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Highlights of activities



SEARCH FOR THE MISSING AND NEEDS OF THEIR FAMILIES

Humanitarian Dialogue

5 meetings of the two separate Coordination Mechanisms dealing with the issues of persons missing in relation to the armed conflicts in Abkhazia and Tskhinvali Region/South Ossetia were held under the ICRC auspices.

Forensic Activities

60 sites related to the conflicts of 90's in Abkhazia and Tskhinvali Region/South Ossetia were excavated in the search for missing people.

111 sets of human remains were exhumed, analyzed and samples were sent to international laboratories for DNA analyses.

23 missing persons related to the conflict in Abkhazia were identified and handed over to the families.

12 Georgian and Abkhaz specialists with backgrounds in archaeology, forensic pathology, nursing, and biology were trained on the application of the multi-disciplinary approach in



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human identification through **7 different workshops** organised by the ICRC locally and abroad.

Accompaniment of Families of Missing Persons

54 families benefited from the Mental Health Psycho-Social Support (MHPSS) through **3 group** and **30 individual consultations** conducted by the ICRC's 4 implementing partner NGOs

6 NGOs and **3 branches** of the Georgia Red Cross Society, **4 Family Committees** from Batumi, Zugdidi and Tbilisi and **Family**

Association "Molodini" enhanced their capacity to support the families of missing persons through **coaching, specific trainings, workshops** and **an inter-partner meeting**.

The Georgian Academic Working Group held **12 working meetings, 74 lectures and 9 workshops on the concept of Ambiguous Loss** were conducted at **4 universities** of Georgia.

500 families of missing persons participated in the International Day of the Disappeared organized on August 30.

110 copies of the Georgian version of **Pauline Boss's book "Loss, Trauma, and Resilience"** were donated to **4 universities** as a teaching material.



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5 winners of students' scientific essay competition on the concept of Ambiguous Loss were nominated.

15 members of the family association "Mothers of Abkhazia for Peace and Social Justice" took part in **a psycho-social training** on the Accompaniment of Families of Missing persons during Specific Moments.

12 individual psychological consultations with Families of Missing were held in Tskhinvali Region/South Ossetia.



RESTORATION OF FAMILY LINKS, FACILITATION OF TRANSFERS FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT

387 Red Cross Messages were exchanged between separated family members.

6 families were reunited across the administrative boundary lines (ABL).

18 individuals had the requested official documents relayed across the ABL.

152 patients living in Tskhinvali Region/South Ossetia were assisted through **164 medical evacuations** organized across the ABL.



PROTECTION OF DETAINEES

17 visits were conducted in **8 different places** of detention in order to assess the living conditions and treatment of detainees.

2 family visits to detainees were organized across the administrative boundary line.

55 Red Cross Messages, and **34 exchanged phone calls** enabled detainees to stay in touch with their families.



ASSISTANCE TO THE VULNERABLE

The following assistance activities were carried out in Tskhinvali region/South Ossetia:

- About **500 persons** were assisted through the Social Safety Network Program and around **2'000 food parcels** were distributed among vulnerable families.
- Over **500 hygiene kits** were distributed to destitute households
- **9 households** were assisted with emergency kits (kitchenware, bed linen, blankets and folding beds).
- **14 elderly** and **disabled individuals** were regularly visited under the domestic support
- **22 persons** received orthopedic support.

20 most vulnerable individuals (**14 households**) in Kodori Gorge were provided with dry food rations tree times during the year.



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PROMOTION OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW

A **Working Group** was set up within the IHL National Commission to integrate possible amendments in the Criminal Legislation of Georgia.

2 representatives of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia attended the Regional Conference of IHL Commissions in Bucharest.

2 young researchers participated in the capacity of judges in the International Criminal Law Moot Court Competition in The Hague.

A **three-member law students' team** of Tbilisi State University (TSU) was part of Jean Pictet Competition organized in Macedonia.

18 students (**6 teams**) of two prominent universities of Georgia participated in the national IHL competition.

A **TSU team** successfully participated in the third All European International Humanitarian Law and Refugee Law Moot Court Competition in Ljubljana, Slovenia reaching the final.

16 students of the university in Sukhumi received an IHL training and were involved in an IHL competition.

384 servicemen representing various levels of command, as well as soldiers participated in 16 IHL sessions.



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314 officers of the Georgian Defense Forces were offered pre-deployment IHL training before joining the Resolute Support Mission in Afghanistan.



PARTNERSHIP WITH THE GEORGIA RED CROSS SOCIETY (GRCS)

The ICRC continued supporting the GRCS to upscale the beneficiary outreach.

11 training sessions contributed to the strengthening of Restoring Family Links service of the GRCS.

1,322 beneficiaries received social assistance with over **250 volunteers'** engagement GRCS "volunteers' initiatives".

4,627 community members acquired knowledge and skills through **61 basic First Aid public courses** conducted in Tbilisi and 9 regions.



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561 external clients were offered **49 First Aid commercial training** sessions conducted by the GRCS first aid pool members.