

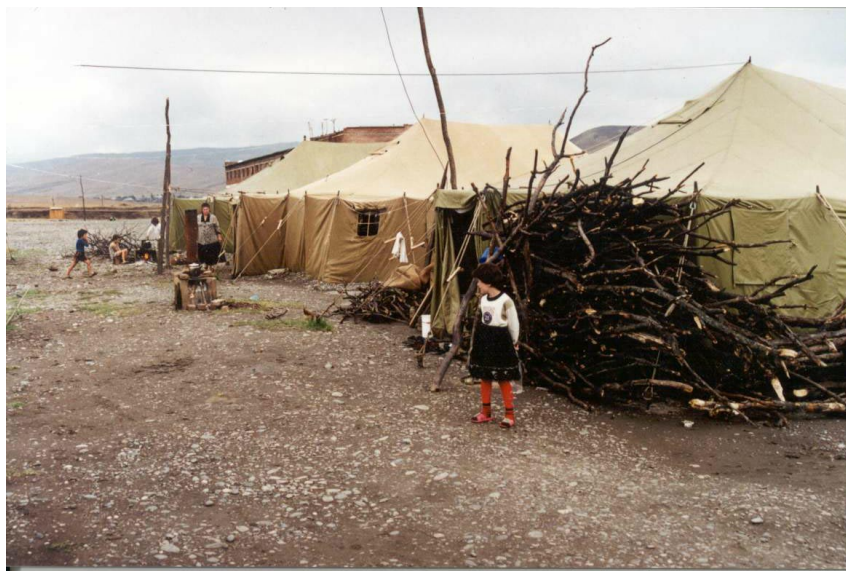
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FACTS AND FIGURES

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EMERGENCY ACTION OF THE RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT MOVEMENT FOR THE NORTH CAUCASUS AND THE SOUTH OF RUSSIA

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IDP CAMP IN INGUSHETIA: WITH THE COMING WINTER WOOD AND STOVES WILL BE NEEDED

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) is an impartial, neutral and independent organisation whose exclusively humanitarian mission is to protect the lives and dignity of victims of war and internal violence and to provide them with assistance. It directs and co-ordinates the international relief activities conducted by the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement in situations of conflict. It also endeavours to prevent suffering by promoting and strengthening international humanitarian law and international humanitarian principles. Established in 1863, the ICRC is at the origin of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.



HIGHLIGHTS

Following a phase of reduced operational level due to security concerns, the activities of the ICRC and the Russian Red Cross (RRC) in Chechnya have been significantly stepped up in November. More than 35.000 beneficiaries have been assisted. They are among the most vulnerable in the population, mainly in the urban centres of the Republic. The humanitarian input consisted of either **food items** in the form of bread, oil, tea and sugar distributions, or **non food** such as hygienic kits, or **water** distribution through the ongoing output of the pumping station no.1 in Grozny, or **medical assistance**, such as the delivery of material and drugs to the main hospitals and the support of medical mobile units, providing Primary health care (PHC) to the rural population.

In the frame of UN Consolidated Appeal 2002 launching event which took place in Moscow on 27th of November, the Red Cross Movement, under the leadership of the ICRC, was able to launch its **Plan of Action for Emergency Operations in North Caucasus 2002**. The priority for next year focuses on increasing as well as diversifying the current humanitarian programs deployed inside Chechnya. The ICRC, in co-operation with the RRC, intends also to continue its support in favour of the IDPs accommodated in Ingushetia, Dagestan as well as in various southern regions of Russia. For 2002 the ICRC seeks for its operations in the region, contributions of approximately 26 million USD.

In late November, the **RRC held its General Assembly** in Moscow, an event which takes place every five years. Mrs. Tatiana Alexeevna Nikolaenko has been appointed as the new President of the society. The ICRC wishes her best of luck and success in leading the RRC whose role and impact in North Caucasus are to be stressed.

BUDGETARY NEEDS

In its annual appeal for 2001, the ICRC requests nearly 34 mln dollars to finance its activities in the Russian Federation. Of this, about 27 mln dollars are planned for relief operations in the North Caucasus. (Further details on www.icrc.org)

THE RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT MOVEMENT, SPEARHEADED BY THE ICRC, PROVIDED IN NOVEMBER 2001 FOOD AND NON-FOOD ASSISTANCE IN THE NORTH CAUCASUS AND THE SOUTH OF RUSSIA FOR ABOUT 165,000 IDPs

OVERVIEW

CHECHNYA

Food assistance (dry food and bread)

In November the ICRC, in cooperation with the Russian Red Cross, was able to step up its activities and assisted 27,847 beneficiaries with bread, soap, oil, sugar and tea. This program targeted vulnerable groups in Grozny, Shali, Gudermes, Argun, Urus Martan, Achkhoy Martan and Kurchaloy.

The ICRC also provided basic foodstuffs and wheat flour to social and paramedical institutions and distributed food parcels to beneficiaries in IDP centres, delivering aid to 8 such places.

In November the ICRC also resumed the Food-For-Work program assisting 87 employees of Vodokanal (Grozny) with a food parcel each. These workers are repairing the water distribution network in the city.

Non-food assistance

Since December 1st, 2000, the ICRC, which rehabilitated pumping station No 1 in Grozny, has started distribution of chlorinated water to the population of the city from two water tanks (75 m³ each) with a present daily output of more than 890 m³ which covers the needs of around 44,000 people. In November 26,730 m³ of water were provided.

Medical assistance

The ICRC regularly provides 9 hospitals in Chechnya with medicines and medical material. In November the medical input delivered by the ICRC was equivalent to 79,000 USD.

The ICRC supports the visiting nurses program of the RRC in Chechnya. 720 bedridden elderly are assisted on a regular basis by 57 nurses and provided with fresh and dry food on a monthly basis and with hygienic kits every 6 months.

Furthermore, the ICRC supports 4 mobile medical teams and a medical post run by the RRC. The mobile units are especially appreciated in the countryside where they provide the population with basic medical support.

Mine awareness

The number of landmine and unexploded ordnance victims among the civilian population in Chechnya is of particular concern for the ICRC. As a result a mine awareness program has been initiated there with a special focus on children who run the highest risk of being maimed or killed by these weapons. The aim is to limit this risk by informing children of the dangers landmines and unexploded ordnance present and by teaching them some basic rules of behaviour. To this end a puppet show "The Danger of Landmines - the New Adventures of Cheerdig" is being launched together with Chechen puppet theatre, like it has already been done with a puppet theatre in Ingushetia.

CHECHNYA

FOOD ASSISTANCE (November 2001)

1,685	food parcels
334,165	loaves of bread
3,450 kg	wheat flour
32,624 l	oil
40,394 kg	sugar
35,044	tea (boxes of 200 gr)
1,990 kg	potatoes
670 kg	onions

NON-FOOD ASSISTANCE (November 2001)

852	hygienic kits
67,576	soap (cakes)
336	stoves

MEDICAL CONSULTATIONS (November 2001)

3,934	consultations
1,815	of them for children

RED CROSS SET UP IN CHECHNYA

79	national staff
5	daily workers
12	vehicles

83	staff
52	volunteers
11	vehicles

INGUSHETIA

The Republic currently hosts about 150, 000 officially registered IDPs from Chechnya, a heavy burden to bear for the local population. Therefore, the bulk of the ICRC assistance in the North Caucasus is distributed in Ingushetia. Some 30,000 people are accommodated in IDP camps. But the majority live in temporary settlements and in host families, straining the latter's economic conditions.

Food assistance (dry food and bread)

The ICRC supports IDPs on a regular basis with food (family parcels) and covers almost all IDPs in Ingushetia on a two month cycle basis through more than 50 points of distribution.

In addition, the ICRC supports RRC programs, which distribute on an average 3 loaves of bread to 31,000 beneficiaries in IDP camps on a weekly basis.

Non-food assistance

Besides food, the ICRC provided hygienic kits and candles to IDPs.

Water and sanitation

The ICRC has spared no effort to make drinking water available wherever there are major concentrations of IDPs in Ingushetia. Since Summer 2000, when the ICRC made it a priority to improve the hygienic situation in IDP camps, it has started to build shower installations which were insulated for the winter period. A total of 15 of them with the capacity of 149 cabins is currently at the disposal of IDPs .

Medical assistance

Having rendered assistance to 5 hospitals in Ingushetia since the beginning of 2000, in July this year the ICRC decided to concentrate its efforts on increasing its aid to the main hospital of the Ingush republic in Nazran (in November - medical assistance delivered was equivalent to 5,600 USD).

Following a request from the Ministry of Social Affairs, the ICRC distributed 15 wheelchairs for invalids.

The RRC visiting nurses program is providing bedridden elderly persons (130 people) with basic care. Beneficiaries receive food parcels, wheat flour and medicines on a monthly basis and hygienic kits every 6 months.

Mine awareness

The mine awareness program has been launched for IDPs in Ingushetia since 1999, aimed at informing them of the danger of landmines and unexploded ordnance and at teaching them some basic rules of behaviour in order to limit the risk of accidents when they return home. In November, the ICRC mine awareness team in Ingushetia gave 40 lessons to 128 IDP children (age group 10-14) in the framework of the "Child to Child" program aimed at teaching them to convey to other children information about the danger of

INGUSHETIA

FOOD ASSISTANCE (November 2001)

32,054 food parcels
403,000 loaves of bread

NON-FOOD ASSISTANCE (November 2001)

32,054 hygienic kits
192,321 candles

WATER AND SANITATION (November 2001)

Overall: 6,329 m³
Daily: 210 m³
Showers: 15 (149 cabins)
Bladders: 19
Pits: 12
Water trucks: 11

**THE ICRC PROVIDES
ABOUT 40,000 IDPs WITH
FRESH WATER DAILY.**

HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

What's in a food parcel?

720 g of butter, 800 g of tomato puree, 1 kg of cheese, 1 kg of sugar, 3 kg of spaghetti, 2 kg of rice, 1.3 kg of canned chicken, 500 g tea, 200 g of yeast

What's in a hygienic kit?

1.5 kg of washing powder, 1 kg of soap, 200 g of toothpaste, 1 toothbrush, 1l of detergent, 1 l of shampoo, 1 kitchen towel, 1 bath towel

What's in a kitchen set?

1 cooking pot (7 l), 1 frying pan, 5 bowls, 5 plates, 5 cups, 5 knives, 5 forks, 5 table spoons

What's in a school kit?

2 copybooks, 2 pens, 1 pad of drawing paper, 1 box of colour pencils, 1 box of water colours, 1 eraser, 1 pencil sharpener

What kind of surgical assistance?

Dressing materials (bandages, cotton, gauze), medicines, medicines for narcosis, sutures, infusions, accessories for infusions (IV sets, tubes, catheters etc.), instruments, X-ray material

mines and about ways to avoid them. Another project called "Child to Child Puppet Theatre" addresses the same concerns.

DAGHESTAN

Food assistance (dry food, hot meals and bread)

In November the ICRC carried out relief distributions in Kurtomkalimsky and Novolak regions, covering more than 7,000 beneficiaries, with food parcels and wheat flour.

In Daghestan the ICRC supports RRC which provides bread to 5,791 IDPs daily. In addition, RRC manages 1 soup kitchen feeding 500 IDP school children with hot meals on a daily basis.

Non-food assistance

Furthermore the ICRC distributed hygienic kits, plastic sheeting and blankets among the beneficiaries in the two above-mentioned regions, helping them to improve their living conditions.

Medical assistance

The RRC also runs 2 mobile medical units in Daghestan, providing medical services to IDPs since 1999. Around 35,900 patients, including more than 12,800 children, have benefited from this assistance in November.

Furthermore in November the ICRC provided medicines, medical material and wheelchairs to the Khasavyurt Central Hospital, assistance equivalent to 3,000 USD.

The RRC is also running the home visiting nurses program for about 220 beneficiaries, mainly bedridden elderly people. They receive food parcels, wheat flour and medicines on a monthly basis and hygienic kits every 6 months.

NORTH OSSETIA, KABARDINO-BALKARIA AND THE SOUTH OF RUSSIA

In the southern regions of Russia (Astrakhan, Volgograd, Krasnodar, Rostov, Saratov, Stavropol, Kalmykia, Adygea, Karachayevo - Cherkessia) the RRC, with the ICRC support, provided assistance to about 13,000 Chechen IDPs in November. Over 1,700 IDPs also received food and non-food assistance in Kabardino-Balkaria and North Ossetia.

Food assistance (dry food and bread)

The RRC distributed over 5,400 food parcels to vulnerable Chechen IDPs in these regions.

Non-food assistance

In the southern regions of Russia, listed above, as well as in Kabardino-Balkaria and North Ossetia, the RRC, with the ICRC support, distributed sets of clothes, underwear, shoes, blankets, hygienic kits and kitchen sets to IDPs from Chechnya.

What is a mobile medical team?

A team includes two doctors (a general practitioner and a paediatrician), a nurse and a driver. They give basic medical advice and, if needed, distribute medicines. A fixed dispensary team usually includes three doctors (a co-ordinator, a general practitioner and a paediatrician) and a nurse.

DAGHESTAN

FOOD ASSISTANCE (November 2001)

3,031	food parcels
75,775 kg	wheat flour
96,200	loaves of bread
13,000	hot meals (portions)

NON-FOOD ASSISTANCE (November 2001)

3,031	hygienic kits
24,976 m ²	plastic sheeting
3,628	blankets
300	kitchen sets

MEDICAL CONSULTATIONS (November 2001)

2,171	consultations
816	of them for children

NORTH OSSETIA, KABARDINO-BALKARIA, SOUTH OF RUSSIA

FOOD ASSISTANCE (November 2001)

5,394	food parcels
16,975 kg	wheat flour

NON-FOOD ASSISTANCE (November 2001)

881	hygienic kits
136	blankets
98	kitchen sets

CONSULTATIONS (November 2001)

1,068	psychological
1,032	legal

Medical assistance

In Kabardino-Balkaria, North Ossetia, Kalmykia, Adygea, Karachayevo-Cherkessia, Krasnodar and Stavropol regions the RRC, supported by the ICRC, runs the home visiting nurses program for the elderly (1,269 beneficiaries). They receive food parcels and medicines on a monthly basis and hygienic kits every 6 months.

Psychological and legal counselling

In the South of Russia the RRC, supported by the ICRC and the International Federation, provides IDPs from Chechnya with psycho-social counselling and legal advice. Psychological counselling and legal advice has also been organised for IDPs in North Ossetia and Kabardino-Balkaria.

Mine awareness

The ICRC mine awareness team seized the opportunity to cover by the program the Chechen children who came to stay in sanatoria in several republics and regions of the North Caucasus as a break from the dire living conditions in Chechnya.

In November, 8 lessons were given to a total of 136 Chechen children in sanatoria in the framework of the "Child to Child" program. Similar lessons were also given to 63 teenagers on the lines of a similar "Teenager to Teenager" program. Almost 1,245 copies of the comic book "Trying to Find the Magic Water", based on the puppet show about Cheerdig, were distributed together with the game sheet "Find the Safest Way". This material is intended to teach children to avoid the danger of mines.

REGIONAL SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

All over the North Caucasus and the South of Russia (Chechnya, Ingushetia, Daghestan, North Ossetia, Kabardino-Balkaria, Karachayevo-Cherkessia, Adygea, Kalmykia, Stavropol and Krasnodar regions) the RRC, with the ICRC's support, assists about 3,800 vulnerable local residents with food parcels and wheat flour on a monthly basis and with hygienic kits - once in 6 months.

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16 expatriates permanently based in Nalchik and 330 national employees not including those in Chechnya.

RUSSIAN RED CROSS

Regular staff, excluding Chechnya - 151 (plus 22 HQ staff in Moscow), rescue service included. RRC can mobilise hundreds of voluntary workers to support its operation in the region.

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION

Delegates and local staff in Moscow offer support to the Russian Red Cross outside the North Caucasus

OTHER ICRC ACTIVITIES

VISITS TO DETAINEES

Following the agreement with the Russian Government in March 2000, the ICRC was granted access to all people deprived of their freedom in connection with the situation in Chechnya, wherever they are being held.

The ICRC delegates regularly visit detainees in detention places under the responsibility of both the Ministry of the Interior and the Ministry of Justice. Since May 2000, they have visited 42 detention places.

The main aim of ICRC visits is to assess the conditions of detention and to ensure that the detainees are treated humanely. The ICRC has developed an active dialogue with the detaining authorities and delegates regularly present to them their observations and recommendations.

Persons who have lost contact with their relatives as well as detainees visited by the ICRC are given an opportunity to re-establish contact with their next of kin by writing Red Cross Messages. These Red Cross Messages are distributed by the ICRC, with the support of the Chechen branch of the Russian Red Cross, inside Chechnya.

PROMOTION OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW (IHL)

While the main objective of IHL dissemination to the armed forces in the Russian Federation is to integrate the essential notions of international humanitarian law into the training program of officers and soldiers, the ICRC makes a special effort to directly address troops engaged in the North Caucasus whenever possible in order to inform them about the basics of the law of war and the ICRC.

In the frame of IHL promotion programs directed to schoolchildren, a special one-day seminar for teachers of BSS (basic survival skills) was organised by the ICRC in North Ossetia. The presentation was held at the Institute of Teachers Advanced Training, in Vladikavkaz, for 15 school teachers. The objective was to help the teachers deliver lectures on IHL (BSS is a compulsory course for secondary schools) with material and teaching technics.

A travelling exhibition, called "Humanity and War", which presents IHL, the Red Cross Movement, the ICRC and its objectives, is being shown in the regions of the North Caucasus and the South of Russia. It has already been on display in Tuapse (Krasnodar region), Nalchik (Kabardino-Balkaria), Vladikavkaz (North Ossetia), Armavir (Krasnodar region), Maykop (Adygea) and Anapa (Krasnodar region).

DETENTION VISITS

NUMBER OF VISITS BY ICRC DELEGATES (November 2001)

In Chechnya:	4
Outside Chechnya:	1
TOTAL:	5

TOTAL NUMBER OF VISITS

(Since May 2000)

In Chechnya:	41
Outside Chechnya:	88
TOTAL:	129
Number of places visited:	42

IHL PRESENTATIONS TO ARMED FORCES

(November 2001)

- Ministry of the Interior: 5 presentations - 281 cadets, sergeants and junior officers
- Ministry of Defence: 1 presentation - 150 soldiers, sergeants and officers of the 131st motorized infantry brigade