

NAIROBI REGIONAL DELEGATION

FACTS & FIGURES

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ACTIVITIES IN KENYA, DJIBOUTI AND TANZANIA

During the reporting period, activities of the regional delegation of the ICRC in Nairobi continued generally according to plan. However, with worsening food insecurity in Kenya due to the drought, the organization launched an emergency response with the Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS), reaching over 40,000 people with food and other forms of assistance by the end of June.

In all three countries, ICRC continued to work hand in hand with national Red Cross or Red Crescent partners. The joint focus of this collaboration remained on the restoration of family links (RFL) for migrants in Djibouti with Djibouti Red Crescent Society (DRCS), and for refugees in Tanzania with Tanzanian Red Cross Society (TRCS) and in Kenya with the KRCS.

In Kenya, regular programs continued aimed at strengthening the resilience of violence-affected communities living in the coastal and north-eastern region, and at working with prison authorities to ensure humane conditions for prisoners. In addition, increased preparedness actions were conducted jointly with the KRCS in anticipation of Kenya's general elections held in August 2022.

To foster support for its work and raise awareness on international humanitarian law (IHL) and ensure its integration into domestic context, the ICRC regularly engaged with government officials, security forces,

religious and community leaders, universities, and the media. At a regional level, ICRC hosted a seminar with government officials from eight eastern African countries on the implementation of IHL, and in addition, co-hosted a global workshop with Kenya Defence Forces on partnered military operations for military commanders from 17 countries.

Through its regional logistics hub together with a diverse team of thematic specialists based in Nairobi, ICRC continued to deliver humanitarian aid and to directly support ICRC operations in different parts of Africa and beyond.

In May, after 30 years of being located on Denis Pritt Road in Nairobi's Kilimani neighborhood, the ICRC moved its offices to the newly built complex in Westlands, inaugurated by senior officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and ICRC headquarters in Geneva. Our new address: Ngecha Road off Lower Kabete Road. Welcome - Karibuni!



KENYA

SUPPORTING VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES IN VIOLENCE-AFFECTED AREAS

Drought Response

In response to severe drought affecting **4.1** million Kenyans, the ICRC worked with the KRCS distributing relief food and animal feeds in **4** counties (Lamu, Garissa, Wajir, Mandera). These distributions have helped many in the community who were living on one meal a day. Animal health is also expected to improve with the addition of high nutrition range cubes.

- **2,000** vulnerable households (**12,000** individuals) from Lamu and Garissa counties affected by the drought have been supported with food distributions. Each received **50** kgs of rice, **25** kgs of beans, **10** liters of oil, **6** kgs of sugar, **1** kg of tea leaves and **1** kg of salt.
- **5,154** households (**30,924** individuals) received livestock feed. The supported households are from Lamu county (**1,000** households), Garissa county (**1,154** households), Mandera county (**1,500** households) and Wajir county (**1,500** households). Each received **5** bags of **50** kgs worth of range cubes as livestock feed.
- **2,000** households were identified by the field teams of the KRCS to receive cash support for essential items including water.
- Joint teams of KRCS and ICRC engineers made a field assessment and identified **12** water points to undergo rehabilitation for community use.



Josiah Mburu/ICRC

Community members in Lamu receive food rations and animal feeds towards the drought response donated by the ICRC working with the KRCS.



Education and Health in Kiangwe village, Lamu



Fatuma Jilo



Yusuf Divo



Gedia Jarow

STORIES OF RESILIENCE

ICRC and KRCS teams continued to engage with beneficiaries, authorities and other actors in the priority areas of Lamu and Garissa counties focusing on projects to strengthen resilience of vulnerable communities in areas affected by security conditions and climate shocks. Projects focused on access to livelihood opportunities, access to clean drinking water, vocational training and health interventions reaching a total of **12,000** beneficiaries.

- **500** households (**3,000** individuals) from Lamu county and Ijara sub-county were supported with seeds in March for the long rains (March- -May) planting season. Out of these, **300** households are from Lamu county and **200** households are from Ijara sub-county. Farmers in Lamu each received **8** kgs of maize seeds, **6** kgs of simsim seeds, **4** kgs of cowpeas seeds, **100** cassava cuttings, **10** grams tomato seeds and **10** grams amaranthus seeds. Farmers in Ijara sub-county each received **8** kgs of maize seeds and **0.25** kgs of watermelon seeds.
- **30** village savings and loans associations agents (VSLA) were trained; **15** from Lamu county and **15** from Ijara sub-county. The village agents are community resource persons who are expected to be fully fledged village savings and loans association trainers in the very near future.
- **98** households (**588** individuals) are being supported to undertake vocational training courses at North Eastern National Polytechnic (**42** households) and Mpeketoni vocational training centre (**56** households). They are studying various skills in demand which will benefit the community and help them earn a living. The support covers tuition, exams, meals, accommodation, and monthly stipend costs.
- **6** honey harvesting kits that include protective clothing and harvesting equipment have been donated to the Ministry of Livestock in Lamu county and Ijara sub-county.
- **650** leaders and community members from Lamu, Garissa, Mandera and Wajir Counties received information on selection criteria of KRCS /ICRC projects through Community Engagement Village Barazas. They were trained on proper use of animal feed pellets, home nutrition and WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) issues.



To support livelihoods of communities affected by conflict, the Red Cross provided harvesting kits, hives and training for bee farmers in Masalani area, Lamu.



To boost the economic security of residents in Lamu, the ICRC working with KRCS distributed fishing nets, such as the one used by Ahmed to help improve their catch.

- A workshop on the value chain methodology bringing together key government interlocutors from the Ministries of Fisheries, Livestock, Trade, Emergency Response and Youth and Gender, ICRC and KRCS was held in Malindi. From this workshop the value chain mapping of the meat, milk and fish value chains in Lamu was conducted, identifying challenges and possible solutions.
- **7,474** people from Lamu benefited from improved access to water after the installation of a reverse osmosis water treatment system in Faza island.
- ICRC, KRCS and the Ministry of Health (MOH) Garissa carried out medical outreaches, community mobilization and health education activities in **10** villages in Ijara sub-county to promote maternal and child health care. ICRC donated basic medical equipment, consumables, and drugs for use in the outreaches. Since March 2022, a total of **24** medical outreaches have been conducted; **129** women had access to antenatal care, **152** children were immunized and **217** consultations for family planning were offered.



Fishermen enjoy bountiful catch thanks to fish traps

TOWARDS HUMANE PRISONS

Building on the positive working relationship with the Kenya Prisons Services (KPS) established during the wide COVID-19 response in prisons, multidisciplinary teams of the ICRC and KRCS conducted **12** joint visits in six prisons during the reporting period. The visits allowed the ICRC to gain a deeper understanding about the humanitarian needs and to share observations and recommendations confidentially with prison officials, as well as to provide various types of direct support.

- Water, sanitation, hygiene: **721** inmates in two prisons benefited from improved access to water.
- Health: Technical coordination continued with prison officials to help establish a medical data system in places of detention.
- Family contact: **128** prisons offered free phone calls allowing inmates to keep in contact with their families.
- Prison management: Workshops on ‘Humane Prison Management’ were organized for prison officers from two maximum security prisons, while a workshop on “Introduction to humanitarian work in prison” was organized for KRCS staff working in prisons.
- Infrastructure and maintenance: **71** top level senior correctional officers from **13** African countries attended a **5**-day workshop on prison infrastructure hosted by the KPS and facilitated by the ICRC and the African Correctional Services Association (ACSA). The outcome of the meeting was relayed in a joint communique underlining the need to improve and adapt the structures and conditions of imprisonment in line with regional and international standards and stressing the importance of establishing a humane environment that enables future reintegration of prisoners.
- A **three**-day workshop on Operation and Maintenance was organized between the ICRC, KRCS and KPS for **50** building officers from different prisons, hosted at the KPS Training College in Nairobi. The main topic addressed was maintenance documentation with participants agreeing on a template that will now be tested in the different prisons.



ICRC works with authorities to upgrade water supply in prisons ensuring healthy, dignified conditions for inmates.



Joseph Mburu/ICRC

Natabo Esuron is reunited with her family in Lokichogio, having been separated for 25 years. The reunification was made possible through the help of several agencies – MSF in South Sudan, ICRC S.S and the KRCS.

RECONNECTING FAMILY MEMBERS SEPARATED BY CONFLICT

- **49,952** phone calls were successfully offered to beneficiaries in Dadaab and Kakuma refugee camps.
- **2,080** Red Cross Messages were collected, and a further **1,320** Red Cross Messages were distributed.
- The installation of internet in the KRCS offices in Dadaab and Kakuma refugee camps was completed successfully. **2,959** beneficiaries managed to use the internet to maintain contact with their relatives across the world.
- **One** Kenyan woman from South Sudan was re-united with her relatives in Lokichogio after **25** years of separation through a joint ICRC/KRCS operation.

SUPPORTING EMERGENCY RESPONSE CAPACITY OF HEALTH STRUCTURES

- **27** surgeons coming from **18** counties under MOH and from the armed forces of Kenya and Somalia received training on the management of injuries resulting from conflicts and other situations of violence at the Weapon Wounded Surgery Course held in May. Participants also benefitted from training and an exercise on Mass Casualty preparedness in hospitals.
- ICRC supported the Coast General Teaching and Referral Hospital (CGTRH) in Mombasa to develop a Mass Casualty Incident Plan. Training of hospital staff members was done culminating in a simulation exercise of the same.



Natabo reunification



CGTRH Medical donation
Full documentary

PROMOTING KNOWLEDGE AND RESPECT OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW (IHL) AND OTHER APPLICABLE NORMS

Authorities

- ICRC hosted the Regional Seminar on IHL Implementation which brought together **15** representatives of governments from Kenya, Tanzania, Ethiopia, South Sudan, Djibouti, Somalia, Uganda, and South Africa. The meeting focused on key IHL issues in 2022 including IHL & counterterrorism, non-state armed groups, new technologies of warfare and the role of National Committees in the implementation of IHL. **3** members of the Kenyan secretariat attended the Regional Seminar.
- ICRC participated at the Water Forum organized by the Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD) held in Kampala in February and had the opportunity to highlight key water projects being undertaken in Kenya and the region. In addition, ICRC participated in **3** bilateral discussions with IGAD on the nexus between climate and security/displacement.

Security forces

ICRC continued to conduct tailor-made activities with different military and police formations, focusing on the ICRC's role and mandate, and on the relevance of IHL/IHRL (as applicable) in the conduct of their activities in Kenya and abroad.

- The ICRC conducted a global workshop on Partnered Military Operations (PMO) for Commanders, jointly hosted with the Kenyan Defense Forces' International Peace Support Training Centre (IPSTC) in Nairobi. **29** senior officers (colonel/brigadier) from **17** different countries participated on site while **4** other commanders joined in online. Together they examined **5** different scenarios with the objective of identifying good practices which can feed into the planning, execution, and monitoring of military operations to reduce the impact of partnered military operations on civilians and those not participating in hostilities.
- **63** junior officers of the Kenya Airforce Training School, **40** participants of Grade **3** course at the Joint Command and Command College, and **72** non-commissioned officers of the Military Police received training on IHL and its relevance in their operations.
- **27** senior regional multi-agency officers attended the Regional Senior Mission Leader's course held at the International Peace Support Training Centre (IPSTC). One KDF senior officer participated in the ICRC and United Nations Special Rapporteur (UNSC) joint event on rights of persons with disability.
- **370** administration police officers attending promotional courses, **34** of these being senior leadership, attended IHRL trainings facilitated by ICRC. **One** senior police officer attended the senior workshop on international rules governing police operations supported by the ICRC in Amman, Jordan.
- **32** Independent Policing Oversight Authority (IPOA) managers were trained on public order management ahead of the August 2022 Elections. This was to help them in monitoring the elections and hold the police accountable for how they prepare and execute their policing duties before, during and after the elections. **21** Kenya Coast Guard Services (KCGS) officers were trained on IHRL and the mandate and principles of the Red Cross and Red Cross movement. This training was held as a way of empowering the newly formed service made up of officers drawn from multi-disciplinary teams to carry out maritime law enforcement duties.



Senior officers at the ranks of Colonel / Brigadier attended the Partnered Military Operations (PMO) workshop which looks at reducing the impact of partnered military operations on civilians.

Academic circles

ICRC continued to engage with academics, students, universities, and other academic institutions to ensure that IHL is well known and accepted, that academics are encouraged to contribute to public discussions in relation to the implementation of IHL, and that the future generation of decision-makers is informed about IHL.

- **24** law students from **8** Kenyan universities participated in the National IHL Moot Court Competition.
- **53** law students from Moi University were sensitized on IHL, the ICRC's mandate and the challenges of contemporary warfare. **19** publications including the Updated Commentary to Geneva Convention III were donated.
- **30** students from Kenyan universities were sensitized on the classification of armed conflict during the Kenya Model United Nations Conference.
- **41** students from Kenya submitted essays in the 20th Essay Competition for Eastern African Universities on the topic of IHL and detention by non-state armed groups.

Media

ICRC engaged with editors and senior journalist to sensitize them on humanitarian issues of concern and increase their knowledge about the humanitarian law.

- Over **60** journalists participated in trainings in Mombasa, Kisumu and Eldoret on the role of KRCS, ICRC and the protection of journalists under IHL.
- **4** radio studio sessions featuring KRCS and ICRC staff were broadcast in Narok, Kisumu, Eldoret and Tana River targeting over **500,000** listeners with information about Red Cross principles and KRCS operations in those areas.



Strathmore University team - winners of the Kenyan moot court competition on IHL with ICRC Nairobi's head of Delegation Daniel O'Malley.

Religious circles

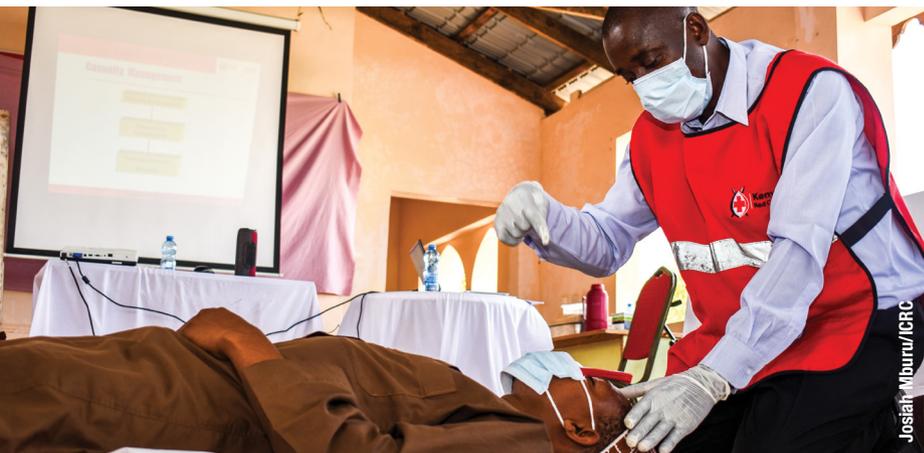
ICRC continued to engage with religious scholars and practitioners and with community leaders to cultivate acceptance for its work and ensure respect for humanitarian norms and principles.

- **25** Islamic scholars and leaders from Garissa engaged in discussions related to humanitarian principles and values in IHL and Islamic law, the Red Cross emblem, the mandate of the ICRC and KRCS, enhancing their understanding of the ICRC's neutral, independent, humanitarian mode of action.
- **140** participants including Muslim clerics, scholars, and various professionals attended Iftar dinners in Garissa, Mombasa, Nairobi and Lamu.
- **51** Islamic teachers in Lamu county have been trained on basic first aid skills by the Kenya Red Cross with ICRC support to help respond to any emergencies facing their adherents. **40** hajj agents in Garissa and Mombasa counties were also trained on first aid techniques prior to attending the annual pilgrimage in Mecca.
- **110** books in Kiswahili and in Arabic on humanitarian principles in IHL and Islam distributed to **80** Muslim scholars during various events.

PARTNERING FOR STRONGER RED CROSS RED CRESCENT MOVEMENT RESPONSE

To ensure effective, concerted and rapid humanitarian response, the ICRC coordinates with the KRCS on joint projects through complementary expertise, material and financial contributions. The ICRC invests efforts to support development of KRCS capacities through bilateral cooperation and in coordination with other members of the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement in Kenya.

- **361** community, religious and administrative leaders from Lamu, Garissa, Wajir, Mandera, Eldoret, Kisumu, Narok, Nakuru and Nairobi counties were sensitized on the emblem, role, mandate, and activities of ICRC/KRCS in Kenya.
- **152** volunteers and first responder staff of KRCS from Kisumu, Eldoret, Nairobi, Mombasa and Nakuru regions were trained on electoral preparedness and response as well as media handling, how to document activities and the proper use of the emblem. The trainings were held to scale up volunteer preparedness to respond to various situations.
- **10** portable public address systems were donated to Kenya Red Cross Lamu and Garissa branches to support community engagement efforts and airing of messages in public areas.
- **20** KRCS officers attended a "WASH in Emergency" training in Naivasha addressing topics on water access emergency response, basic first aid and safer access.



First aid training sessions for Islamic Clerics in Lamu Island. The trainings are facilitated by the KRCS and equip the clerics in the event they need to respond to adherents while enhancing understanding of the Red Cross.



Josiah Mburu/ICRC

The Regional LSC centre continues to offer best practice for warehousing while coordinating the distribution of relief items various operations in Africa and further afield.

SUPPORT TO HUMANITARIAN OPERATIONS ACROSS AFRICA

Through its regional Logistics Support Center (LSC) based in Nairobi, the ICRC coordinated sourcing and transport of relief supplies for ICRC operations in central, eastern, and southern Africa, and further afield.

- **7,664** metric tonnes of goods were shipped to **45** countries with a global value of **18,6** million CHF. Most goods were destined for Africa – **6,681** metric tonnes at a total of **17.2** million CHF - which was purchased from Kenyan and overseas suppliers. The LSC continues to be a study in best practices on warehousing, driver safety and procurement leading to training partnerships with other organizations.
- **25** participants of the Humanitarian Essential Logistics Module (HELM) training visited the LSC to learn about best practices in humanitarian logistics. The training was a part of an ongoing partnership between the ICRC and Logistics Learning Alliance (LLA), a specialist logistics and supply chain training company from the UK.
- **10** drivers representing different humanitarian organizations from Africa participated in the Qualified Driver Trainer instruction led by Toyota Gibraltar Stockholdings. The training was held with the support of LSC aimed at increasing safety through reduced road crash risk, and improved eco-driving habits.



Nairobi Logistics Centre



ICRC & HELM Partnership in Logistics Capacity

RESTORING FAMILY LINKS AND PROMOTING HUMAN DIGNITY FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

RFL services continue to be offered by DRCS in refugee camps and the IOM Migration Response Center in Obock, as well as the entry and exit point of migrants.

- In Gabode prison, **1,765** successful family calls were offered to the inmates to keep in touch with their families. .
- **17,940** successful phone calls were made by migrants to contact their families.
- **1** tracing case was successfully completed, with contact established between family members.
- **14** requests were received from various refugee camps to be broadcast on the Somalia BBC service to help trace relatives.
- **2** Red Cross Messages were distributed from family members in the camps to their relatives.
- ICRC organized a working meeting with the local sub crisis group on management of the dead to launch their internal discussion on methodology and requirements on the chain of intervention and to draft terms of reference for the structure and composition of the group. ICRC also organized a meeting with the management of the dead focal points of the central authorities to discuss next steps.

PROMOTING KNOWLEDGE AND RESPECT OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW

Security forces

The ICRC continued to conduct activities with different military and police formations, focusing on its role and mandate, and on the relevance of IHL/IHRL provisions to the conduct of their activities in Djibouti, and abroad if applicable:

- Dissemination sessions were conducted for **180** gendarmerie officers, **20** coast guards, **14** police officers, **4** prison administrators amongst others.

Media

- DRCS & ICRC jointly conducted a dissemination session and first aid training for **17** editors and journalists from the private and public sector on the role and mandate of the Red Cross and Crescent and to improve their knowledge on humanitarian activities in Djibouti.

Religious circles

- ICRC held an Iftar for the employees of the High Islamic Council.
- **20** brochures highlighting the history of the ICRC Djibouti Mission were distributed to the key interlocutors for better understanding of the ICRC, its mandate, and activities.
- ICRC and DRCS donated **4** first aid kits to accompany Djiboutian pilgrims going on Hajj to cater for any medical eventualities that could arise. This year **1000** pilgrims made the pilgrimage.

Authorities

- ICRC conducted bilateral discussions with the Djiboutian inter-ministerial working group on IHL looking into the process required to make the working group official (e.g., per presidential decree), as well as steps required to domesticate the Kampala Convention. **3** members of this working group attended the IHL Regional Seminar in Nairobi.
- ICRC continued to hold regular bilateral discussions with the MFA and key ambassadors in Djibouti for the support of the Yemen operation.



Training on IHL and Humanitarian principles carried out for Judicial Police Officers (DPJ) in Djibouti.

TANZANIA

MAINTAINING FAMILY CONTACTS FOR THE REFUGEES

TRCS and ICRC continued to ensure that refugees and asylum seekers are able to restore and maintain contact with their families.

- **24** children previously living in the refugee camps in Kibondo, Tanzania were reunified with their families in Burundi.
- **8,755** phone calls were successfully offered to refugees and asylum seekers in the refugee camps in Kibondo. The phone calls service ensures families can restore and maintain contact with relatives while seeking refuge in Tanzania.
- **1,483** Red Cross Messages were collected and distributed, with **69** of the messages collected from unaccompanied and separated minors. **16** tracing requests were positively concluded, with family members put in contact with one another.

PROMOTING DIALOGUE ON IHL WITH SECURITY FORCES

- Separate IHL training sessions were organized with Tanzanian People's Defense Forces (TPDF) for **19** warrant officers for UN Sergeant Majors Course, and for **130** personnel to be deployed in the UN mission in Lebanon.
- **1** officer of the Tanzania Police Force (TPF) was supported to attend Senior Workshop on International Rules governing Police Operations (SWIRPO) in Amman, Jordan.

Academic circles

- **27** law students from **9** Tanzanian universities participated in the national IHL moot court competition with the winning team set to compete in the All-Africa finals in Arusha. **One** team from the University of Dodoma was sponsored to participate in the Jean Pictet competition on IHL in Albania.



Lilian M/ICRC

Family Reunifications from Tanzania to Burundi / Dr Congo often mean crossing lake Tanganyika to bring good news to the other side. These are facilitated by the ICRC with the support of the TRCS



In Zanzibar, we supported training to players, coaches and referees as we recognize that physical activity and sports have the ability to serve as a unique conduit for persons with disabilities to integrate into the general community.

Religious circles

- Meetings were organized with Muslim and Christian religious leaders in Dar es Salaam, Mtwara and Zanzibar to discuss humanitarian values and principles in IHL and religion and introduce the work of ICRC and TRCS.
- **25** Islamic scholars and leaders from Dar es Salaam, Dodoma, Mwanza, Pemba and Unguja regions attended the seminar on humanitarian principles in IHL and Islamic law organized in Zanzibar, including lecturers from Muslim University of Morogoro and Zanzibar University.
- **15** Islamic scholars from **nine** Swahili-speaking countries participated in the conference organized in Zanzibar on the role of Muslim religious jurists in spreading humanitarian values of IHL and Islamic law in times of conflict.
- **40** hajj agents in Dar es Salaam and Zanzibar received basic first aid skills training from TRCS ahead of the annual pilgrimage.
- **120** copies of publication in Kiswahili on humanitarian principles and values in IHL and Islamic law were distributed to participants of different meetings, seminars and Iftar gatherings.



Training for players from the Zanzibar Amputee Football Federation

PHYSICAL REHABILITATION PROGRAM

- Focusing on social inclusion of people with disabilities through sport activities, a training was organized for coaches, referees, and players from the Zanzibar Amputee Football Federation, along with an injury prevention workshop for **36** players.

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