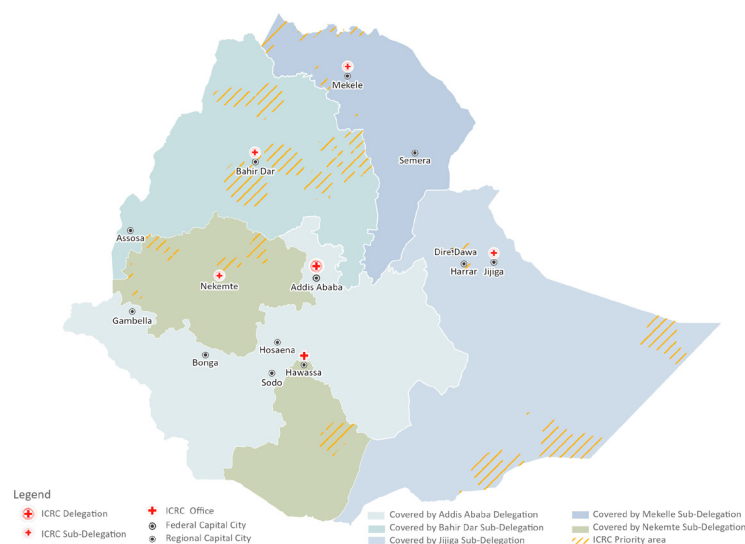


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Staying Humanitarian in a World That Won't Stand Still: 2025 has been anything but predictable. Across the globe, conflicts are intensifying, and uncertainty has become the new normal. For humanitarian

organizations, the pressure is mounting. And here in Ethiopia, the ICRC feels this every day—just as do the millions of people who continue to rely on our support.

Our presence in Ethiopia dates back nearly a century ago, in 1935, when war cast a long shadow over the country. The ICRC stepped in to offer help. Since then—and especially since establishing our permanent office in Addis Ababa in 1977—we've stood alongside communities affected by conflict and violence, offering not just aid, but dignity, protection, and hope.

Today, more than 500 ICRC staff operate across six offices in Ethiopia, including our delegation to the African Union, also based in the capital. But the humanitarian landscape is shifting.

A Crisis of Funding in Time of Growing Needs: One of the most pressing challenges we face, is a steep decline in donor funding. Not because the needs have diminished—far from it. They're growing. From Gaza to Sudan, Ukraine to Afghanistan, the world is grappling with overlapping crises. Long-standing emergencies in Syria and Yemen still

cry out for attention. Donor governments' budgets are stretched thin. Priorities are shifting. Budgets are tightening. And yet, our mission remains unchanged.

As the global guardian of international humanitarian law—a role rooted in the Geneva Conventions and entrusted to us by the international community—we remain steadfast in our commitment to protect people caught in conflict and to promote respect for the laws of war.

Our Focus in Ethiopia: In Ethiopia, our work is focused and pressing. We operate in Amhara, Oromia, and Tigray, supporting conflict-affected health services, we provide clean water, help families meet basic needs, improve conditions in places of detention, and reconnect loved ones separated by violence.

We also invest in prevention—raising awareness about the protection civilians are entitled to under international law.

None of this would be possible without our close partnership with the Ethiopian Red Cross Society (ERCS) and other Movement partners. Together, we carry forward a shared mission: to ease human suffering, no matter the obstacles.

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OVERVIEW OF ICRC AND ERCS RESPONSE



Supporting Health Services

- **24** Primary Health Centers (PHCs), **25** hospitals and **13** One Stop Centers (attending survivors of sexual violence) were supported.
- Over **192,000** patients received free curative care in all supported PHCs.
- Almost **1,800** wounded or sick patients referred from the supported PHCs received free health services in hospitals, paid for by the ICRC.
- Over **2,200** pregnant women were cared for to ensure safe deliveries and management of complications in the supported PHCs.
- One PHC was renovated in Oromia region, and two hospitals were provided with sanitation materials in Tigray region.

- **2,060** weapon wounded patients received surgical care in supported hospitals, **1,111** of them in Mekelle's Awash Hospital.
- Six surgeons from Amhara and Oromia trained on trauma and reconstructive surgery in collaboration with the Alert Comprehensive Specialized Hospital in Addis Ababa.
- **48** other health staff trained on basic emergency care.



Supporting war surgery – We help train surgeons to treat war-wounded patients in health facilities, also providing them with adapted materials.



Rebuilding Lives and Livelihoods



Restoring livelihoods – We provide adapted assistance, such as cash or essential household items, to help people affected by armed conflict meet their basic needs.

- Over **63,000** people (farmers and their family members) were supported with cereal seeds and fertilizers to improve their food production in Amhara, Oromia and Tigray.

- Over **31,900** vulnerable individuals received multipurpose cash grants to address their immediate needs in the three regions.
- In Oromia, over **18,000** displaced people received food parcels to meet a one month food needs and over **23,200** displaced people were supported with essential household items to improve their living conditions, including cooking.
- In the Somali and Afar regions, over **33,300** families (approximately **200,000** individuals) had their livestock vaccinated.
- In Tigray, over **12,000** people were supported with a combination of cash and in-kind items to start an activity (poultry) which can improve their access to income.
- Eight agreements were signed with partners such as union cooperatives, research institutes, and a university to support seed and fodder production in Amhara, Tigray and Oromia.



Visiting and supporting persons deprived of liberty

- **42** visits to **23** places of detention were carried out.
- Over **14,000** persons deprived of liberty provided with material assistance.
- **207** detainees with disabilities received physical rehabilitation service in four places of detention, two of them in Amhara.
- Projects in **13** places of detention improved the living conditions for over **5,600** detainees. Works included improvements to water and sanitation systems, installation of fuel-efficient cooking stoves, training and support for hygiene promotion and maintenance.
- One technical working group on health issues within the prison system was supported, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and the Federal Prison Commission.



Promoting Humanitarian Law

- Conducted **35** training sessions involving over **1,450** participants from the Ethiopian National Defense Force (ENDF), Federal Police, Regional Police and Militias.
- Engaged with **2,700** representatives of local authorities, security personnel, community and religious leaders, through sessions on the ICRC, ERCS and basics of International Humanitarian Law (IHL).
- **40** students and coaches from **10** universities submitted memorials for the National Competition on IHL, out of which **24** participants from **6** universities joined in the oral round organized jointly with the University of Gondar.
- **40** Military Legal Advisors and Prosecutors and **40** Military Judges of the ENDF were trained in the prevention, suppression and penal repression of IHL violations.



Accountability to affected populations – We engage with communities affected by armed conflict, ensuring to get their perspective and feedback on our humanitarian activities.



Supporting Survivors of Sexual Violence

- **3,250** survivors of sexual violence were provided with medical care in the ICRC-supported One Stop Centers and **1,273** of them received cash support to reach the health facility.
- **74** other victims of sexual violence supported with cash assistance to meet their specific needs.
- **255** community influencers attended **5** sessions on sexual violence.
- Together with the ERCS, over **16,300** other community members were sensitized through **2,040** outreach events.
- **20** ERCS staff and volunteers were trained to raise communities' awareness on sexual violence.



Improving Access to Water

- Over **235,000** people gained access to safe water through the renovation and construction of water systems (including hand pumps) and the donation of water treatment chemicals in rural and urban areas of Amhara, Oromia, and Tigray regions.



Partnership with the Ethiopian Red Cross Society

- **14** ambulances provided to ERCS branches, predominantly in conflict-affected areas of Amhara and Oromia.
- Facilitated the importation of **200** ambulances for the ERCS Tigray regional branch.
- **27** ERCS branches, primarily in conflict-affected areas, supported to provide ambulance services to over **56,000** people in emergency situations, including delivery of first aid kits and other materials for **38** ambulances in **11** ERCS stations in Amhara and Oromia.
- **33** ERCS branches, mainly in conflict-affected regions, supported to deliver emergency services.
- ERCS branches in the Amhara and Oromia regions and the Guraghe Zone of Central Ethiopia facilitated first aid training for **300** volunteers, who in turn delivered vital first aid to over **23,000** individuals.



Physical Rehabilitation

- Over **5,600** persons with disabilities benefited from the **13** ICRC-supported physical rehabilitation centers. Out of these **1,181** are war wounded.
- **437** beneficiaries served with outreach physical rehabilitation support in conflict-affected areas of East Guji, Horo Guduru and Lalibela and at Alage Hero Center.



Reconnecting and Reuniting Families

- **166** new requests to find family members received.
- On average some **30** calls are made in **30** different refugee Internal Displaced People (IDP) sites across Ethiopia by ERCS on a daily basis totaling **197,762** calls.
- **198** persons looked for by their family members were found through the Red Cross Movement's Protection of Family Links network.



Saving Lives from Unexploded Ordnance

- **192** trained ERCS volunteers actively engaged in the response to weapon contamination in Tigray region, notably reaching almost **60,000** people through risk awareness sessions.
- **8** survivors of explosive remnants of war accidents trained to co-facilitate risk awareness sessions alongside ERCS teams.
- **94** police officers and local security personnel trained on weapon contamination response and safe ammunition storage practices.
- **19** billboards installed in high-risk areas across Tigray to reinforce public awareness and promote safe behavior.
- **4** contaminated locations near schools secured and fenced off.

The ICRC helps people around the world affected by armed conflict and other situations of violence, doing everything it can to protect their dignity and relieve their suffering, often with its Red Cross and Red Crescent partners. The organization also seeks to prevent hardship by promoting and strengthening humanitarian law and championing universal humanitarian principles.



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