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- ensure that detainees' basic needs are provided for, and that their treatment complies with international standards;
- discuss confidentially ICRC's observations and recommendations with the detaining authorities.

## RESTORING FAMILY LINKS

In times of armed violence, the chances that family members may lose track of one another increase substantially. The ICRC therefore helps civilians, including refugees and foreign detainees, restore or maintain contact with members of their families in the following ways:

- carrying news between detainees and their families and notifying diplomatic missions when any of their nationals have been detained;
- registering and attempting to trace the whereabouts of people reported missing as a result of armed conflict;
- reuniting family members whenever possible;
- issuing travel documents to refugees granted resettlement in third countries;
- helping Syrian refugees in the Zaatari camp in the northern governorate of Mafraq maintain contact with relatives inside Syria and elsewhere by making international telephone calls available free of charge.

## MISSION

The International Committee of the Red Cross (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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## THE ICRC IN JORDAN AT A GLANCE

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) has established its permanent delegation in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan since the 1967 Arab-Israeli war. Its main activities consist of visiting detainees to monitor their treatment and conditions of detention, helping civilians and foreign detainees restore contact with their families, and promoting international humanitarian law throughout Jordanian society in close cooperation with the Jordan Red Crescent Society. The ICRC in Jordan also supports and assists Syrian refugees fleeing the armed conflict in their country.

In addition, the ICRC delegation in Jordan provides logistical support to ICRC relief operations in the region and beyond.

## VISITING PEOPLE DEPRIVED OF THEIR LIBERTY

In its capacity as a neutral and independent humanitarian organization, the ICRC has been visiting people deprived of their liberty in Jordan since 1979. ICRC delegates:

- conduct regular visits to people held in correctional and rehabilitation centres, as well as the detention facility of the General Intelligence Department;
- monitor the conditions of detention and the treatment of detainees;

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## DISTRIBUTING FOOD AND OTHER ESSENTIAL ITEMS

In order to respond to the urgent needs of refugees arriving in Jordan and ease the burden on local communities, in 2013 the ICRC provided food and hygiene parcels to around 20,000 families of Syrian refugees living in local communities in northern Jordan. Together with the Jordan Red Crescent Society, the ICRC also launched a cash assistance programme for 1000 Syrian refugees living in local host communities in Mafraq.

The ICRC has provided more than 78,000 Syrian refugees who have crossed the border into eastern Jordan with blankets, mattresses, pillows, children's clothing, emergency biscuits and hygiene items, and, in partnership with a local charity, supplied around 68,000 cooked meals for refugees in the same part of the country.

## DELIVERING HEALTH CARE TO THE WOUNDED

To provide primary medical care to Syrian refugees upon their arrival at the border, the ICRC has set up two prefabricated health clinics equipped with basic medical instruments, two examination beds, and solar-powered refrigeration and air conditioning at Bustana collection point and Rukban reception point on Jordan's eastern border. It has also provided the



Jordanian Royal Medical Services with wound-dressing materials and other basic medical supplies, mainly for the health clinics on Jordan's eastern border. Rweyshid Government Hospital in eastern Jordan has received basic medical supplies to enable it to meet the increasing primary health needs of Syrian refugees entering the country.

## PROVIDING CLEAN WATER AND UPGRADING WATER AND SANITARY WORKS

To help the Jordan Armed Forces cope with the growing influx of refugees across Jordan's central and eastern borders, the ICRC has equipped four reception points and two collection points in the border areas so that 1,200 Syrian refugees per day can be hosted adequately.

The ICRC has provided caravans, 45 m2 dispensary tents, sanitary facilities (toilets and showers), drinking water dispensers, water tanks, washbasins, diesel generators, solar water heaters and solid-waste containers. The ICRC has also provided Raba'a Al Sarhan Registration Facility in Mafraq governorate with sanitary facilities, drinking water dispensers, water tanks and solid-waste containers.



## WORKING IN COOPERATION WITH THE JORDAN RED CRESCENT SOCIETY

Over the past year, the ICRC has provided the Jordan Red Crescent Society (JRCS) with financial, technical and logistical support and with supplies to enable it to respond to the humanitarian needs of Syrian refugees and host communities in Jordan. The ICRC has boosted the capacities of the Jordan Red Crescent Society in emergency preparedness and response, including first aid, restoring family links and disseminating humanitarian principles. It has also funded the training of 70 needy Syrian women in hairdressing, computer skills and sewing at the Jordan Red Crescent Society's vocational training centre.

## PROMOTING INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW

The ICRC works closely with the National Commission for the Implementation of International Humanitarian Law to promote respect for international humanitarian law (IHL) among universities, national authorities, armed and security forces, the media, and civil society institutions. This ensures that all relevant people and institutions are aware of their rights and duties under IHL and helps Jordan fulfil its obligations as a signatory to the main IHL treaties. Moreover, for some time the ICRC and the National Committee for Demining and Rehabilitation have been working together on various mine action activities.



The ICRC cooperates with the Jordan Armed Forces, the Gendarmerie Forces and the Public Security Directorate to raise awareness of IHL rules. This cooperation has resulted in IHL being included in their training curricula.

## PROVIDING REGIONAL LOGISTICAL SUPPORT

The ICRC in Jordan is a logistical and administrative hub for ICRC operations mainly in Syria, Lebanon and Yemen. It also provides ongoing logistical support for operations in Iraq and the occupied territories. Operations in Libya, Sudan, Somalia, Niger, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea and Mali have also received support from Jordan.

The regional logistics centre of the ICRC keeps an emergency stock of non-food items for 150,000 people in its warehouse in Jordan and for 50,000 people in its warehouse in Lebanon to ensure a rapid response to any emergency in the region or beyond.

To support its operations in the region, the ICRC purchased different types of goods at a value of US\$12,000,000 from the Jordanian market during 2013, compared with US\$7,829,000 in the previous year. Elsewhere in the Middle East, the ICRC spent US\$5,357,000 on various commodities to facilitate emergency operations within the region and worldwide.