



ERITREA: Facts and figures 2015

The ICRC opened its delegation in Eritrea in 1998 and worked throughout the 1998-2000 armed conflict between Eritrea and Ethiopia and beyond, protecting and assisting people affected by the conflict.

Below is an overview of the ICRC's work in Eritrea during 2015:

Restoring family links – 3,438 people assisted

- 1,500 Red Cross Messages messages distributed and answers collected throughout the year to re-establish and maintain contact and exchange family news.
- 127 travel documents issued to Somali refugees allowing them to leave Emkulu refugee camp for resettlement in a third country.
- 3,438 Ethiopian nationals living in Eritrea who have faced economic constraints to renew their Eritrean residence permit benefited from financial support.
- 689 Ethiopians wishing to go back to their country but who could not afford the required pre-departure clearance and travel costs benefited from support.

Community's self-sufficiency – 448,990 people assisted

- 3,110,000 animals treated, including shoats, cattle, donkeys and camels, in Gash Barka, Northern Red Sea, Debub and Anseba throughout the year.
- 448,990 people whose livelihoods largely depend on the health and productivity of their animals benefited from this treatment programme.
- 819,597 heads of shoats vaccinated against epidemic disease, in response to the renewed outbreak of the small ruminants' pest, benefiting 21,518 households.
- 20 members of the Ministry of Agriculture from all the six zobas attended a training on Livestock Emergency Guidelines and Standards (LEGS).
- 132 farming households – 662 individuals – assisted to increase their household food production with foot-operated irrigation pumps, vegetable seeds and farming tools.

Renewable energy-powered water supply – 49,000 people assisted

- 49,000 people and their dependents benefited from access to clean water in their villages.
- 48 water technicians from the six zobas trained in operation and maintenance of solar-powered water supply systems to maintain these systems.
- 18 water systems that serve around 20,000 beneficiaries in the villages of Debub, Southern Red Sea and Gash Barka have been repaired.
- 19,000 people benefited from hand pumps which have a considerable effect on the sustainability of rural water supply systems.

Promoting international humanitarian law (IHL) – 4,750 people assisted

- 18 Eritrean national authorities represented from ministries of Foreign Affairs, Justice, Defense, Information and Health in Asmara attended an IHL seminar.
- 22 law students at Asmara School of Law attended a two-day IHL training on the qualification of conflicts, conduct of hostilities, civilian protection and implementation/enforcement of the law.
- 4,750 youth members of the National Union of Eritrean Youth and Students (NUEYS) attended dissemination sessions.