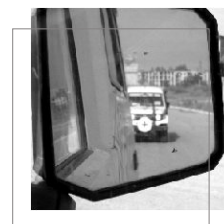




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THE NORTH CAUCASUS AND THE SOUTH OF RUSSIA



ICRC





The ICRC established its presence in the North Caucasus in 1993, in response to the Prigorodny conflict.

Since then the organisation has maintained a permanent region-wide presence and continues to provide assistance to more than 250'000 civilians affected by the situation in the Chechen republic.

The ICRC maintains offices in Chechnya, Ingushetia, Dagestan, North Ossetia, Kabardino-Balkaria and Stavropolsky krai.

Highlights

ICRC Starts 4th Quarter Food Distribution in Ingushetia

In October the ICRC begins the 4th quarter round of distribution of food and non-food items to displaced civilians residing in Ingushetia. This will be the last distribution for 2002, and it will assist roughly 86'000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) – the number of IDPs in the areas covered by the ICRC.

With this round the ICRC begins a shift in its operational strategy leading into 2003. After several months of in-depth situation assessment, including reviews of the economic situation in Ingushetia, Dagestan and Chechnya, it was decided to focus on the most vulnerable groups in the three affected republics. Next year the ICRC intends also to increase its assistance to vulnerable categories within the Chechen Republic itself.

According to Michel Minning, Head of the ICRC Delegation in the Russian Federation, 'We are committed to continue our operations in the North Caucasus in 2003. With a significant degree of co-operation with other important humanitarian actors in the field, we can now afford to target more specifically and substantially those most in need of emergency assistance.'

In June-July of this year the ICRC also carried out a massive verification exercise of the IDP population assisted in Ingushetia, convoking all of the resident beneficiaries to 41 different sites in Ingushetia. Some 50 supplementary staff collected this updated data and additionally conducted over 15'000 home visits across the republic to identify household compositions and to determine those families and beneficiaries most in need.

Promotion of International Humanitarian Law (IHL)

The ICRC photo exhibition "Humanity and War" will be held for the first time in Makhachkala, Dagestan from the 8th to 26th of October. The exhibition was organised in collaboration with the authorities from the Ministry of Education, Health and Labour of the republic that showed great interest and support to it.

In its annual appeal for 2002, the ICRC requested nearly 34 million USD to finance its activities in the Russian Federation.

Operations in the Northern Caucasus amounts to over 27 million USD.

In September 2002, the ICRC provided food and non-food assistance to more than 100'000 IDPs in the North Caucasus and the South of Russia.

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Food Assistance

Bread Programme

The ICRC in co-operation with the Russian Red Cross continued its bread program, assisting 43'696 beneficiaries. These beneficiaries are registered in the towns of Grozny, Urus-Martan, Shali, Argun, Kurtchaloi and Gudermes as well as in 3 Grozny district villages (Chechen-Aul, Gikalo, Prigorodny) and 1 village in the Urus-Martan district – Alkhan-Yurt.



Bread distribution in Grozny

Each month beneficiaries receive 12 loaves of bread through 57 kiosks monitored by ICRC and RRC staff. Approximately 500'000 loaves of bread have been distributed during the reporting period.

A supplemental ration of sugar, oil, soap and tea is provided to the same beneficiaries on a monthly basis.

Collective centres (CC) programme

Old collective centres* - As a part of the existing program, the ICRC provided assistance to 2'424 beneficiaries registered in 9 old CC (2 in Grozny, 5 in Argun and 2 in Gudermes). During the month of September 1'470 beneficiaries were assisted with 1 food parcel per person every 2 months. The remainder of the beneficiaries will be assisted next month. These same beneficiaries will also be assisted with 1 hygienic kit per person every 6 months during the reporting period.

New collective centres* - ICRC is in the process of registering beneficiaries in 8 Temporary Accommodation Centers (TACs – 6 in Grozny and 2 in Gudermes) to assist them with hygiene items. So far 2'009 beneficiaries in 3 CC in Grozny have been registered. Residents in these TACs will be considered for inclusion in the ICRC bread programme in 2003.

During the month of September 1'355 beneficiaries were assisted in 2 new TACs with 1 hygienic kit per person every 6 months.

Institution programme

During the month of September assistance to 483 handicapped and elderly beneficiaries continued in 7 institutions*, providing each patient with 5 kg wheat flour, 5 kg potatoes, 5 kg beans, 2 kg sugar, 2 l oil, 200 g tea and 2 bars of soap.

Food for work

In September 185 Vodokanal workers (state water supplier) have been assisted with 1 food parcel each month per person. The same workers were also assisted with 1 hygienic kit per person every 6 months.

Non-Food Assistance

Shoes and school kits programme

Distributions of school kits and shoes to Chechen children on state sponsored vacations in sanatoriums outside of Chechnya are ongoing. 867 school kits and 869 pair of shoes were distributed in September.

CHECHNYA



ICRC setup in Chechnya

- ▶ 77 national staff
- ▶ 12 daily workers
- ▶ 13 vehicles

RRC setup in Chechnya

- ▶ 83 national staff
- ▶ 57 volunteers
- ▶ 11 vehicles

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Food Items

- ▶ 524'352 loaves of bread
- ▶ 124'785 kg of wheat flour
- ▶ 124'785 kg of potatoes
- ▶ 124'785 kg of beans
- ▶ 49'914 kg of sugar
- ▶ 49'914 l of oil
- ▶ 24'957 tea (boxes of 200 g)
- ▶ 3'010 food parcels

Non Food items

- ▶ 59'914 soaps
- ▶ 3'010 hygienic kits
- ▶ 867 school kits
- ▶ 869 pairs of shoes

* see annex 'C-1'

Water and Sanitation

In September the ICRC donated two sewage removal trucks, two excavators and various support materials together with two water trucks to Vodokanal of Grozny. These water trucks will be used in providing collective centres with potable water. One more water truck was given to the administration of Staropromislovsky district of the town.

In late 2000 the ICRC has rehabilitated the pumping station No.1 in Grozny. The station continues to supply over 35'000 residents of the city with chlorinated water with an average daily output of about 700m³. In September the total output of potable water distributed from the pumping station was 23'100 m³.



The pumping station No.1 in Grozny

Medical Assistance

The ICRC continues to supply traumatological and surgical departments of Chechen reference hospitals with medicines, medical materials and equipment. In September the ICRC provided medical assistance to Grozny hospitals No 9 and 3, Republican Paediatric Hospital, Argun city hospital No 1, Achkhoy-Martan, Gudermes, Shaly, Kurchaloy and Urus-Martan regional hospitals valued at 51'929 USD.

In September the ICRC completed rehabilitation of the surgical department, of the Urus-Martan Central Regional Hospital. This work included improvement of operational theater and boilers. The second phase of work in the same hospital will begin in October.

Mine Awareness (MA) Programme

As part of the ICRC mine awareness programme that has been initiated in Chechnya, a group of young volunteers reconstructed volleyball court in Grozny, including billboards with MA information and messages recalling the dangers posed by mines and UXO.

The translation of the animated video film 'Cheerdig and his friends' into Chechen language was completed by a local television. The cartoon will soon be shown on the Chechen TV and is also planned to be presented in Ingushetia in classrooms. A special follow-up programme on MA for children who already watched the cartoon was worked out to be used at the lessons in the future.

The next issue of the children's magazine 'Stelaad' ('Rainbow') which includes MA information and messages of advice was published. 450 copies were handed over to the ICRC and distributed in the regional hospitals and further copies were provided to RRC .

ICRC hygienic kit content

- › toothbrush 2 pcs.
- › toothpaste 0,2 kg
- › laundry soap 0,72 kg
- › toilet soap 2 pcs.
- › washing powder 1 kg



RRC nurses visit elderly people

ICRC school kit content

- › pen, ball point, blue 2 pcs.
- › coloured pencils set 1 set
- › water colours 1 set
- › paintbrush 1 pcs.
- › notebook 2 pcs.
- › drawing paper 1 album
- › pencil sharpener 1 pcs.
- › eraser 1 pcs.

Food and Non-Food Assistance

In line with the ICRC strategy to shift from blanket distributions to more targeted assistance, a verification and beneficiary update of the caseload of beneficiaries was completed over this summer. With this data, the ICRC will be able to gradually shift its help to those identified as the most vulnerable, within the overall IDP population today.



Verification in Sleptsovskaya

In September the ICRC has finished its fourth round of assistance in Ingushetia to some 85'000 IDPs. In September alone, 55'567 persons were provided with food parcels and hygienic kits.

INGUSHETIA



Water and Sanitation

The ICRC efforts to ensure the provision of potable water and shower facilities in Ingushetia continues. More than 28'000 people benefit from fresh water delivered by the local network and ICRC contracted water trucks, supplying 20 water bladders installed and maintained by the ICRC in three regions of the republic.

Today 13 showers with a total capacity of 138 cabins are functioning in the republic, serving a large portion of the IDP population. Further surveys of conditions and needs are being conducted by ICRC staff.

Medical Assistance

Following clashes in Galashki region of southern Ingushetia, the ICRC evaluated surgical needs of hospitals and clinics and provided an emergency support of war wounded kits to treat more than 25 wounded. The value of assistance provided amounted to more than 4'000 USD.

Regular medical assistance to the Republican hospital continued, with 10'369 USD in assistance provided.

Co-operation with National Society

On the 3rd of September representatives of the ICRC together with the Chairman of the Russian Red Cross officially opened the refurbished children playrooms in IDP camps 'Alina' and 'Bart'. In addition to financing the works, the ICRC donated 150 school kits (95 in 'Alina' and 55 in 'Bart') for those children who just started school.

The RRC home visiting nurses programme continues to provide bedridden elderly persons with basic care. Beneficiaries receive food parcels and wheat flour on a monthly basis and hygienic kits every 6 month. In September a training course for nurses participating in the programme was organised in Nazran.

Mine Awareness Programme

Field testing of materials for two new leaflets for children and adults, billboards and a TV scenario on the MA programme was done in IDP camps and collective centres. The testing involved 151 respondents, among them 79 children, 41 men and 31 women.

ICRC food parcel content

▶ tinned beef	1,3 kg
▶ tomato paste	0,8 kg
▶ tinned cheese	0,5 kg
▶ clarified butter	0,87 kg
▶ sugar	2 kg
▶ buckwheat	3 kg
▶ tea	0,5 kg

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Food Items

- ▶ 55'657 food parcels

Non-Food Items

- ▶ 55'657 hygienic kits
- ▶ 150 school kits

Potable Water

- ▶ 2'949 cubic metres

DAGESTAN



Food Assistance

In Dagestan the ICRC continues to support civilians suffering from the consequences of the clashes in 1999. In September the ICRC carried out food distributions in Tsumada and Botlikh regions of Dagestan. The distributions covered 3'063 beneficiaries. They were assisted with a ration including sugar, oil, salt and wheat flour. ■ ■ ■

Medical Assistance

In September the ICRC provided medical assistance to the central hospital of Khasavuyrt valued at 4'149 USD. ■ ■ ■

Co-operation with National Society

The RRC is also running the home visiting nurses programme for about 220 beneficiaries, mainly bedridden elderly people. They receive food parcels and wheat flour on a regular basis and hygienic kits every 6 months.

In co-operation with the RRC, 78 psychological consultations were provided to people in Dagestan. ■ ■ ■

Mine Awareness Programme

The ICRC plans to support a travelling puppet show on Mine Awareness in several schools of Botlikh and Novolack regions. The show will contain explicit materials on what should be done in case children encounter a mine infected area. In September the staging of the show was ongoing. ■ ■ ■

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Food Items

- 57'390 kg of wheat flour
- 1'969 kg of salt
- 11'497 kg of sugar
- 11'497 lt of oil

Food Assistance

In the southern regions of Russia (Astrakhan, Volgograd, Krasnodarsky and Stavropolsky krai, Rostov, Saratov, Kalmykia, Adygea, Karachayevo-Cherkessia) the RRC, with ICRC support, provided food assistance to about 1'565 Chechen IDPs in September. ■ ■ ■

Non-Food Assistance

In the southern regions of Russia, listed above, as well as in Kabardino-Balkaria and North Ossetia, the RRC, with ICRC support, distributed sets of clothes, underwear, shoes to IDPs from Chechnya. In September, 1'229 IDPs living in Kabardino-Balkaria and North Ossetia were provided with non-food items. ■ ■ ■

Co-operation with National Society

In Kabardino-Balkaria, North Ossetia, Kalmykia, Adygea, Karachayevo-Cherkessia, Krasnodar and Stavropol krai, the RRC, supported by the ICRC, runs the home visiting nurses programme for the elderly (1'267 beneficiaries). They receive food parcels every two months per person and hygienic kits every 6 months. ■ ■ ■

Psychological and Legal Counseling

In the South of Russia the RRC, supported by the ICRC and the International Federation, provides IDPs from Chechnya with psycho-social counseling and legal advice. Psychological counseling and legal advice has also been organized for IDPs in North Ossetia and Kabardino-Balkaria. In September more than 1'350 persons applied for psychological aid, and 727 received legal advice. ■ ■ ■

NORTH OSSETIA, KABARDINO-BALKARIA AND THE SOUTH OF RUSSIA



People must know how to behave in case they see mines or UXO

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Food Items

- ▶ 2'941 food parcels

Non-Food Items

- ▶ 2'794 sets of clothes

Consultations

- ▶ 1'350 psychological
- ▶ 727 legal

Regional Social Assistance Programmes

All over the North Caucasus and the South of Russia (Chechnya, Ingushetia, Dagestan, North Ossetia, Kabardino-Balkaria, Karachayevo-Cherkessia, Adygea, Kalmykia, Stavropolsky and Krasnodarsky krai) the RRC, with the ICRC's support, assists about 3,800 vulnerable local residents with food parcels and wheat flour on a monthly basis and with hygienic kits - once in 6 months. ■ ■ ■

Visits to Detainees

Following agreement with the Russian Government in March of 2000, the ICRC was granted access to all people deprived of their freedom in connection with the situation in Chechnya, wherever they are being held.

ICRC delegates regularly visit detainees in detention places under the responsibility of both the Ministry of the Interior and the Ministry of Justice. Since May 2000, they have visited 50 detention places.

The main aim of ICRC visits is to assess the conditions of detention and to ensure that detainees are treated humanely. The ICRC has developed an active dialogue with the detaining authorities and delegates regularly present to them their observations and recommendations.

Persons who have lost contact with their relatives as well as detainees visited by the ICRC are given an opportunity to re-establish contact with their next of kin by writing Red Cross Messages. These Red Cross Messages are distributed by the ICRC, with the support of the Chechen branch of the Russian Red Cross, inside Chechnya. ■ ■ ■

Promotion of International Humanitarian Law

The main objective of IHL dissemination to the armed forces in the Russian Federation is to integrate essential principles of international humanitarian law into the training programme of officers and soldiers at the federal level. The ICRC makes a special effort to directly address troops engaged in the North Caucasus whenever possible in order to reinforce basic understanding of the ICRC and its operations, particularly in the Chechen republic. ■ ■ ■

OTHER ICRC ACTIVITIES

Visits to Detainees

- ▶ 4 visits in Chechnya

IHL Presentations

**Ministry of Defence –
2 presentations.**

- ▶ 60 officers
- ▶ 80 soldiers and sergeants

**Ministry of Interior –
3 presentations**

- ▶ 220 junior officers,
sergeants and soldiers

**Institute of Management
(Vladikavkaz)**

- ▶ 12 law students

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Annex C-1

A. Social criteria of Chechnya Bread Programme beneficiaries

1. elderly (people older than 70)
2. invalids from birth and those of category I
3. orphans between 0 and 14 years
4. single-parent children between 0 and 14 years
5. children between 0 and 14 years from large families (to qualify a family need to have 5 or more children between 0 and 20 years)

B. The list of collective centres in Chechnya, assisted by the ICRC

Old collective centres:

1. Argun, Sakhzavodskaya str., 9
2. Argun, Sakhzavodskaya str., 11
3. Argun, Gagarina str., Kindergarten 'DCK'
4. Argun, Gagarina str., Kindergarten 'Sakhzavod'
5. Argun, Sakhzavodskaya str., 13
6. Gudermes, Depovskaya str., 76
7. Gudermes, Makhachkalinskaya str., 60
8. Grozny, Tikhachevskogo str., 11 A
9. Grozny, Yaltinskaya str., 24

New collective centres:

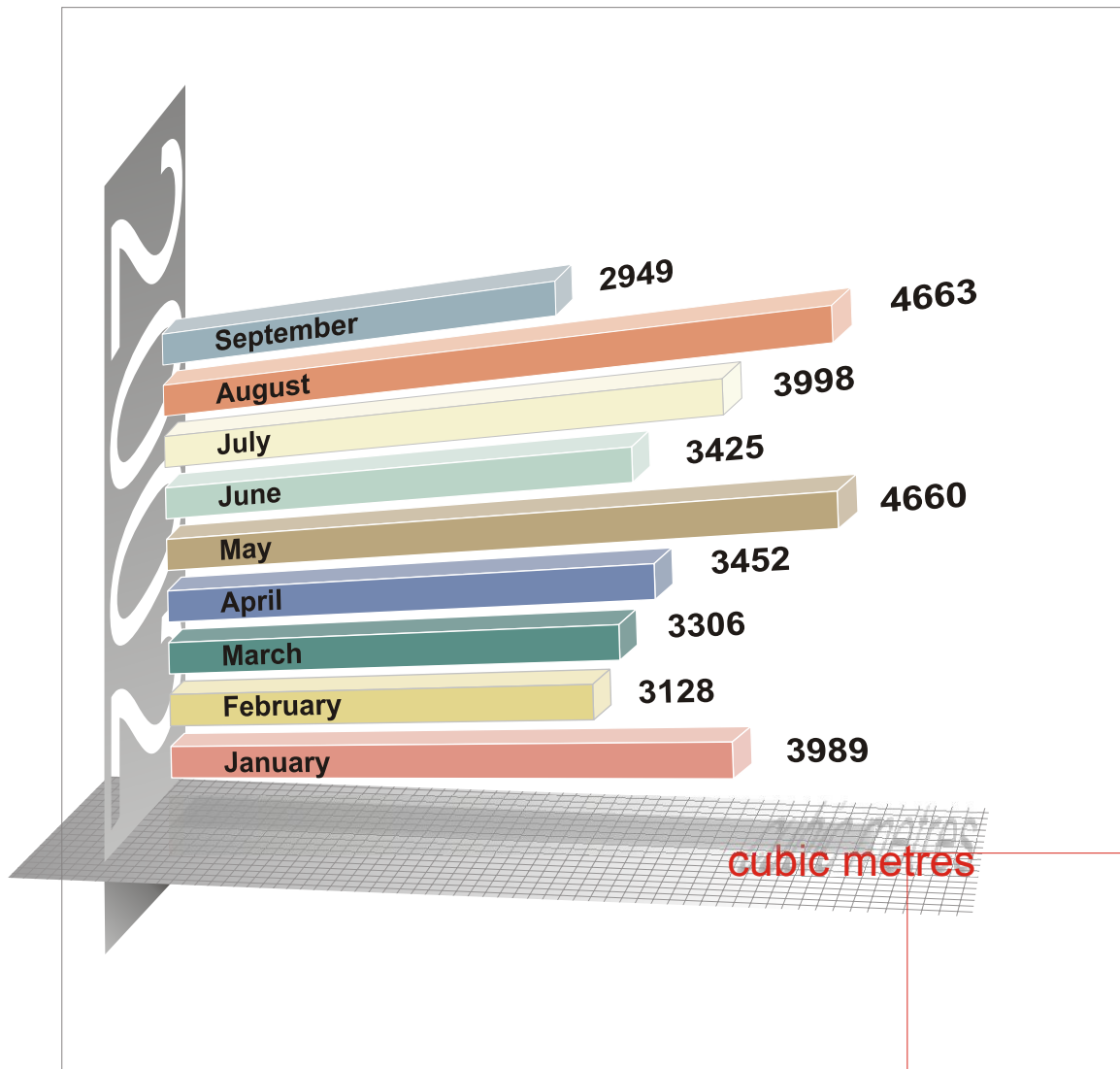
1. Grozny, gor. Mayakovskogo, 119
2. Grozny, B. Khmel'nitskogo str., 133
3. Grozny, Vyborgskaya str., 4

C. The list of institutions in Chechnya, assisted by the ICRC

1. Boarding school for blind children, Grozny, Zavodskoy district, Kirova str., 29
2. Boarding school for deaf-mute children, Grozny, Leninsky district, K. Nuradilova str., 53
3. School for mentally retarded children, Grozny, Leninsky district, Fevralskaya str., 76
4. Boarding school No 1 for orphans, Grozny, Zavodskoy district, Leskova str., 28
5. Boarding House for Elderly, Grozny, Staropromyslovsky district, Borodina str., 17
6. Psychiatric Hospital, Achkhoy-Martan, village Zakan-Yurt
7. Psychiatric Hospital, Gudermesskiy region, village Darbankhi

Annex I-1

ICRC Water Distribution in Ingushetia in 2002



Totally, from the beginning of the action in 1999, the ICRC distributed in Ingushetia 206'039 m³ of potable water