

NAIROBI REGIONAL DELEGATION

# FACTS & FIGURES

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# ACTIVITIES IN KENYA, DJIBOUTI AND TANZANIA

2024 marks the Golden Jubilee of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Nairobi Regional Delegation. This significant milestone provides us with an opportunity to reflect on our first day in Kenya, the East African giant.

Since our humble beginnings in 1974, the Nairobi delegation has grown exponentially. Our operations have expanded to include missions in Djibouti and Tanzania, which have played a crucial role in strategically positioning the delegation in the region and broadening the scope of our work. We remain committed to conducting humanitarian activities for vulnerable individuals and communities affected by armed conflict and violence.

In Kenya, the ICRC established a productive and valued partnership with the Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS). We have also collaborated with the national

societies in Djibouti and Tanzania to further extend our reach in the region.

From the beginning, the Nairobi Regional Delegation has been at the forefront of promoting International Humanitarian Law (IHL) principles to enhance understanding and integration, as well as to pursue humanitarian diplomacy objectives in the region. To achieve these goals, we have fostered engagement in the region with governments, armed and security forces, academia, media, and interlocutors, including religious leaders.





# KENYA

## WORKING TOWARDS STRENGTHENING PRISON HEALTH SYSTEM AND IMPROVING HEALTH CARE OF INMATES IN KENYA PRISON SERVICE



In Kenya, the ICRC conducted visits to **15** prison facilities, assessing conditions and ensuring the humane treatment of inmates. During these visits, the ICRC monitored the situation of **15,611** inmates across **12** prisons, engaging in discussions with authorities and providing follow-up on individual cases where necessary. These efforts reflect the ICRC's commitment to upholding the dignity and rights of individuals deprived of liberty.



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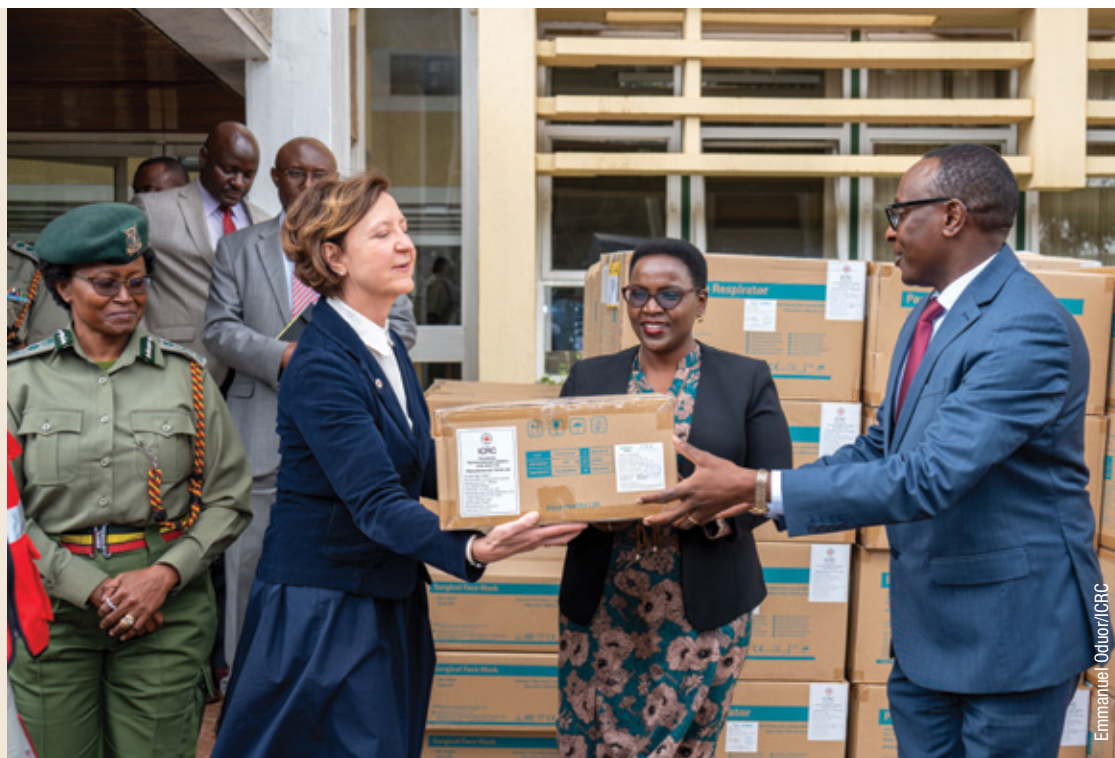
An ICRC staff interacts with correctional officers and a doctor at Kamiti Maximum Prison after donating furniture & filing cabinets to streamline healthcare service delivery for the patients at their clinic.

## ENCOURAGING HUMANE TREATMENT OF INMATES



- Organized the 1st African Health in Detention (HID) Conference in Nairobi, July 2024 which was co-hosted with the State Department for Correctional Services (SDCS), attended by **125** delegates from **24** African countries and various organizations working in prison health.
- Handed over **10,000** copies of the “Medical Assessment & Treatment Record for Inmate” patient forms to the Commissioner General of Prison – Kenya Prison Service (KPS). The medical forms will standardize medical records, reporting, and referrals for inmates across KPS health facilities.
- Rolled out the implementation of the “Medical Assessment & Treatment Record for Inmate” patient forms to **5** prisons.
- Donated medical supplies worth **KES 30,461,228 (CHF 207,643)** to KPS health facilities, improving treatment of over **60,000** inmates and strengthening outbreak response across **135** prisons.
- Donated ICT equipment (laptops, uninterruptible power supplies (UPSs) and storage cabinets and stationery worth **KES 2,910,528 (CHF 19,840)** to improve health service delivery and digitalization of medical reports in **eight (8)** prisons.
- Trained **45** health staff (from **15** prison health facilities and Ministry of Health) on HID.

The Nairobi Regional Delegation Head of Support, Cristiana Scano, handing over medical and ICT donations to the Principal Secretary for the State Department of Correctional Services, Salome Beacco.



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## RESTORING FAMILY LINKS



In 2024, the ICRC, in collaboration with the KRCS, continued its vital efforts to reconnect families separated by armed conflict and displacement in Kenya and in neighbouring countries. Below are key achievements and updates:



- **Red Cross Messages (RCMs):**

- o **3,247** RCMs were collected from refugees/migrants/asylum seekers
- o **3,043** RCMs were successfully distributed to families
- o **69** RCMs were returned to the sender due to non-delivery



- **Tracing Requests: Opened in Kenya for tracing outside of Kenya:**

- o **83** new tracing cases opened
- o **33** individuals located
- o **164** cases closed negatively
- o **555** tracing requests remained open



- **Tracing Requests: Opened in Other Delegation/offices for tracing in Kenya:**

- o **12** new persons opened
- o **26** located
- o **259** cases remain open



- **Separated Children:**

Ongoing efforts are being made for **12** separated children, with a focus on reuniting them with their families.



- **Travel Documents:**

**13** travel documents were issued to facilitate family reunifications and other essential movements.

- **Community Connectivity in Dadaab and Kakuma Camps:**

- o **90,546** phone calls were facilitated to help refugees connect with their families.
- o **11,254** beneficiaries were provided with internet access for family communication.

Through these initiatives, the ICRC remains committed to restoring family links and providing humanitarian assistance to those affected by armed conflict and displacement in Kenya and in neighbouring countries.

## SUPPORTING VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES IN VIOLENCE AFFECTED AREAS



A total of **2,250** households (equivalent to **13,500** individuals) received **three (3)** tranches of multipurpose cash grants to address their immediate needs. Of these, **350** households were from Garissa County, **1,000** households from Mandera County, and **900** households from Wajir County. The cash amounts provided were aligned with the Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB) specific to each county. In total, **KES 76,051,480 (CHF 518,412)** was distributed to the communities.



Among the supported households, **250** were displaced families from Somalia due to conflict-related emergencies and are currently residing in Gerille, Kenya.

## COOPERATION WITH THE KENYA RED CROSS SOCIETY



The Safer Access Framework and the Emergency Preparedness and Response (SAF/EPR) plan of action was implemented in the high-risk areas as earlier on elaborated in the 2024 Plan of Action (PoA). The targeted area was the North Eastern Region Counties of Mandera, Wajir and Garissa. In order to enhance sustainability, the program sought to empower branch capacities by Training of the Trainer (ToT) for the identified Red Cross Action Team (RCAT) leader from other regions not targeted in the 2024 PoA.



- **SAF review** – **30** staff members and volunteers from various regions participated in the 3-day review workshop.



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A lady in Hara village, Masalani, in Garissa County, is fetching water from a joint water project with KRCS. Over 200 families are currently benefiting from the project.





Head of Delegation for the Nairobi Regional Delegation, Daniel O'Malley, hands over medical equipment worth KES 6.1 million to Garissa County & Referral Hospital for emergency care. He was accompanied by ICRC and the Kenya Red Cross staff.



- **SAF Train the Trainers Workshop** – 28 National Society staff and volunteers from **eight (8)** regions trained as trainers
- **SAF Training** – 160 staff and volunteers from Mandera, Wajir and Garissa counties enhanced their capacity to operate in volatile areas while delivering humanitarian assistance.

## PROMOTING RESPECT FOR IHL AND IHRL



As the custodian of IHL, the ICRC plays a leading role in supporting states to reaffirm the rules of humanitarian law and establish them as widely accepted standards for the conduct of war. The ICRC is committed to promoting IHL principles in both regional and global humanitarian efforts, thereby reinforcing their vital role as protectors of these essential laws.



### COLLABORATION WITH NATIONAL POLICE SERVICE (NPS)

In 2024, the ICRC and NPS partnered in the integration and dissemination of International Human Rights Law (IHRL) principles.

- **21** and **19** Kenya Police Service (KPS) Commanders in Garissa and Mombasa Counties respectively, participated in a Commanders course.
- **66** Chief inspectors from the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) and Administration Police Service (APS), undergoing promotional course to Superintendent of Police at the NPS Senior Staff College, Emali Campus trained on IHRL.



A Training of Trainers program was held in Nairobi aimed at equipping the Kenya Police Services on human rights integration during their operations.





A Commanders Workshop on International Human Rights Law/ International Standards for Policing held in Mombasa.

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- **30** Officers from KPS training campuses, eight regional training centres and police Headquarters trained as Trainers.
- **600** KPS officers proceeding for the Multinational Security Support Mission in Haiti briefed on key IHL principles and humanitarian issues.

#### COLLABORATION WITH KENYA DEFENSE FORCES (KDF)



- The ICRC held a round table with the KDF to discuss their contribution towards Military Identification Project, which is a global project by the ICRC and aimed at empowering different military organizations with necessary forensic expertise and systematic processes required to ensure the identification of missing and deceased combatants and provide relevant information to their families. This was followed by KDF participation among other military representatives in discussions on best practices in a bid to develop guidelines on the identification of missing and deceased combatants.
- A working meeting culminating to the development of an action plan on the institutionalization of Operational Legal Advisers within was held between the ICRC and KDF officers to develop an action plan.
- **133** KDF personnel received IHL pre-deployment training for peacekeeping operations in readiness for deployment to the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo.
- **76** Junior Officers of the Kenya Airforce Training School, **97** officers undertaking Staff and Command Course at the Joint Command and Staff College, and **164** KDF personnel at the School of Military Police received training on IHL and its relevance in their operations.
- **Two (2)** KDF Officers took part in climate and conflict roundtable held at the ICRC offices.
- **One (1)** KDF Officer took part in a panel discussion on IHL during the commemoration of 75th Geneva Conventions anniversary.

#### COLLABORATION WITH ACADEMIA AND AUTHORITIES



- To commemorate the 75th anniversary of the four 1949 Geneva Conventions, the Nairobi Regional Delegation hosted a panel discussion focused on the protection of victims of armed conflicts in Africa and globally at its campus. The discussion explored how IHL has evolved to address the changing nature of armed conflicts and reflected on current and relevant humanitarian issues. Invited guests included the Kenya Defense Forces, the Attorney General's Office, diplomats from various States, Humanitarian workers, Lecturers and students from different Universities, the Kenya Red Cross Society, and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

Panelists speaking on the 75th anniversary of the Geneva Conventions held at the Nairobi Regional Delegation.



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- **14** representatives of governments from Kenya, Tanzania, Ethiopia, South Sudan, Lesotho, Somalia and Uganda participated in this seminar. It focused on key IHL issues in 2024 including IHL in the Context of East Africa and the Horn of Africa, national Implementation of IHL, IHL & counterterrorism, new technologies of warfare and IHL, the digital emblem project and the role of National Committees on IHL in the implementation of IHL. It also provided an opportunity for states to explore the challenges and opportunities in the domestic implementation of IHL.
- **34** humanitarians undertaking civilian foundation course at the Humanitarian Peace Support School trained on IHL.



Students from Zimbabwe University receiving their trophy after emerging as the All Africa 2024 winners.



- **Eight (8)** teams from **eight (8)** Kenyan Universities participated with the team from the University of Nairobi winning the competition. This competition aims to increase awareness and interest in IHL in academic institutions across Kenya; foster IHL research Initiatives and develop a generation of IHL conscious persons.



- **Nine (9)** teams from Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Somalia, Ethiopia, South Sudan, Nigeria, Rwanda and Zimbabwe participated in this competition with team Zimbabwe emerging winners. The students participated in a series of lectures where interlocutors in the region shared their IHL expertise with them. They were also taken through various scenarios where they were challenged through role play to put IHL into action.



- **14** participants representing key government agencies; Kenya Prison Service (KPS), Ministry of Defence, State Law Office, Office of the Data Protection Commissioner (ODPC), Academia, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government Chemist and the ICRC. The committee discussed strategies for improving national implementation of IHL and the prioritization of ratification of the Arms Trade Treaty and Treaty on the Prohibition on Nuclear Weapons.

## LOGISTICS SUPPORT TO HUMANITARIAN OPERATIONS



The ICRC Logistics Support Centre (LSC) is responsible for supporting **13** countries in the East African region by providing medical supplies, food, non-food items, and specialized technical services in areas such as fleet management, logistics, warehousing, supply chain management, and logistics knowledge management.





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Participants of the Norcross training preparing to participate in several simulations in readiness for deployment in areas of need with the aim enhancing our response to health emergencies.



## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE NAIROBI LOGISTICS SUPPORT CENTER

### PROCUREMENT AND DISPATCH

- The LSC purchased goods worth **KES 2,919,386,782 (CHF 19.9M)** (2'213 Purchase orders) for dispatch to various emergencies.
- **45** countries received goods weighing **4,668** Metric Tonnes amounting to **KES 3,462,187,339 (CHF 23.6M)**. The top **five (5)** receiving destinations were Ethiopia, Somalia, Democratic Republic of Congo, South Sudan, and Sudan.
- **345** participants from the region received new knowledge on various logistical practices in **26** training sessions. The LSC is a centre of excellence in logistic practices.
- The LSC played a vital role in the Joint deployment of the ICRC Field hospital in Gaza a collaboration between the Norwegian Red Cross (NorCross) and other National Societies. The ICRC-NorCross Field hospital opened on 9th May 2024 with over **41,500** consultations, **210** deliveries, **1,800** surgeries and over **1,000** admissions by November 2024. Replenishment readiness of the hospital is currently at **97%** ready for deployment. The 2nd annual Emergency Response Unit (ERU) delegates training by the Norwegian Red Cross and ICRC took place in September 22-29 with **42** participants trained, **31** trainers and facilitators.

ICRC staff at the Logistics Support Center kitting bags that form part of the equipment used when emergency hospitals are deployed around the world.



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ICRC Field hospital Rafah, Gaza.

Olav A. Saittones/Norwegian Red Cross

## DJIBOUTI

### RESTORING FAMILY LINKS



- The Djibouti Red Crescent Society's (DRCS) mobile unit, funded by the British Red Cross through the ICRC and further supported by the Italian Red Cross, has assisted **2,462** migrants along the Djibouti-Dikhil and Djibouti-Holl Holl routes. Among them, **531** received family tracing phone call services, and **32** were given first aid assistance.



- Jointly with International Organization for Migration (IOM), the Djibouti mission, facilitated a filming mission on the Eastern Corridor migration route called the forgotten route, capturing the danger and challenges for migrants transiting Djibouti and highlighting the humanitarian activity of the DRCS in favor of those looking for a better future.



- The ICRC donated **100** body bags to strengthen the response of the DRCS in the Management of the dead (MotD) of migrants after **two (2)** shipwrecks.



- The Djibouti mission contributed with forensic expertise during the setting up of a regional committee organized by IOM in conjunction with the local authorities.



- As part of the framework in strengthening the capacity of the DRCS the Djibouti mission has donated **6,000** selfcare booklets in local languages (Amharic, Oromo and Tigrinya) to be distributed to migrants transiting through Djibouti.

### LOGISTICS SUPPORT TO HUMANITARIAN OPERATIONS



- The ICRC Djibouti Mission continued to serve and support the ICRC Yemen delegation with air operation services (an ICRC plane: **316** flights were organized for **1,796** passengers to Yemen and for **three (3)** medical evacuations), visas (**410**), transit services (**1,241** arrivals/**1,171** departures) and divers logistics supplies.





Djiboutian military forces pose for a photo with ICRC staff after an IHL refresher course

Mandia Haloita/ICRC

## PROMOTING RESPECT FOR IHL AND IHRL



### COLLABORATION WITH DJIBOUTI ARMED FORCES

- Refreshment sessions on the application of IHL were organized to the benefit of **130** Djiboutian military forces, including **40** officers, as part of their upcoming Hill **12** deployment to the Africa Union mission in Somalia.
- IHL and IHRL sensitization sessions were held to the benefit of **180** gendarmerie proceeding for a UN peace keeping mission in the Central Africa Republic.
- **One (1)** Colonel of the Djiboutian armed forces was supported to attend Senior Workshop on International Rules governing Military Operations (SWIRMO).



### COLLABORATION WITH DJIBOUTI NATIONAL POLICE

- **56** foreign judicial police officers from different French speaking African countries studying at the international school of judicial policing in Djibouti and **30** Security Officers from the Djiboutian National Police have attended promotional ICRC sessions to enhance their knowledge on IHL and IHRL.



### COLLABORATION WITH ACADEMIA AND AUTHORITIES

- **Two (2)** meetings on the establishment of a National council on IHL (CNDIH) were held, including on promoting the local domestication of international IHL treaties in Djibouti, one of them on the 75th anniversary of the Geneva Conventions, in conjunction with The Nation, the only national newspaper.
- **32** participants coming from the High Islamic Council (HIC) and the Ministry of Islamic affairs attended ICRC sponsored iftar dinners during the holy month of Ramadan to promote IHL with religious circles.
- **60** students from the faculty of law of the University of Djibouti attended orientation sessions on ICRC and IHL with the objective to promote the formal teaching of IHL at academic level.
- In collaboration with the University of Djibouti, ICRC organized a promotional conference on IHL teaching, which gathered **10** professors, **20** students from the law faculty, the members of the IHL council, and representatives of the diplomatic corps (France, Germany, and China).



Gendarmerie were sensitized on IHL & IHRL before proceeding for a UN peace keeping mission.



# TANZANIA

## RESTORING FAMILY LINKS



- On 31 March 2024, Tanzania closed its doors to PLF Activities, but during the first Quarter, **4,675** calls were offered to the refugee population in the Western Corridor.

## PROMOTING RESPECT FOR IHL AND IHRL



### COLLABORATION WITH TANZANIA PEOPLE DEFENSE FORCES (TPDF)

- 59** Tanzania People Defense Forces (TPDF) officers trained on IHL at the Kunduchi Peace Training Centre (PTC), who were undergoing a United Nations Military Observers course.
- 139** personnel of TPDF trained on IHL at the Kunduchi PTC, undergoing Pre-deployment Training (PDT) for deployments to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL).
- 30** police officers from **six (6)** regions in Tanzania participated in Police Commanders workshop on IHRL in Dodoma.
- 234** TPDF officers and service personnel trained on Ihl at the Tanzania Peace Training Centre in readiness for various peacekeeping missions



### COLLABORATION WITH TANZANIA POLICE SERVICE (TPS)

- 25** police officers from Dodoma participated in a police field session on IHRL in Dodoma.
- 52** officers from Zanzibar special forces units participated in the IHRL workshop in Pemba and Unguja.



### COLLABORATION WITH ACADEMIA AND AUTHORITIES

- Legal advisers training with the African Court on Human people's rights in Kilimanjaro.
- National IHL Moot Competition to **eight (8)** Universities from Tanzania.
- One (1)** participant from Ministry of foreign Affairs sponsored to attend the IHL Seminar in Nairobi.
- Two (2)** participants sponsored to participate in the 34th International conference of Red Cross and Red Crescent in Geneva.
- Co-organized the 75th Geneva Convention with the Embassy of Switzerland in Tanzania.



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An all-ladies team from the University of Dar es Salaam celebrate their win after emerging the National Moot Competition 2024 winners in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.





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#### Cover photo:

A resident of Hara village, Masalani, in Garissa County fetching water from one of four waterpoints constructed by the ICRC in collaboration with KRCS to support the community with access to clean water.

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