



The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) has been active in Georgia since 1992

July-September 2003

The ICRC maintains a permanent presence in Tbilisi, Sukhumi, Zugdidi, Kutaisi, Gali and Gagra.

PROTECTION OF DETAINEES AND CIVILIAN POPULATION

- A total of 3'879 Red Cross Messages have been exchanged and 2 families reunited.
- Living conditions and treatment of detainees have been assessed in 13 places of detention.



The ICRC, with the agreement of the authorities, has been visiting places of detention since 1992.

TUBERCULOSIS IN PRISONS

2538 detainees have been screened in 4 detention places. 2629 sputum smear microscopy was performed.769 cultures and 202 drug susceptibility tests have been done.



Since 1998 the ICRC has been implementing a programme aimed at treating TB patients in prisons of Georgia.

FOOD AND NON-FOOD ASSISTANCE

Abkhazia

- Canteen Assistance Programme (CAP): Up to 4'600 destitute people have been provided with daily hot meal. Currently, 19 kitchens prepare and distribute meal together with 400gr bread. 8 mobile units deliver food to people living far from the canteens.
- Within the frames of the Home Assistance Programme a total of 1'434 beneficiaries have been assisted by 477 social workers of the Red Cross in Abkhazia. Beneficiaries also receive non-food items.
- Partial Assistance Programme (50%): 11'100 vulnerable people living in urban areas received bimonthly dry food ration covering ½ of their caloric needs.
- Destitute Assistance Programme (100%): 2'694 destitute people living in rural areas received monthly dry food ration covering their full caloric needs.



- The sixth round of food distribution (September) reached 20'776 families.
- 54 very destitute bed-ridden and homebound persons are provided monthly with about 1'107 kg of food commodities in all.



FOOD RATION 50%: Wheat flour – 12 kg Vegetable oil – 2 l Sugar – 2 kg Yeast – 100 g Salt – 300 g

Salt – 300 g Beans – 4 kg

FOOD RATION 100%:
Wheat flour - 12 kg
Vegetable oil - 21
Sugar - 2 kg
Yeast - 100 g
Salt - 300 g
Beans - 4 kg
Soap - 2 units (400g)



FOOD RATION: Wheat flour – 12 kg Beans -4 kg Rice – 2 kg Vegetable oil – 2 l Salt – 500 g Soap – 300 g Candle – 12 sticks

GEORGIA

WATER AND HABITAT

- In August water supply and sanitary rehabilitation works were completed in the Medical Institution for Convicts and Prisoners of the Department of Punishment Execution in Tbilisi. The water supply system, shower baths, laundry facilities and the old water pump have been rehabilitated.
- During the period of July-September 2003 water supply and sanitary rehabilitation works were carried out in 8 Collective Centres for more than 1'100 IDPs in Western Georgia.
- Authorities of water supply system installed 400 meters of ICRC-supplied pipes in Sukhumi and 170 meters in Ochamchira to improve the access to damaged drinking water facilities.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

- A total of 118 surgical operations have been performed in Western Georgia, among which 12 weapon wounded beneficiaries were operated on.
- 211 operations have been performed in Abkhazia, where 11 weapon wounded and 5 mine injured patients were treated.
- Blood transfusion was provided to 67 patients in Western Georgia as well as to 96 patients in Abkhazia.

LANDMINES AND ORTHOPAEDIC CENTRES

In the Orthopaedic Centres of Tbilisi and Gagra 185 patients received orthopaedic appliencies and 197 new patients have been registered. A total of 101 prostheses and 333 orthoses have been manufactured. In addition, 378 pairs of crutches and 1 wheelchair have been also distributed.

PROMOTION OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW

- Between September 16-19 2003 the Head of Treaty Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia and a representative of the Information and Training Center of the Georgian Young Lawyers Association participated in the International Course in IHL for civil servants and representatives of academic circles, organised by the ICRC in Moscow.
- In September 24-29 within the frameworks of the ICRC and the Georgian Young Lawyers Association (GYLA) cooperation the 3rd National IHL Competition (Moot Court) for law student of Georgian Universities was held in Batumi. A total of 18 students split in 6 teams participated. The team of the International Law faculty of Tbilisi State University won the competition.
- On August 25-29 a five-day course on Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC) was held in Telavi (East Georgia) for 17 officers of the Interior Troops serving in Pankisi Gorge.
- During the period between July and September 6 training sessions on LOAC were carried out for 174 officers and cadets in Abkhazia.
- Training of teachers is an integral part of the ICRC's educational programme. 12 trainers from different regions of Georgia have been trained in the context and the methodology of the programme.

CO-OPERATION OF THE ICRC WITH THE GEORGIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY (GRCS)

The ICRC supported an 8-day Summer Camp in Mestia (Upper Svaneti), organised by the Mestia branch (Upper Svaneti) of the GRCS for 50 children – the most vulnerable, orphans, IDPs and handicapped.



The ICRC supports 3
hospitals (Zugdidi,
Jvari and Darcheli)
and 1 Blood Bank
(Zugdidi) in Western
Georgia and 5
hospitals (Sukhumi,
Agudzera, Tkvarcheli,
Ochamchira and Gali)
and 4 Blood Banks
(Sukhumi, Agudzera,
Tkvarcheli and Gagra)
in Abkhazia.



First patient was treated in February 1995.



Since 1995 the ICRC has been implementing the educational programme in secondary schools of Georgia – familiarization of pupils with values underlying IHL.