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FACTS & FIGURES

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ICRC IN TANZANIA

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) has been present in Tanzania since the early 1990's working closely with the Tanzania Red Cross Society (TRCS), with the main purpose of providing assistance and relieving human suffering. The ICRC today has two offices within Tanzania; in Dar es Salaam and Kibondo, with a total of 23 staff members. The ICRC office in Tanzania is part of the Nairobi Regional Delegation that covers Kenya, Tanzania and Djibouti.

HIGHLIGHTS



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detainees were regularly visited in prisons in Zanzibar



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police officers were trained on International Human Rights Law and humanitarian principles



Mike Muna/ICRC

Conflict forced Nestory to flee from Burundi, and he was soon followed by his wife Geneva and their four-year-old son. Through the RFL programme they were reunited with their seven-year-old son in Tanzania

RESTORING FAMILY LINKS



Currently, the Restoring Family Links (RFL) programme is present in Nyarugusu, Nduta and Mtendeli refugee camps in Western Tanzania to assist Burundian and Congolese refugees. In 2016, the TRCS with the support of the ICRC, offered the following RFL services to refugees in Tanzania:

119,531 phone calls were made by refugees seeking to contact their families.

18,228 and **16,666** Red Cross Messages were sent and received respectively by separated families who had fled Burundi and Democratic Republic of Congo for Tanzania.

902 unaccompanied minors and vulnerable separated children and **232** vulnerable adults were registered to facilitate the tracing of their family members.

235 unaccompanied minors and separated children and **48** vulnerable adults were reunited with their family members.

PROTECTION OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION



Protection in a broad sense is aimed at ensuring that authorities and other constituted groups comply with their obligations under International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and International Human Rights Law (IHRL). The right to life, respect for family unity, dignity, physical and psychological integrity are central to these obligations. The ICRC seeks to ensure that States fulfil their obligations to protect the lives, preserve the dignity and alleviate the suffering of civilians.



In Tanzania, the ICRC collects allegations of protection concerns from camps hosting Burundian and Congolese refugees. Based on individual interviews, the ICRC can document potential cases of abuse taking place in the country of origin, during transit or in the current country of asylum.

With the consent of the victims, the ICRC can share such allegations with the responsible authorities and other actors. Through a confidential dialogue, the ICRC can mobilize them to take action to prevent or end these abuses and/or provide assistance to the victims. The ICRC does not publicly condemn or publish reports regarding the documented allegations.

ACTIVITIES IN DETENTION PLACES



In 2016, the ICRC conducted visits in detention facilities to ensure that detainees were treated humanely and their judicial guarantees respected. Living conditions were checked to ensure that they meet internationally recognized standards.

Around **300** detainees were regularly visited in Unguja and Pemba prisons in Zanzibar, where the ICRC supported the provision of solar panels for a water pump and the construction of a water tower respectively.

43 prison officers of Zanzibar Prisons Service participated in two workshops on prison management.

180 family visits were facilitated for detainees from Zanzibar held on the mainland.

10 people sentenced and held under the jurisdiction of the Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals in Arusha were visited.

150 messages were exchanged between detainees in the Western Corridor including Mwisu Separation Facility and their relatives.

PROMOTING INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW (IHL)



The ICRC continued to promote the knowledge and respect of IHL in line with its mandate to support governments in the dissemination of this law and monitor its application. This law applies in armed conflict situations.

10 lecturers from 10 universities were sponsored to attend workshops on IHL teaching in order to enhance their capacity of teaching IHL in their respective universities.

76 students from various universities in Tanzania

participated in different IHL competitions which included essay, national and All Africa IHL competitions.

162 books and publications were donated by the ICRC to Tumaini University in Dar es Salaam.

3 officials from Tanzania Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Prime Minister's office and East African Community participated in a two and half day Regional Seminar on National Implementation of IHL sponsored by the ICRC.

SECURITY AND ARMED FORCES



To increase the ICRC's acceptance within the security forces, meetings were held between the ICRC and the management of Moshi Police Academy and **2,000** police officers were trained on International Human Rights Law and humanitarian principles.

In addition, field training sessions were conducted for the Force Field Unit (FFU) in Moshi where about **30** police officers were trained on the basic principles on the use of force and firearms as well sensitization on mandates of the ICRC and the Tanzania Red Cross Society.

A networking meeting was held between the ICRC and the Tanzania People's Defence Forces to foster greater integration of IHL into their training and doctrine.

HEALTH



40 doctors from Zanzibar and the mainland were trained on how to properly manage trauma patients. The personnel also learnt about the risks faced by health care providers in conflict situations as well as situations of violence, with an aim of building their capacity to prepare for and deal with emergencies using appropriate techniques and technologies for the management of war wounded patients under precarious circumstances.

PARTNERSHIP WITH TRCS



The ICRC supported the TRCS to enhance its capacity to respond to emergencies through various trainings such as First Aid and Psycho-social support where **27** volunteers were trained.

As part of the support to the on-going Burundi refugee influx, the ICRC supported the TRCS to conduct a volunteer management training to **24** participants and an additional **30** were trained on emergency.



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