



# International Committee of the Red Cross

## ICRC

Delegation in Armenia  
Around 50 staff members are based in Yerevan

Highlights of activities  
January – December 2018



## Economic Assistance

Over **300** residents of Aygepar and Dovegh border villages in Tavush region benefited from an increased family income through our micro-economic projects and unconditional cash grants.

Over **320** mine victims and members of their families improved their living conditions through our supported micro-economic initiatives, the house repair program and cash grants.



## Water & Reconstruction

Over **2600** people in Baghanis, Koti and Sarigyugh villages of Tavush region gained round-the-clock access to drinking water due to construction of a pumping station and a water intake, installation of two reservoirs, five public taps, **495** water meters and filters.

**680** people in Aygepar village of Tavush region benefited from an improved waste-water system by installing 15 new concrete manholes and 305-meter pipeline.



## Protective Measures

**380** residents of five villages along the international border in Tavush region walled up their windows to reduce exposure in their houses and community buildings in case of shooting.

Over **610** individuals in Berkaber village of Tavush region enhanced their safety thanks to the construction of a "safer room" in the school, which will provide a temporary shelter in case of shooting or shelling.

About **55** meters of protective walls were constructed in Vazashen and Baghanis villages to reduce conflict-related hazards.



## Armed Forces

**330** Armenian troops serving in military units stationed along the border with Azerbaijan and warrant officers were updated about the ICRC mandate and activities, and basics of the International Humanitarian Law (IHL).

**40** operational commanders, deputy commanders and instructors of the Armenian Armed Forces learned more about the applicable norms of IHL in military decision-making during three-day and five-day courses co-organized with the Ministry of Defense of Armenia.

**135** troops of the Armenian Armed Forces preparing to depart for peace support operations abroad were briefed on ICRC and IHL.



## Students and IHL Specialists

**70** Armenian and foreign students and young scholars studied and discussed issues related to IHL and its implementation during the Regional Summer School organized together with the American University of Armenia and the international conference organized with the Russian-Armenian University.

**33** students of RA universities had an opportunity to practice IHL during national and international moot-court competitions.



## Missing People and their Families

**316** biological reference samples were collected from 108 families to facilitate in the future clarification of the fate of their relatives who had gone missing in connection with the conflict.

**346** biological reference samples were handed over to the Forensic Medicine Center to support the authorities in clarification of the fate of missing people.

**150** families of the missing learned about the efforts of clarifying the fate of their loved ones during our 11 Right-to-Know sessions.

**720** copies of the Memory Book with 12 personal stories about people missing in connection with the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict along with booklets on support to the network of families of the missing were published.



## Detention

**2940** detainees in Armenian penitentiaries, including women and children, were visited for monitoring of their treatment and conditions and helping them maintain contact with families.

Over **330** contacts with families were maintained by mainly foreign detainees in Armenian penitentiaries through regular phone- and video calls under our Skype in Detention pilot project implemented in cooperation with the Ministry of Justice of Armenia.



## Cooperation with the Armenian Red Cross

**12** Armenian Red Cross volunteers of the Disaster Response Team in Tavush region were trained in first aid, tracing, psychosocial support, search and rescue as well as received relevant equipment.

About **60** Red Cross volunteers from Gegharkunik, Tavush and Syunik regions built their capacity through 11 specialized courses.

Over **300** - community residents and Rescue Service Civil Protection team members of the Ministry of Emergency Situations in 21 communities of Tavush were trained in first aid;  
- students and teachers in 10 community schools participated in Introduction to First Aid sessions.

**8** Red Cross volunteers were briefed by the ICRC on the management of the dead in emergencies, who passed this knowledge on to the members of Rescue Service Civil Protection teams in 11 communities of Tavush region.

About **290** people improved their safety thanks to the construction of a protective wall in Movses village, "safer rooms" in kindergartens of Berdavan and Paravakar and in the school of Nerkin Karmiraghbyur implemented by the Armenian Red Cross in cooperation with the ICRC and the German Red Cross.



## Health Care

**20** medical staff of three hospitals in Tavush region improved their knowledge in management of emergency trauma cases.