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In 1972, the ICRC kept or installed radio stations in the following areas:

Far East: About 18,700 telegrams or over a million words were exchanged over the radio network established in the Asian sub-continent. Following the conflict in the sub-continent, in December 1971, the ICRC installed radio stations in Islamabad, New Delhi and Dacca, and an internal network in Bangladesh.

Early in 1972, the ICRC set up a radio station at its delegation's headquarters in Phnom Penh.

Middle East: Radio connections between Amman, Beirut and Damascus, and between Amman and Geneva, continued to operate normally.

On the other hand, the radio connection with the Yemen Arab Republic ceased, as the ICRC removed its delegation from Sana'a early in 1972.

Latin America: The radio link with the ICRC delegation in Caracas was maintained.

The number of telegrams exchanged in 1972 between the ICRC's HBC-88 station and the field totalled 24,457, or around 1,291,110 words.

RELIEF SERVICE

ICRC Relations with the European Economic Community

On 6 December 1972, the European Economic Community and the ICRC signed an agreement on the attribution of 28,000 tons of grain (18,543 tons wheat flour) to the population of Bangladesh. Conditions governing the submission of tenders to supply had been worked out by the Commission of the European Communities by 25 August 1972, and before the end of the year it proved possible to ship the whole quantity (see table of relief supplies).

The ICRC allocated in 1972 the full 7,000 tons of grain supplied under the agreement signed on 13 July 1971: 2,635 tons of wheat

flour went to the Sudan and 2,000 to Israel (see table of relief supplies).

In Latin America, the Chilean Red Cross received two large consignments of skimmed milk powder in 1972 (see table of relief supplies). Both consignments (200 tons and 135 tons) were drawn from the 3,000 tons to be provided under an agreement signed on 25 March 1970.

A shipment of 500 tons of wheat flour was also sent to the Jordan Red Crescent (see table of relief supplies).

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Table I

SUMMARY OF RELIEF SUPPLIES FORWARDED OR DISTRIBUTED
BY THE ICRC IN 1972

AFRICA	Value Sw. Fr.*
Burundi	
June	
400 kg of powdered milk, to the Red Cross Society of Burundi, by air, a gift from the Swiss Confederation	2,400.—
July	
298 kg of medicaments, by air, to the ICRC delegation	17,000.—
Cameroon	
July	
10 first-aid kits, by air, to the ICRC delegation in Yaoundé (for distribution to different National Societies)	950.—
October	
40 kg of medicaments, by air, to the ICRC delegation	2,560.—
Ethiopia	
July	
10 first-aid kits, by air, to the ICRC delegation in Addis Ababa (for distribution to different National Societies)	950.—
Gambia	
November	
33 kg of medicaments, by air, to the Gambia Red Cross	1,730.—
Lesotho	
December	
Cash donation to Lesotho Red Cross Society	5,000.—
Liberia	
November	
45 kg of medicaments, by air, to the Liberian National Red Cross	2,400.—

* exclusive of freight

	Value Sw. Fr.
Madagascar	
December	
Cash donation to Tamatave Red Cross for victims of disorders	5,000.—
December	
Cash donation to the Red Cross Society of Madagascar, Majunga and Diego Suarez chapters, for victims of disorders	5,000.—
Mali	
December	
Cash donation to the Mali Red Cross for the purchase of a vehicle and medicaments	15,000.—
Niger	
December	
Cash gifts for Bilma refugees and the Red Cross Society of Niger	6,500.—
Rwanda	
October	
2 kg of surgical material, by air, to the Rwanda Red Cross for the Rilima dispensary	560.—
Senegal	
March	
3 tons of powdered milk and 80 kg of milk for infants to the Senegalese Red Cross Society, St. Louis branch	21,500.—
December	
Cash donation to the Senegalese Red Cross Society	2,000.—
Sierra Leone	
October	
57 kg of medicaments, by air, to the Sierra Leone Red Cross Society	4,030.—
Sudan	
November	
2,635 tons of flour, an EEC gift, to the Sudanese Red Crescent	1,317,500.—
Swaziland	
December	
Cash donation to the Baphalali Swaziland Red Cross Society	5,000.—
Tanzania	
December	
Cash donation to the Tanzania Red Cross Society	10,000.—

	Value Sw. Fr.
Togo	
December	
Cash donation to the Togolese Red Cross Society	2,000.—
Upper Volta	
December	
Cash gift to the Upper Volta Red Cross	5,500.—
GRAE (Revolutionary Government of Angola in Exile)	
December	
Purchase of an ambulance for GRAE's medical services in Kinshasa	26,650.—
PAIGC (African Party for the Independence of Guinea and Cape Verde)	
December	
568 kg of medicaments, by air, for the PAIGC Hospital at Ziguinchor (Senegal)	25,000.—

LATIN AMERICA

Argentina	
November	
First-aid kit, by air, for Resistencia chapter	150.—
Bolivia	
August	
42 kg of medicaments, by air, to the Bolivian Red Cross.	2,300.—
Mexaform.	1,430.—
Chile	
February	
200 tons of powdered skimmed milk, an EEC gift, to the Chilean Red Cross	800,000.—
April	
20 tons of powdered unskimmed milk, a gift from the Swiss Confederation, to the Chilean Red Cross	140,000.—
September	
135 tons of powdered skimmed milk, an EEC gift, to the Chilean Red Cross	540,000.—
Costa Rica	
November	
387 kg of medicaments and dressings to the Costa Rican Red Cross, for places of detention	8,560.—
Mexaform.	1,785.—
Dominican Republic	
December	
136 kg of medicaments to the Dominican Red Cross, for places of detention	5,000.—
Mexaform.	3,570.—

	Value Sw. Fr.
Guatemala	
January	
476 kg of medicaments to the Guatemalan Red Cross	12,120.—
Mexaform.	3,570.—
February	
29 kg of medicaments, by air, to the Guatemalan Red Cross	450.—
June	
12 first-aid kits to the Guatemalan Red Cross.	2,040.—
Guyana	
April	
250 kg of baby food to the Guyana Red Cross	1,200.—
October	
2 tons of powdered milk, a gift from the Swiss Confederation, to the Guyana Red Cross	14,000.—
Haiti	
August	
715 kg of relief supplies (dressings, litters, medicaments and blankets), by air, to the Haiti Red Cross	12,350.—
Mexaform.	14,200.—
October	
20 tons of powdered unskimmed milk, a gift from the Swiss Confederation, to the Haiti Red Cross	140,000.—
Honduras	
April	
1,500 doses of measles vaccine, by air, to the Honduran Red Cross	7,500.—
October	
5 tons of powdered unskimmed milk, a gift from the Swiss Confederation, to the Honduran Red Cross	35,000.—
November	
285 kg of medicaments, by air, to the Honduran Red Cross	3,200.—
Mexaform.	1,785.—
December	
50 first-aid kits to the Honduran Red Cross.	2,650.—
Jamaica	
October	
3 tons of powdered milk, a gift from the Swiss Confederation, to the Jamaica Red Cross Society	21,000.—
Nicaragua	
February	
238 kg of medicaments to the Nicaraguan Red Cross	5,400.—
Mexaform.	3,570.—

	Value Sw. Fr.
Panama	
January	
57 kg of medicaments, by air, to the Panamanian Red Cross	3,300.—
Mexaform.	1,785.—
Paraguay	
May	
130 kg of medicaments, by air, to the Paraguayan Red Cross	2,000.—
Mexaform.	3,570.—
July	
412 kg of medicaments to the Paraguayan Red Cross	13,000.—
Venezuela	
July	
10,000 packets of cigarettes to the ICRC delegation in Caracas (for distribution during prison visits)	not stated

ASIA

Bangladesh	
January to December	
Approximately 10 tons of medicaments and medical supplies, by air, to the ICRC delegation in Dacca	160,000.—
October	
6,000 tons of wheat flour, an EEC gift.	3,000,000.—
November	
6,000 tons of wheat flour, an EEC gift.	3,000,000.—
December	
6,543 tons of wheat flour, an EEC gift.	3,271,500.—
India	
February	
One ton of powdered milk, by air, a gift from the Swiss Confederation, to the Indian Red Cross	7,000.—
March	
350 parcels for prisoners, by air, to the ICRC delegation in New Delhi	35,000.—
Khmer Republic	
January	
113 kg of serum and vaccines, by air, to the ICRC delegation	25,000.—
June	
Direct despatch by the Australian Red Cross of 8 cartons of various medical supplies	12,800.—
July	
645 kg of medicaments and dressings, by air	10,000.—
Mexaform.	21,400.—

	Value Sw. Fr.
October	
13 kg of suture material, by air, to the ICRC delegation	2,300.—
November and December	
446 kg of surgical supplies, by air, to the ICRC delegation.	25,800.—
Laos	
June	
98 kg of Mexaform, by air, to the ICRC delegation.	21,400.—
November	
100 kg of Mexaform, by air, to the ICRC delegation	21,400.—
Lao Patriotic Front (Neo Lao Haksat)	
April	
1,365 kg of medicaments and first-aid kits to the Lao Patriotic Front Information Bureau, in Hanoi	83,000.—
June	
669 kg of medicaments, by air, to the Lao Patriotic Front Information Bureau, in Hanoi	21,200.—
Mexaform.	21,400.—
November	
2,669 kg of school equipment, by air, to the Lao Patriotic Front, in Hanoi . . .	8,000.—
Democratic Republic of Vietnam	
August to December	
Eight despatches of medicaments, totalling more than 4 tons, by air, to the Red Cross of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, Hanoi.	81,500.—
Republic of Vietnam	
April	
31 kg of various medicaments, by air, to the ICRC delegation	1,350.—
December	
408 kg of medicaments, by air, to the ICRC delegation	13,900.—

EUROPE

Hungary

January to December	
Medicaments to the Hungarian Red Cross	21,870.—

Poland

January to December	
Medicaments to the Polish Red Cross	3,270.—

	Value Sw. Fr.
Romania	
January to December	
Medicaments	5,800.—
Miscellaneous	
January to December	
Medicaments to various countries	1,600.—
MIDDLE EAST	
Arab Republic of Egypt	
May	
26 kg of Mexaform, by air, to the Egyptian Red Crescent Society	5,400.—
Israel and occupied territories	
April	
300 tons of wheat flour, a gift from the Swiss Confederation, for the West Bank population	150,000.—
September	
300 tons of wheat flour, a gift from the Swiss Confederation, for the West Bank population	150,000.—
650 tons foodstuffs and cloth (donated by ARE Red Crescent for population of Gaza and Sinai)	not stated
November	
20 tons of powdered unskimmed milk, a gift from the Swiss Government, for the West Bank population	140,000.—
December	
2,000 tons of wheat flour, an EEC gift, for the West Bank population	1,000,000.—
Jordan	
February	
500 tons of wheat flour, an EEC gift, to the Jordan National Red Crescent	250,000.—
March	
2 ambulances, a gift from the Belgian Red Cross, to the Jordan National Red Crescent	not stated
April	
23 kg of Mexaform, by air, to the ICRC delegation.	5,350.—
September	
210 kg of powdered milk and 176 kg of corned beef	1,000.—
Lebanon	
June	
48 kg of Mexaform, by air, to the Lebanese Red Cross	11,700.—
September and October	
2.9 tons of antibiotics and medicaments to the Lebanese Red Cross	54,900.—

	Value Sw. Fr.
" Palestinian Red Crescent "	
May	
Various medicaments	78,200.—
June	
48 kg of Mexaform	11,700.—
Syria	
March	
47 kg of Mexaform, by air, to the ICRC delegation.	10,250.—
August	
540 tons of wheat flour, a gift from the Swiss Confederation, to the Syrian Red Crescent	270,000.—
People's Democratic Republic of Yemen	
January	
20 tons of cornflour, an EEC gift, to the ICRC delegation	10,000.—
March	
Anti-haemophilic serum, by air	330.—
April	
200,000 cigarettes and 71 kg of Mexaform to the ICRC delegation	18,000.—
June	
Anti-haemophilic serum, by air	330.—
5 tarpaulins, by air, to the ICRC delegation	250.—
July	
10 litters, by air, to the ICRC delegation	1,500.—
Yemen Arab Republic	
May	
53 kg of Mexaform, by air, to the ICRC delegation.	12,800.—
October	
409 kg of medical supplies, by air, to the ICRC delegation	4,680.—
306 kg of medical supplies, by air, to the ICRC delegation	4,350.—

Table II

SUMMARY OF RELIEF SUPPLIES PURCHASED AND DISTRIBUTED
IN THE FIELD BY ICRC DELEGATES IN 1972

AFRICA

**Value
Sw. Fr.**

For distribution to prisoners and detainees in various countries 7,800.—

LATIN AMERICA

Bolivia

Food, medicaments and blankets for detainees 7,800.—

Nicaragua

Medicaments for detainees 8,550.—

Panama

Medicaments for detainees 2,865.—

Peru

Medicaments for detainees 115.—

ASIA

Khmer Republic

Food, medicaments, clothing, etc. for refugees 27,000.—

Laos

Food, medicaments, clothing, etc. for displaced persons 100,300.—

Republic of Vietnam

Food and clothing for civilian detainees 5,300.—

Purchase and distribution of various relief supplies for prisoners of war 8,200.—

Medicaments and food for hospitals and orphanages 12,700.—

Cash donation to the Red Cross of the Republic of Vietnam 50,000.—

MIDDLE EAST		Value Sw. Fr.
Arab Republic of Egypt		
Assistance to prisoners of war		59,200.—
Israel and occupied territories		
Assistance to prisoners of war		73,100.—
Aid to local sections of the Jordan National Red Crescent		66,700.—
Assistance to civilian detainees and the civilian population, and various relief supplies		266,300.—
Jordan		
Assistance to detainees, and various relief supplies		17,850.—
Lebanon		
Various relief supplies		2,800.—
Syria		
Assistance to prisoners of war, and various relief supplies		1,900.—
People's Democratic Republic of Yemen		
Aid to political detainees and their families		11,180.—
Aid to Dhofar refugees		5,500.—
Yemen Arab Republic		
Sana'a artificial limb workshop		50,200.—
Various relief supplies		6,600.—
