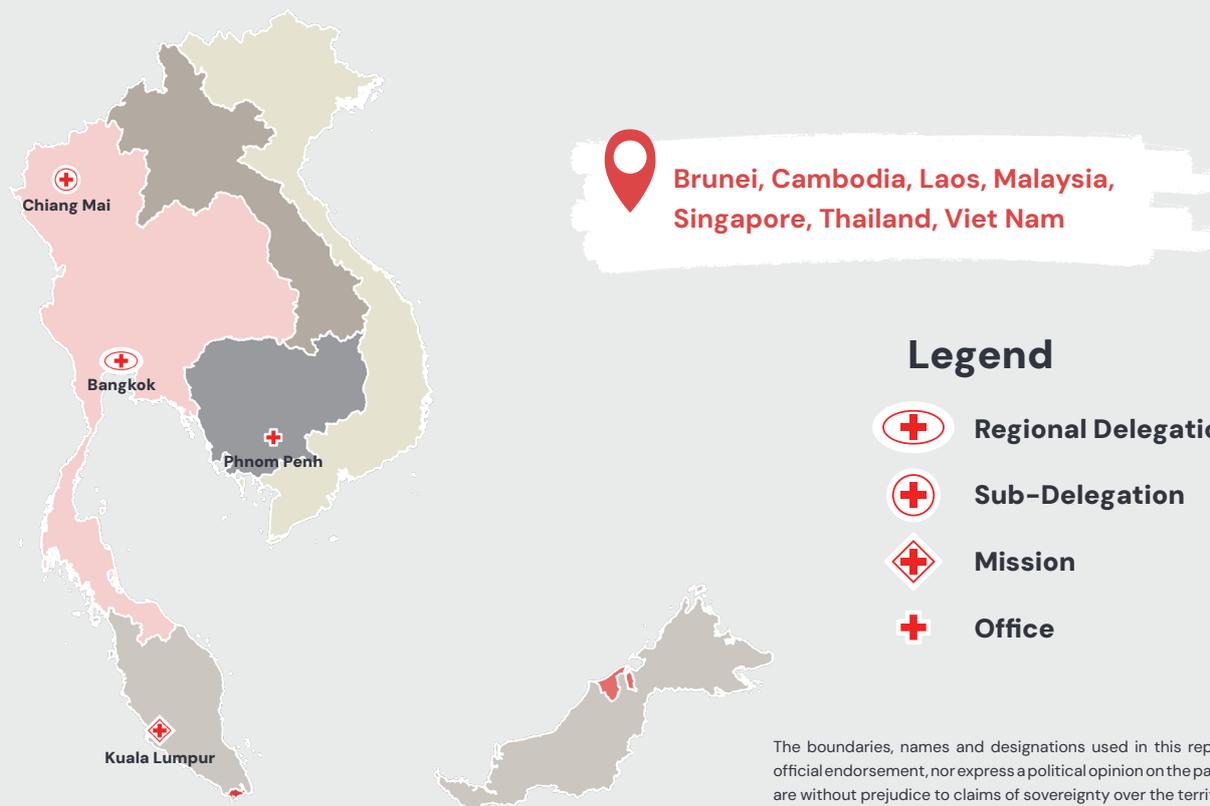


Key activities in 2025



The ICRC Bangkok Regional Delegation

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) regional delegation in Bangkok carries out humanitarian activities prescribed by its mandate across Brunei, Cambodia, Laos, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam.

Over the past five decades, we have addressed humanitarian needs and fostered respect for international humanitarian law (IHL). We have been firmly committed to working with the authorities, civil society, and Red Cross and Red Crescent partners in the region, adapting to evolving humanitarian needs, to promote IHL and other international laws and standards applicable in local contexts, and to address humanitarian challenges.

The Bangkok regional delegation also serves as a regional hub, working across Asia and the Pacific to share the ICRC's expertise in both preventing humanitarian crises and responding to the needs of those affected by conflict and other violence.

Life-saving care and physical rehabilitation

In Thailand

852
patients

wounded in Myanmar received financial support for treatment in government hospitals in Thailand. More than **140** patients underwent physiotherapy after being discharged from hospital.

2 outpatient
shelters

run by local community-based foundations in Chiang Mai and Tak provinces received improved access to water and sanitary. **10** nursing staff at **3** similar shelters in these provinces received training in physiotherapy care.

35 medical
practioners

enhanced their pre-hospital care knowledge and skills through the ICRC's course on trauma care in Mae Hong Son province. They also received medical supplies to facilitate prompt and effective pre-hospital care in the field.

In Cambodia

12,366 people
with disabilities

benefited from rehabilitation services provided by ICRC-supported centres in Battambang and Kampong Speu provinces.

305
representatives

of local authorities in Kampong Speu province attended awareness-raising sessions on physical rehabilitation services and social inclusion programmes for people with disabilities, organized in partnership with the Persons With Disabilities Foundation.

354 people
with disabilities

received cash grants, technical support or microcredit loans from the Cambodian Red Cross Society (CRCS) to improve their living conditions. **19** people with disabilities gained access to higher education and **54** participated in wheelchair basketball training. **140** children received school materials and uniforms, as well as help to cover transport costs. **54** women participated in wheelchair basketball competitions at international levels.

5
medical facilities

and **4** physical rehabilitation centres were brought into compliance with national physiotherapy standards. **12** physiotherapy students received scholarships from the ICRC to pursue their studies. **647** high-school students and teachers from three provinces attended awareness-raising sessions on physiotherapy as a career jointly organized by the ICRC, University of Health Sciences and the Cambodian Physiotherapy Association.



15,000
blankets

were distributed through the Cambodian Red Cross Society (CRCS) to people in Cambodia who were affected by the border conflict. In addition, **890** people from the communities affected participated in awareness-raising sessions on mine risk and services to put people back in contact with relatives.



4
visits

to the **18** Cambodian soldiers interned in Thailand in relation to the border conflict and facilitation of the exchange of **126** Red Cross messages between them and their loved ones in Cambodia. The ICRC acted as a neutral intermediary to observe the subsequent release of the prisoners of war in December and their repatriation.

Improving living conditions of detainees and restoring family links

40
Red Cross
messages

from detainees abroad were delivered to loved ones in Thailand.

2
Red Cross
messages

were delivered, and **2** voice calls were facilitated to help detainees abroad maintain contact with their relatives in Malaysia.

9,006
Red Cross
messages

(containing family news) were exchanged between detainees and their loved ones across Cambodia.

253
salamats

(short oral messages) and **260** Red Cross messages from detainees in **11** immigration detention centres across Malaysia were delivered to their loved ones. **6,144** detainees connected with their loved ones through **10,752** phone calls.

13 confidential
meetings

were held with Malaysian authorities, including the commandants of immigration detention centres, to share feedback on activities carried out inside their facilities and discuss security concerns regarding Malaysian nationals detained abroad. **8** confidential meetings with Thailand immigration authorities in provinces along the Myanmar–Thailand border to collaborate on helping families trace their missing relatives.

Responding to emergency and long-term needs

37
humanitarian
workers

from **11** community-based organizations attended **2** training sessions on installing solar-power and water-filtration systems in Tak and Kanchanaburi provinces. **2** humanitarian organizations were provided with supplies essential for their operations along the Myanmar-Thailand border.

15,000
people
in need

along the Myanmar-Thailand border benefited from vaccines donated by the Thai Red Cross Society (TRCS) to five hospitals in Tak province, with partial financial support from the ICRC.

171
relief and
hygiene kits

were provided by the Lao Red Cross (LRC), with the ICRC's support, to people affected by floods.

Working with and supporting Red Cross and Red Crescent partners in the region

4
events

organized by the Malaysian Red Crescent Society (MRCS), Thai Red Cross and Viet Nam Red Cross (VNRC), with contributions from the ICRC, raised public awareness about humanitarian challenges around the world, the role of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement in alleviating human suffering and the value of the Geneva Conventions. The events included the 1st Southeast Asia Red Cross and Red Crescent Humanitarian Forum in Malaysia, and the 11th Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn Lecture on IHL in Thailand, which featured a keynote speech by the ICRC president on upholding humanity in contemporary warfare.

218
staff and
volunteers

of the Cambodian Red Cross Society (CRCS) enhanced their understanding of the Movement, the risks and vulnerabilities associated with migration, and the basics of IHL, supported by the ICRC. **177** leaders and staff of the LRC enhanced their skills in news reporting, government relations and Lao Red Cross law. **79** leaders, staff and volunteers of the MRCS and Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent Society (BRCS) strengthened their knowledge and skills in providing services to put people back in contact with their loved ones. **35** staff and volunteers of the VNRC received first-aid training.

30
villagers

in Battambang, Kampong Speu and Kampong Thom provinces benefited from community awareness-raising sessions conducted by the CRCS, with ICRC support, on mitigating the risks of family separation posed by migration and services to put people back in contact with relatives. **12** communities in Vientiane, Bolikhamsay and Bokeo provinces were briefed on these topics by the LRC.

450 armed
forces officers

and **200** university students in Cambodia were briefed by the CRCS on the Movement, the Fundamental Principles, IHL and the humanitarian activities of the National Society. **370** military officers in Viet Nam were briefed by the VNRC on the same topics.

Respect for IHL and other pertinent norms



- **175 military officers** in Viet Nam were briefed before being deployed on peacekeeping missions in South Sudan. **55 military officers** in Malaysia and Thailand were briefed on the relevance of IHL and peace support operations.
- **63 naval officers** in Thailand and Singapore enhanced their understanding of the law of armed conflict at sea through seminars and round-table discussions.
- **31 military officers**, as well as security officials, in Thailand were briefed on the relevance of international rules governing military security operations.
- **199 pre-service police trainees** in Thailand learned the basics of international rules and standards in policing and prevention of ill-treatment in detention. **133 military cadets** and **10 instructors** at the Royal Thai Air Force Academy and the Chulachomklao Royal Military Academy learned about IHL.
- **343 military officers** from the Malaysian Armed Forces Defence College and Staff College, the Command and Staff College of the Defence Academy of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces, as well as the Ministry of National Defence of the Laos and the Viet Nam People's Army, were introduced to the ICRC and learned about the legal framework governing armed conflict and other violence.
- **20 military officers** in Cambodia participated in a round-table discussion on IHL and new technologies of warfare, organized with the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces.
- **43 military officers** from Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand were among the participants briefed about IHL during the Cobra Gold Military Exercise in Thailand.
- **34 military officers**, police officers and law enforcement officials in Malaysia were sponsored to attend **2 courses** (7th Law of Armed Conflicts at Sea and 3rd Advance Operational Law) at the Centre of Military and International Humanitarian Law (CoMIHL), National Defence University of Malaysia (NDUM), in Kuala Lumpur.
- **10 military and police officers** from Cambodia, Malaysia, Thailand and Viet Nam were sponsored to attend regional and global events. These included the Asia-Pacific Regional Seminar on Detention in Armed Conflict in Japan and **2 events** at the International Institute of Humanitarian Law in Italy.

- **33 senior military officers and civilian experts** from **18 countries** in Asia and the Pacific attended the Asia-Pacific Symposium on IHL and New Technologies of Warfare, jointly organized with the Judge Advocate General's Department of Thailand.
- **11 government officials** from Brunei, Cambodia, Laos, Malaysia, Singapore, and Thailand attended the Asia and the Pacific Regional Conference on IHL in Manila, the Philippines.
- **1 government official** from Malaysia was sponsored to attend the first round of consultations for the Global Initiative to Galvanize Political Commitment to IHL in Geneva, Switzerland.



- **4 lectures** on IHL, international human rights law (IHRL) and the ICRC's work were organized for university students in Laos and Thailand.
- **18 students** from **6 universities** and **3 law professionals** from Cambodia, Laos, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, and Viet Nam participated in the 23rd Red Cross International Humanitarian Law Moot Court Competition for Asia and the Pacific in Hong Kong.
- **3 IHL competitions** were organized for law students in Cambodia, Laos and Thailand, with support from local universities and other partners. The winning teams will participate in the 24th Red Cross International Humanitarian Law Moot Court Competition for Asia and the Pacific in Hong Kong in 2026.



- **80 lecturers, students, and the member of public** participated in a panel discussion, jointly organized with Thailand's Thammasat University, on IHL and its role in limiting the effects of armed conflict, based on the Tokyo Trial series.

Participants from across the Asia-Pacific region gathered at the opening ceremony of the Asia-Pacific Symposium on International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and New Technologies of Warfare, held in Bangkok, Thailand, 24–26 June 2025.



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