1932, it adopted the mission of improving the vulnerable people inside the country and backing the government in this aspect by mobilizing the human capacities in IRCS/HQ, its branches and volunteers.

IRCS is the head of High Committee for Victims Relief that is responsible for setting up camps and participating in the evacuation and rescue processes. IRCS has specified the following responsibilities:

Providing the support for the governmental concerned ministries regarding evacuation and rescue processes, including (ministry of defense, ministry of health, ministry of environment and ministry of interior), in order to enhance and strengthen the cooperation and coordination links in all aspects. Besides, preparing and training a specialized staff and the volunteers in accordance with its role in the country, represented in evacuating and rescuing processes during disasters. Moreover, it contributed in supporting the ministry of health in measles and poliomyelitis campaigns and health relief processes.

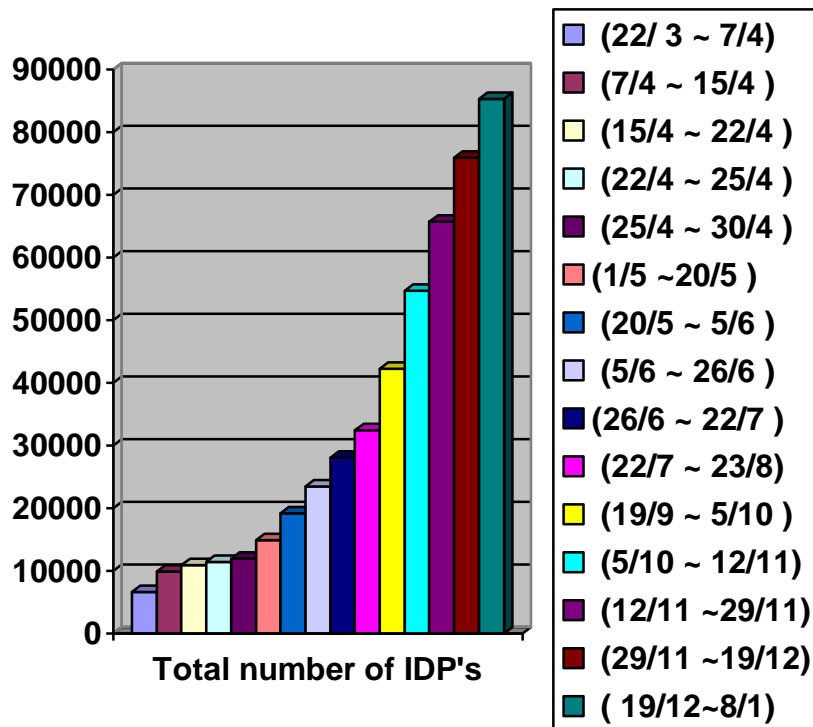
IRCS is structured into different departments and sections, which participated in implementing its missions through HQ and its branches. Each branch has offices distributed in the governorate, working as a network throughout the country, depending on the volunteers, whose number is (10000) volunteers and IRCS also keeps on increasing their numbers.

IRCS implemented various programs in different fields, which assist the local community. Since January, 1st, 2006 IRCS implemented many programs through its departments and here are some of the activities done by these departments:

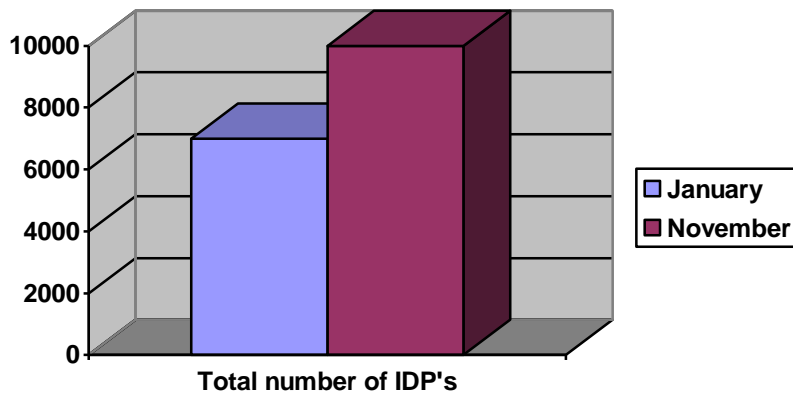
Disaster Management Department:

IRCS had the basic role in relieving the vulnerable people, through its main department, which is disaster management. The department that was responsible with its sections (preparedness and response) for managing the disasters in Iraq by training the volunteers and the employees, relieving the vulnerable people, setting up camps and managing UNICEF program (Rapid Damage Assessment and Response during emergency(RDAR)).on 2006 it implemented many main activities including:

1. Relieving (85368) displaced families in the whole country in the period (22/3/2006- 8/1/12007)



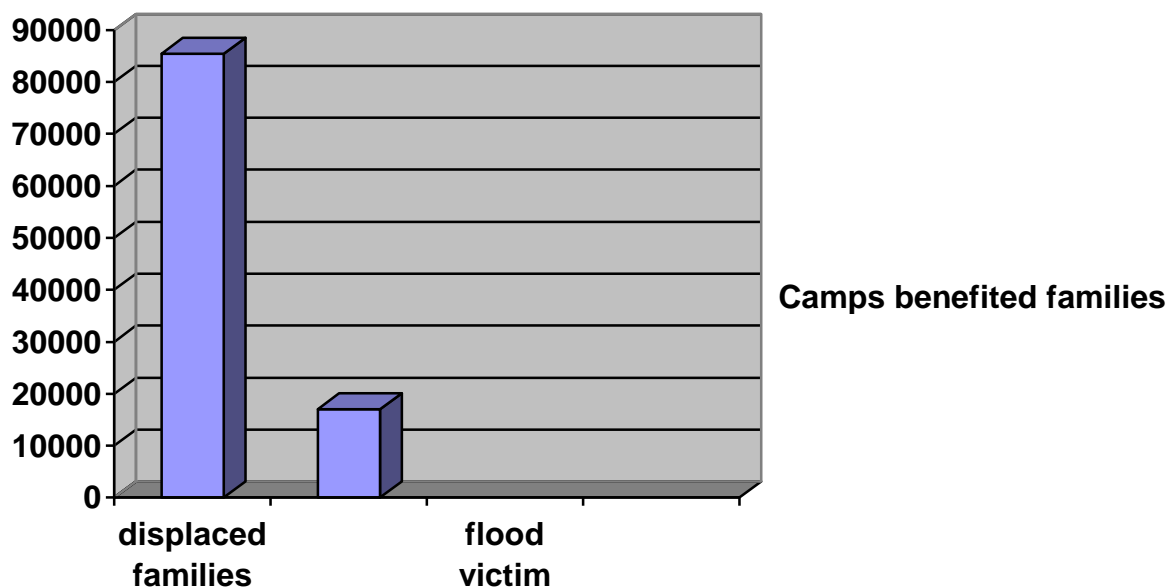
2. Relieving (17000) vulnerable families, due to the floods and influxes happened twice in winter on 2006



3. IRCS started directly and actively through its employees of disaster management department with setting up camps to the IDP's and the vulnerable people due to the flood.

The beneficiaries number from these camps on 2006

The number of beneficiaries from these camps is (102368) families.



4. Program management:

In accordance to the agreement held between IRCS and UNICEF, disaster management department undertook the mission of (RDA) program, in addition, training (90) volunteers from IRCS.

Health department

Health department is one of the active departments in IRCS, due to the medical important missions that undertook by it during natural disasters and artificial disasters such as the armed conflicts and violent actions. Moreover, it monitored the maternity, surgical and children surgery hospitals. The department consists of health programs section and psychosocial support section.

IRCS donated (30) tons of medicines and medical materials to the Iraqi ministry of health, delivering (2000) patients abroad and distributing (654) artificial limbs and (1375) wheel chairs to the disabled people due to the military operations.

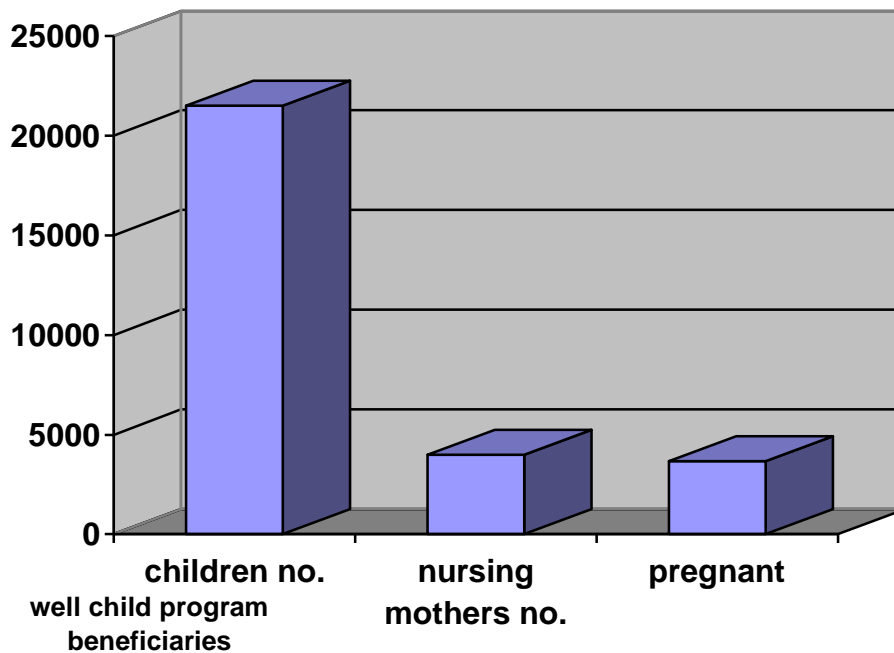
Health programs on 2006

❖ CBFA program

This program started on 1997 and the number of main training courses held for this purpose on 2006 was (97) courses, (20) volunteers participated in each course, so the total number of the participants is (1940) volunteers. The program continued actively, and (3) other courses held to train the trainers in all IRCS branches, (20) volunteers participated in each of these courses and the total of the beneficiaries is (60) volunteers.

❖ Well child program

The main aim of this program is to take care of children and the nursing mothers, treat them from malnutrition, supplying them with the high protein food items. This program implemented in cooperation with CARITAS organization and the figure below illustrates the number of the benefited children, mothers and pregnant on 2006



❖ Monitoring vaccination campaigns

IRCS implemented (3) poliomyelitis vaccination campaigns in the regions that lack for healthy care, especially the children who are not vaccinated in the vaccination campaigns done by ministry of health. The number of children in these regions is (248400) children, (222060) children were vaccinated, while (26340) children were unvaccinated. These campaigns were done in cooperation with the ministry of health, UNICEF and WHO.

❖ Hospitals rehabilitation

Rehabilitating IRCS children surgery, and IRCS public surgery and Kut hospitals in cooperation with IFRC.

❖ Psychosocial support program

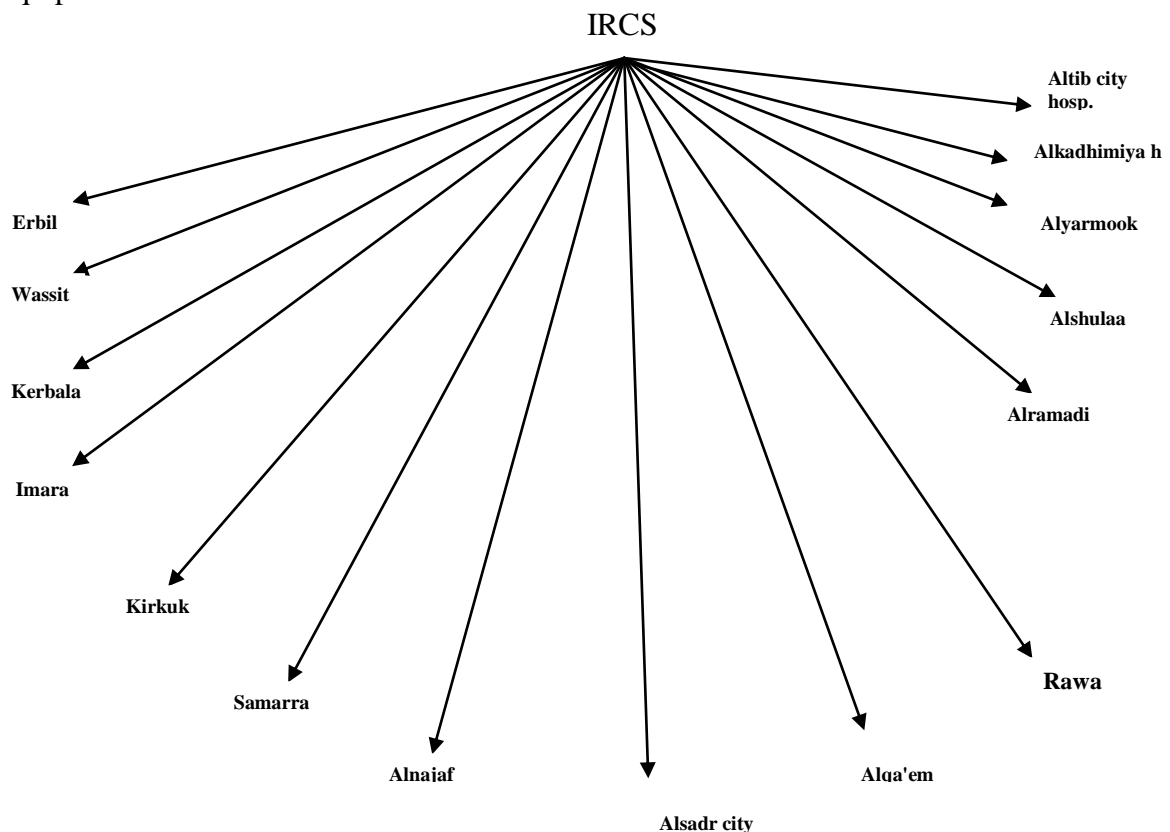
This program aimed for lessening the sufferings of the beneficiaries, caring for their psychological health, strengthening the social connections to achieve better psychological health.

Two children projects were implemented in this program, one in Basra branch and the other in Baghdad branch. The activities of Basra children project started on 24/3/2006 included training (40) volunteers and holding (6) training workshops, besides, two courses within this project were held, the period of each one is (12) weeks and the number of the beneficiaries is (40) volunteers, (900) children and (600) families. Baghdad children project included training (60) volunteers and holding (6) training workshops.

❖ Supplying the medicines and the medical equipments

IRCS supplied (27) NGO's, (44) public and private hospitals and (21) medical centers with the medicines and the medical equipments.

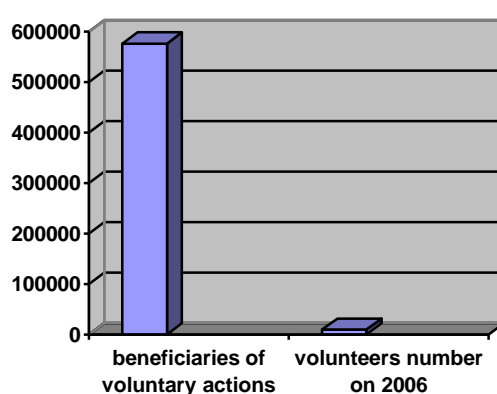
The figure below illustrates the hospitals supplied with the medicines and the medical equipments.



Youth and volunteers department

This department paved the way for IRCS to the local community. It represented the main means for program implementation for it supported the IRCS with the human resources, for the organization depended on two main resources: human and financial resources. This department basically accepts the volunteers by the youth programs, summer camps, and special needs orphans' shelters in addition to the awareness celebrations to define the principles of international movement It also provided the departments with efficient volunteers.

Volunteers number on 2006	Beneficiaries of the voluntary actions
9543 volunteers	576000 individuals



Logistics department

The logistics department divided into two main sections: transport section, which included various vehicles such as the tracks and ambulances. Storage section which stores the food and non food items and the strategic stores The department supplied the food and non food items on 2006 as shown below:

Food items	Medicines and medical materials	Non food items	Tents
3642.400 ton	30 ton	88818 portions	20552 tents

It is important to mention that a warehouse was established in Saladin by IRCS in cooperation with IFRC.

Tracing program

This department aimed to assist the families that lost one or more of its individuals during conflicts or disasters to contact with them and trace for any information may help to find the lost or detainees. Besides, it restores the families by sending and receiving the letters between the families and the detainees. The table below shows the activities of this department:

		Middle	Northern	Southern	SUMATION	
Distributed	Distributed Reg C.	38	26	15	79	
	Distributed IC	7983	2151	97	10231	
	Distributed RCM	7753	6110	134	13997	
	Replied BTS	959	367	32	1358	
	RL-CH	1454	1473	142	3069	
	Total requests distributed	18187	9456	420	28063	Distributed
	Pending	101	27	2	130	
AOD	Distributed detain certificates	625	625	565	1815	Done AoD
	Collected detain certificates	1363	1091	2938	5392	Requsts
	Replies	6563	4790	94	11447	
	Collected TR	33	28	22	83	
	Collected AOA	407	233	75	715	
AOD	Distributed Done AOD	1368	212	4665	6245	To be distributed
	Informed AOD	1465	547	4451	6463	To be Informed
TOTAL		19652	10003	4871	34526	

This program started on 1980 and continued working in cooperation with ICRC on 1999. The total of the distributed (detaining cards, letters, registration cards and replied letters, release formats) is (28063).

The number of distributed detaining certificates is (1815) certificate, and (12245) letters received, tracing request, claim and detaining requests, (5392) requests for detaining certificates and (34526) letters distributed, registration cards, detaining cards, release formats and detaining certificates notifications.

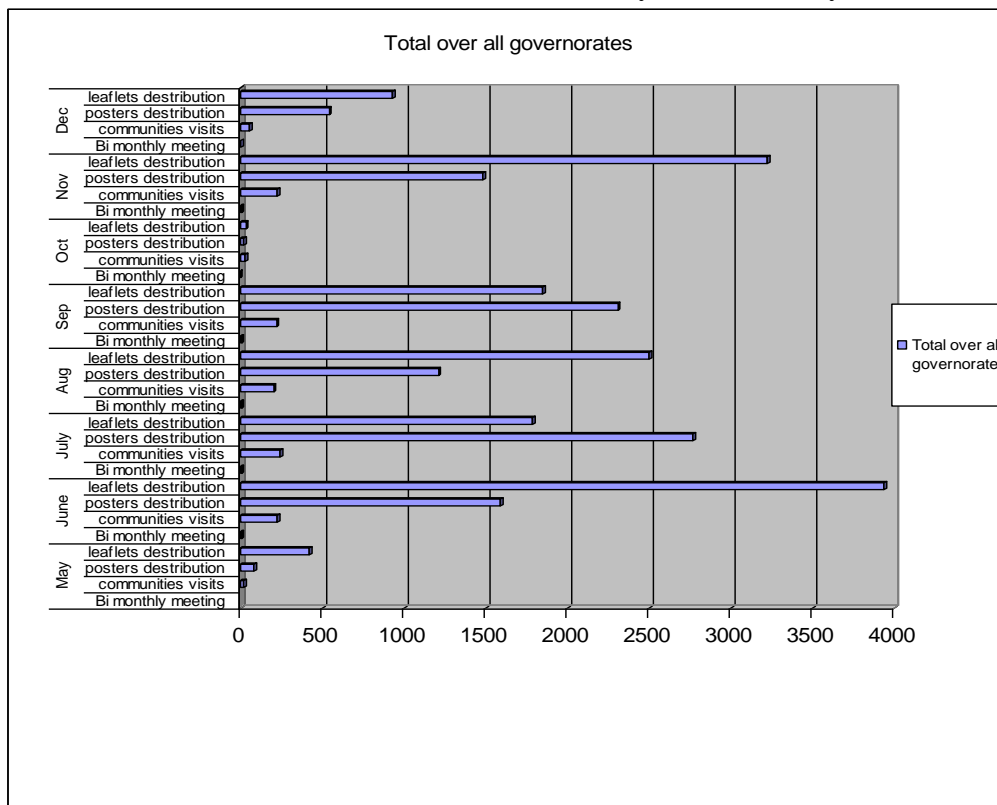
Dissemination and information departments

The program started on 1996 in (6) governorates and then expanded to (18) governorates. It aimed to disseminate the international humanitarian law, describe the principles and the components of the international movement of Red Cross and Red Crescent, and describe IRCS role and activities in all aspects.

ERWA program

This program aimed to aware all kinds of society from the danger of the explosive remnants of the wars. It started on 2004 in (4) southern governorates and then expanded to (15) governorates, except the northern governorates.

Statistics of the ERWA activities from May, 2006-January, 2007



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IRCS worked closely with the local community to alleviate and lessen the sufferings of the vulnerable people through its branches, offices and volunteers. IRCS is capable to implement its missions by participating in the programs implemented by its active departments which are (disaster management, logistics, health, WatHab, properties and investment, fundraising, financial affairs, international relation, OD and reporting, dissemination, legal and administration affairs and IT departments). The importance of these departments lies in their supportive role to the humanitarian actions and worked at all levels, but cannot be represented in diagrams or figures due to the variant and greatness work it did.

Briefly, these departments are working in two main resources: the financial resources represented in (properties and investment, fundraising, financial affairs departments), human resources represented in (legal and administration affairs, OD and reporting departments) and other vital departments that working as a unit in accordance with the humanitarian principles and values. IRCS always attempts to mobilize its efforts to cover the needs of the local community as soon as possible.

IRCS planned a program to support the people who affected with HIV/AIDS and assigned a monthly income to help them. Other programs are also established for the targeted people, such as (Eid gifts, rehabilitating the disabled people and rehabilitating orphanages and elder people houses).

Conclusion

IRCS is the only national society in Iraq and it has the leading role in the humanitarian relief operations, and the critical security situation in Iraq prevented ICRC and IFRC from supporting the IDP's directly, thus, IRCS was the only organization that can get to them easily to perform its humanitarian actions.

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