



The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) has been active in Georgia since 1992. The ICRC maintains a permanent presence in Tbilisi, Sukhumi, Zugdidi, Kutaisi, Gali and Tskhinvali.

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PROTECTION OF DETAINEES AND THE CIVILIAN POPULATION

- A total of **946 Red Cross Messages** were exchanged and **3 families** reunited.
- **13 visits in various places of detention** were conducted to assess living conditions and treatment of detainees.



The ICRC, with the agreement of the authorities, has been visiting places of detention since 1992.

TUBERCULOSIS IN PRISONS

- **1'823 detainees** were screened for active tuberculosis in **9 detention places**.
- **4 TB laboratories**, supported by the ICRC, performed **1'100 examinations**.
- **53 detainees** started DOTS treatment and **43 patients** completed it.
- As of November, **207 detainees** were under treatment in **5 treatment facilities**.



Since 1998 the ICRC has been supporting the authorities in implementing a TB control programme in prisons of Georgia.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

- The ICRC continued support to **3 health facilities** in Abkhazia through the regular distribution of drug supplies.

LANDMINES AND PHYSICAL REHABILITATION CENTRES

- With ICRC support the Georgian Foundation for Prosthetic Orthopaedic Rehabilitation (GEFPOR) in Tbilisi and the Orthopaedic Centre in Gagra, provided **113 patients** with orthopaedic appliances; **62 new patients** were registered. **34 prostheses** and **64 orthoses** were produced; in addition, **164 crutches** were distributed.



WATER AND HABITAT

- Water and sanitation conditions were improved for **211** people in Gori through the completion of rehabilitation work in **2 Collective Centers** housing internally displaced persons.
- Installation of an external pipeline to supply drinking water for prisoners was completed in Ksani TB Colony and Ksani Colony No.7.



PROMOTION OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW (IHL)

- On October 5-6, the ICRC participated in a Mine Action Workshop for the South Caucasus, a high level forum co-organised by the OSCE and the International Campaign to Ban Landmines.
- On October 24, the ICRC conducted an IHL training-seminar for **29 professors** and **law students**, as well as for **representatives of the local authorities**, at the University in Tskhinvali.
- The Head of the Human Rights Department of the Prosecutor General's Office of Georgia, as well as representatives of the Universities in Sukhumi and Tskhinvali, participated at the Round Table on IHL for State Officials and Representatives of Academic Circles organised by the ICRC on November 22-25 in Moscow.
- The ICRC supported the participation of the Deputy Commander of the Land Forces of Georgia at the 115th Course on IHL, organised by the International Institute of Humanitarian Law in San Remo (Italy), in November.
- Trainings on the methodology of teaching the basics of IHL in secondary schools were conducted for **266 teachers** in Tbilisi and **15 regions** of Georgia.
- One training seminar on the methodology of teaching the basics of IHL in secondary schools was conducted for **13 trainers** in Abkhazia.



FOOD AND NON-FOOD ASSISTANCE

In Abkhazia

- **955 destitute people** were provided with a daily hot meal through the network of ICRC-supported canteens.
- **1'134 homebound beneficiaries** received hot meals and personal care with the help of **405 social workers** of the Red Cross in Abkhazia.
- **1'199 vulnerable people living in urban areas** received quarterly dry food rations and **2'550 destitute people living in rural areas** received monthly dry food rations.
- **187 households** received an Agro, Trade and Craft (ATC) project.



Agro, Trade and Craft (ATC) programme aims at contributing to the self sufficiency of destitute households.

In Western Georgia (Samegrelo and Imereti)

- **76 very destitute, bedridden and homebound** persons received a monthly standard food ration as well as essential non-food items.
- **15'800 beneficiaries** were provided with quarterly dry food rations and essential non-food items.