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# FACTS & FIGURES

## ICRC ACTIVITIES IN THE FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA

Attention on humanitarian affairs in Ethiopia in 2017 had understandably been focused on the response to Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and drought. There are, of course, a number of other challenges in the country, and the ICRC worked hard in 2017 to address the needs of other vulnerable groups and individuals, partnering with national bodies in order to do so as effectively as possible. Thousands of people with mobility disability benefited from devices provided through a network of centers supported by the ICRC; the conditions of detention of tens of thousands of prisoners, including people who were arrested in the framework of the State of Emergency, were improved thanks to monitoring visits, infrastructural works and training courses provided to federal and regional prisons; through our partnership with the Ethiopian Red Cross Society (ERCS), refugees hosted in Ethiopia could keep in touch with their family members elsewhere, and many persons displaced by localised violence received shelter material to tide them over and later on seeds and tools to help them re-establish their livelihoods. Last but not least, we stepped up training programmes on humanitarian and human rights law in partnership with the army, police services and academia. We take this opportunity to thank all those that have supported the ICRC's work in Ethiopia and elsewhere around the world.



Head of the ICRC delegation in Ethiopia, James Reynolds, ERCS Secretary General Firehiwot Worku, briefing local and foreign journalists on joint humanitarian assistance being provided by ICRC and ERCS to people affected by violence along the borders of Oromia-Somali regions, Addis Ababa, 2017.

### DETAINEES

With the support of national authorities, the ICRC visits federal and regional prisons so as to improve both the conditions of detention and the treatment of detainees, in accordance with international norms and standards.

#### In 2017, the ICRC:

- Visited nearly 50,000 detainees in federal and regional prisons in Amhara, Oromia, Benishangul-Gumuz, Gambella and Tigray as well as two police stations, and followed 271 detainees individually.
- Helped detainees exchange 459 Red Cross Messages (RCMs) to restore/maintain contacts with their families, and enabled a further 480 detainees to transmit simple oral greetings to their families.
- Provided mattresses, blankets, clothes, plastic cups, plates, sanitary pads, and soap as well as educational and recreational materials, such as notebooks, pens, footballs, volleyballs and chess, to more than 26,000 detainees across the country.

- Enabled over 34,500 detainees in 16 regional prisons to have better access to water and sanitation facilities through construction/maintenance works undertaken in partnership with prison authorities.
- Assisted detention authorities in four regions in undertaking the design of 19 new prisons, and supported a federal and two regional detention authorities in improving their maintenance management plans.
- Supported the setting up and management of sanitation facilities in two camps, housing people displaced by violence, in Harar and Dire Dawa.
- Improved mental health care services for nearly 34,000 detainees in six federal and 10 regional prisons in Tigray, Oromia, Benishangul-Gumuz, Gambella and Southern Nations by organizing a Mental Health Gap Action Program training for 18 prison health staff.
- Enhanced health care services for 21,613 detainees in Amhara region prisons through the provision of trainings in Health Management Information System, Basic and Standard Mental Health Gap Action Program to 37 health care providers.



A water supply project built in Dilla regional prison to improve access to clean water for detainees, 2017.

- Improved health care service for 1,627 detainees at Dessie Medium Prison Clinic in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between the ICRC and the Amhara regional prison commission.
- Provided essential drugs and medical equipment, and technical support to 15 clinics in federal and some regional prisons in Oromia, Amhara, Benishangul-Gumuz, Gambella and Afar benefitting 30,329 detainees.

## SEPARATED FAMILIES

The ICRC, in cooperation with the ERCS, strives to restore family links between family members separated by conflict, violence and migration through the tracing services of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement as well as through the provision of free phone calls and the exchange of Red Cross Messages (RCMs).



An ICRC delegate collecting a tracing request from people displaced by violence looking for their missing family members, Dire Dawa, 2017.

### In 2017, the ICRC:

- Received new tracing requests from people looking for 955 missing family members in Ethiopia and abroad, and located 286 sought persons.
- Exchanged, in close cooperation with ERCS, 5,908 RCMs between family members dispersed by conflict/violence.
- Provided, together with ERCS, 72,145 free phone calls to refugees (mostly South Sudanese) and returnees (mainly from Eritrea and Saudi Arabia) in Ethiopia, who could exchange family news with their relatives in their respective countries.
- Facilitated the repatriation of 890 Ethiopians from Eritrea, assisted them with food, essential household and hygienic items.
- Reunited one minor, separated during a violence at the border in Gambella, with his family, and repatriated an Eritrean woman from Ethiopia to her homeland.

## INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS

The ICRC and the ERCS jointly provide support to people affected by violence in different regions of the country.

### In 2017, the ICRC:

- Distributed, in cooperation with the ERCS, non-food items and shelter materials to nearly 164,000 people displaced by violence in East and West Hararghe zones, Oromia Region, and through ERCS in Fafan zone, Somali Region.

- Donated staple seeds and agricultural tools to 44,586 people affected by drought and violence in East and West Hararghe zones to help them restore their livelihoods, and supplied animal feed to nearly 11,000 affected people in the same zones to protect their core breeding herds.
- Provided, in cooperation with ERCS, loans to 214 individuals in Tigray, enabling them to engage in various income generating activities.

## WATER

The ICRC works with local authorities and communities to improve access to clean water and sanitation services.

### In 2017, the ICRC:

- Surveyed and tested eight water wells in vulnerable areas of Tigray region to assess their capacity of upgrading their productivity.
- Continued to support water authorities in Tigray to make use of their online water points' database (Majella platform). This enabled them to extract water supply coverage information at woreda and regional levels, to plan and allocate budget for the construction of new water points, and to provide water point data to stakeholders.

## PERSONS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES

The ICRC Physical Rehabilitation Program works to promote equal access to quality and sustainable rehabilitation services to Persons with Physical Disabilities (PWDs) through support to national and regional actors to enable PWDs recover mobility, play an active role in society and live in dignity.



Women with physical disabilities competing at the 3<sup>rd</sup> National Wheelchair Basketball Tournament held in Addis Ababa, 2017.

### In 2017, the ICRC:

- Enabled 6,509 PWDs to have access to services within nine ICRC-assisted physical rehabilitation centers (PRCs). Out of these, 1,496 economically vulnerable individuals had their transport and food costs covered by the ICRC while receiving the services.
- Provided all assisted PRCs with imported raw materials and components as well as clinical and technical coaching for quality service provision.
- Provided training on physical rehabilitation service provision to 22 physiotherapy students of the military college.

- Provided basic and intermediate wheelchair training to 27 physiotherapists, prosthetists and orthotists.
- Provided, together with the Ethiopian Basketball Federation (EBF), relevant training to 95 wheelchair basketball players, referees, coaches and classifiers.
- Facilitated, in partnership with EBF, the 3rd National Wheelchair Basketball Tournament, organized in connection with the celebration of the International Day of PWDs.
- Donated 129 sports wheelchairs, including their spare parts, to EBF.
- Facilitated Continuous Professional Development training in physical rehabilitation services in Ethiopia which was sponsored by the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs and organized by the Ethiopian Prosthetic and Orthotic Association for 15 prosthetists and orthotists and 12 bench workers.

## PROMOTING THE LAW

The ICRC promotes the knowledge of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and Human Rights Standards amongst various interlocutors such as military and police forces, national authorities, and academic circles and supports efforts to integrate/ domesticate IHL.

### In 2017, the ICRC:

- Organized, together with the Ethiopian National Defense Force (ENDF), IHL trainings for over 400 military legal advisors, military court legal officers, military police officers, army special force instructors, officers and senior command and staff college officers.
- Provided two separate (one-month) trainings on Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) for 45 army EOD technicians in collaboration with ENDF's Engineering Main Department.



Members of Center Taskforce of the Ethiopian National Defense Force participated in IHL training, Hawassa, 2017.

- Provided Training of Trainers (ToT) on laws regulating the use of force to 25 police officers from federal and regional police commissions. Moreover, the ICRC trained 334 special police force officers from the federal, Oromia, Tigray, Southern Nations, Amhara and Gambella regions on laws regulating the use of force.
- Conducted first-aid ToT to 23 federal and regional police medical personnel, and first-aid training to 59 other police force officers from Oromia and Addis Ababa to enable them provide immediate support in emergency situations.

- Organized, in partnership with the Federal Police Commission, a one-day round table discussion for 21 federal and regional police commissioners and senior police staff to exchange views on the trainings being provided by the ICRC.



Federal and regional police commissioners and senior police staff participated at a round table discussion organized by the ICRC and Federal Police Commission, Addis Ababa, 2017.

- Organized a seminar on IHL and mandates and works of the Red Cross for 31 members of Legal, Justice and Administrative and Foreign Affairs Standing Committees of the Ethiopian House of Peoples' Representatives.
- Organized, together with Addis Ababa University (AAU), the Second National IHL Moot Court Competition in which 16 universities participated. The ICRC also sponsored the winning team from AAU and Wollo university to take part in the All Africa IHL Competition held in November in Tanzania.
- Organized, together with AAU, a seminar on ICRC updated commentary on the Second Geneva Convention of 1949 attended by more than 30 government representatives and academics.
- Provided a three-day training for 19 IHL lecturers of 16 universities aimed at sharing resources, tools, experiences and new developments on IHL.
- Organized a seminar on domestic implementation of IHL and contemporary challenges to IHL for over 220 lecturers and students of Wolaita Sodo, Addis Ababa Universities and Mekelle universities.



A seminar on the ICRC Updated Commentary on the Second Geneva Convention, Addis Ababa, 2017.

## PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ETHIOPIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY (ERCS)

In addition to joint programming highlighted above,

In 2017, the ICRC:

- Supported ERCS's Gambella, Benishangul-Gumuz, Addis Ababa, Harari and Dire Dawa regional branches in organizing "Safer Access" awareness and planning workshops for 55 board members, staff and volunteers from the zonal branches.
- Enhanced the knowledge of more than 400 local authorities, including religious leaders and representatives of community-based organizations, on the fundamental principles of the Red Cross Movement.
- Assisted the ERCS, jointly with the Canadian Red Cross, to revitalize the Disaster Response Team System and in organizing two trainings on disaster response for staff and volunteers of Gambella, Benishangul-Gumuz, Amhara and Addis Ababa branches.
- Supported ERCS in organizing trainings in Planning, Management, Evaluation and Report for its 21 headquarters' staff, and in financial management for its 18 staff from 16 zonal branches.
- Donated 2,000 non-food items (NFIs) kits and 30 first-aid kits to ERCS to build its emergency response capacity.
- Supported ERCS to organize its 82<sup>nd</sup> anniversary.



People in Gorogutu, East Hararge Zone, Oromia Region, affected by violence along the borders of Oromia-Somali regions, receive household and shelter materials from ICRC and ERCS.

### MISSION

The ICRC is an impartial, neutral and independent organization whose exclusively humanitarian mission is to protect the lives and dignity of victims of armed conflict and other situations of violence and to provide them with assistance. The ICRC also endeavours to prevent suffering by promoting and strengthening humanitarian law and universal humanitarian principles. Established in 1863, the ICRC is at the origin of the Geneva Conventions and the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. It directs and coordinates the international activities conducted by the Movement in armed conflicts and other situations of violence.

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