

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What does "communication project" mean?

A communication project is an individual piece of work that you previously did for the purpose of putting a message across to a specific group of people. It can be a press article, a photo essay, a video or a radio documentary that conveys an idea related to an issue of humanitarian concern.

2. I don't have a previous humanitarian communication project, can I just make one now?

Yes. In the absence of a previous communication project, we will exceptionally accept a communication project tailored to the occasion in order to enter the competition.

3. Must my communication project have been previously published?

No. Your communication project does not necessarily have to be published. It can be something you have produced for an organization / association / newspaper / radio / TV or a project you have undertaken in the course of your studies.

4. Can I submit a radio documentary?

Yes. The communication project can be a video, photo essay, article or radio documentary.

5. I did a communication project with one (or several) project partner(s). Can I submit our work?

No. This communication project must be an **individual** work so that we may be able to properly assess your skills and capacities.

6. How long should the project be?

There is no time or word limit. But we count on your common sense to keep documents to a reasonable size.

7. What is a good communication project?

Your communication project will be assessed on the originality of the topic and the approach, the relevance of the message, and the editorial quality.

8. I wrote a research paper on a humanitarian issue. Can I submit that paper?

No. A communication project is not a research paper. Rather, it should aim at getting a message across to a specific target group.

9. My communication project is not in English or in French. Can I submit a translated work?

Yes. Please send us a version in French or in English.

10. What does a successful application need?

A successful application is an application that:

- a. complies with the age requirement (18-25),
- b. supplies proof of involvement in humanitarian/social services,
- c. is accompanied by a letter of recommendation from a relevant person confirming your interest in youth issues and humanitarian action,
- d. includes an original and well-structured communication project with a relevant message related to an issue of humanitarian concern.

11. I just turned 26. Can I still participate in the competition?

No. Under point 4 of the competition's terms and conditions, applicants must be born after 1 January 1985.

12. I work for the ICRC. Can I apply?

No. Under point 3 of the competition's terms and conditions, Movement staff and their families are not eligible.

13. Where can I get more information?

Please read carefully the two documents called "How to apply" and "Terms and conditions of the competition", and check the FAQ. If you still have questions after having read these documents, you can write an e-mail to competition@icrc.org