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 Kenya, Djibouti & Tanzania

Activities in Kenya, Djibouti and Tanzania

Looking ahead with purpose

The year 2025 was marked by significant challenges across the region. Armed conflicts in neighbouring countries, alongside local unrest driven by calls for better governance, contributed to heightened uncertainty and concern as the year came to a close. Many indicators pointed towards increased hardship for communities already facing vulnerability perpetuated by continuous cycles of conflict. Yet even in such complex environments, we remain guided by a commitment to look ahead with hope — identifying opportunities to uphold humanity and alleviate suffering, even in the most difficult circumstances.

Nairobi, one of Africa's most important diplomatic hubs, is host to the only United Nations headquarters in the Global South and is home to more than 100 diplomatic missions. This unique landscape brings together political, diplomatic, and humanitarian actors, providing valuable opportunities for dialogue, partnership-building, and the advancement of our humanitarian mandate.

In this new year, we remain at the forefront of promoting the respect of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) across the region. Through sustained humanitarian diplomacy, we continue to work towards strengthening the understanding of IHL and support its integration into policy and practice. Our engagement with governments, armed and security forces, academia, the media, and key interlocutors — including religious leaders, civil society, and the diplomatic corps — will remain central to these efforts, in support of people affected by conflict and violence.

Marie Dubeau – Head of ICRC Nairobi Regional Delegation

Kenya

Working towards strengthening prison health system and improving health care of inmates in Kenya Prisons Service

In 2025, we continued to support the Kenya Prisons Service (KPS) – Directorate of Health Services (DHS) to strengthen prison health systems, placing inmates' health needs at the center of all interventions through enhanced access to care, strengthened capacity of prison health staff, and improved engagement with the Ministry of Health (MoH). Below are the achievements:

Access to health care and Health Information System

- Renovation of Kisumu Maximum Prison health facility laboratory and consultation room.
- Construction of patient waiting bay in Kamiti Maximum Prison.
- Donated medical supplies to support curative care and respond to cholera outbreak in Nairobi Medium Prison.
- Advocated for registration of inmates under the Social Health Authority (SHA) to promote continuity of care and reduce financial burden arising from hospital bills.
- Donated medical devices to Langata Women's Maximum Prison hospital to improve triage services and medical examination of women inmates and accompanying children.
- Donated ICT items, stationary and filing cabinets to **five (5) prisons** (Kamiti, Langata Women's, Shimo La Tewa, Kisumu Maximum and Naivasha Maximum Prisons), to promote health records management.



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Capacity building

- Trained **31** KPS health staff, security duty officers and MoH in the Health in Detention Workshop.
- ICRC supported **three (3) KPS** and **MoH staff** to attend the health in detention course in Basel, Switzerland.
- **Two (2) KPS health staff** trained in Basic Emergency Course with **one (1) KPS medical doctor** certified as a master trainer.



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ICRC staff engaging with prison officers at the Kisumu Women's Prison.

The Head of Nairobi Regional Delegation, Marie Dubeau, flags off water purification equipment at the Kenya Prisons Service headquarters, to be used in the rehabilitation of water systems in several prisons in Kenya.



Emmanuel Oduor/ICRC

Encouraging humane treatment of inmates

In order to assess conditions in prisons, 13 visits were conducted in detention facilities with a primary focus on inmates' health, safety, and dignity. The engagement focused on the status of 10,387 inmates across eight (8) detention centres, working with authorities to respond to identified needs and the follow up on individual cases requiring urgent attention or additional support. These efforts reflect our commitment to upholding the dignity and rights of individuals deprived of liberty, enabling us to achieve the following:

120
KPS staff

Trained over **120** KPS staff in **six (6)** workshops on Safe and Humane Prison Management, Operations and Management, and Health in Detention.

4
prisons

Improved infrastructure through pilot projects in **four (4)** prisons (improved access to water, roof enhancement to address leakages, kitchen using Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG)).

6
prisons

Made donations to **six (6)** prisons for the purpose of improved access to healthcare, digitalization, hygiene promotion, and physical activities.

Handed over the phone calls service from inmates to their families to the KPS, which has now full ownership of the service.

Restoring family links

In collaboration with the Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS), vital efforts of reconnecting families separated by armed conflict and displacement in Kenya and neighbouring countries continued. Some of the key achievements and updates include:

Red Cross Messages (RCMs):

4,139 RCMs were collected, all from civilians

3,538 RCMs were successfully distributed to families

52 RCMs were returned to the sender due to non-delivery

Tracing Requests Abroad

Opened in Kenya for tracing outside of Kenya:

33 new tracing cases opened

50 individuals located

282 cases closed negatively

309 tracing requests remained open

In-country Tracing Requests

Opened in other delegation/offices for tracing in Kenya:

78 new persons opened

19 missing persons located

243 cases remain open

Separated Children

Ongoing efforts are being made for **nine (9) separated children**, with a focus on reuniting them with their families.

Community Connectivity

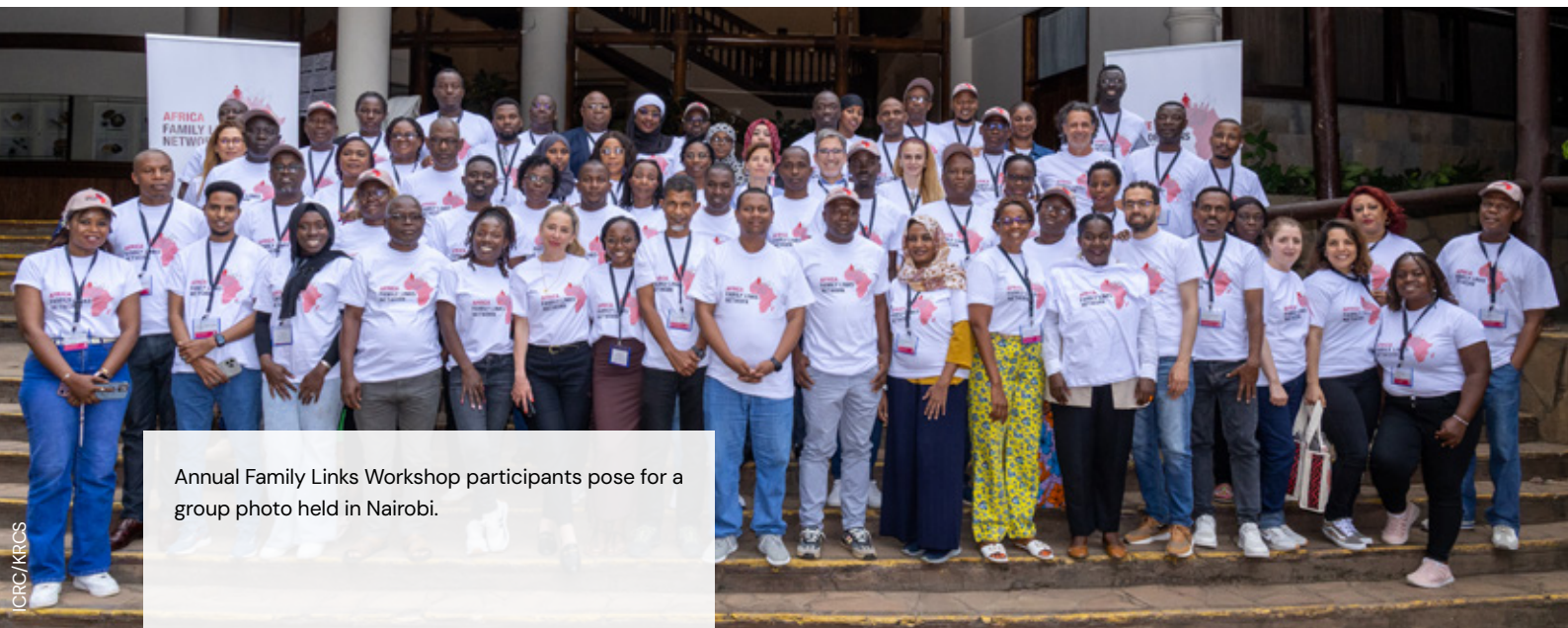
in Dadaab and Kakuma camps:

71,000 phone calls were facilitated to help refugees connect with their families.

57,084 beneficiaries were provided with internet access for family communication.

18,628 devices charged (mobile phones, tablets) to enable families communicate.

Through these initiatives, we remain committed to placing affected individuals and families at the centre of our response, restoring family links and delivering timely humanitarian assistance to those impacted by armed conflict and displacement in Kenya and neighbouring countries.



Annual Family Links Workshop participants pose for a group photo held in Nairobi.



An ICRC staff working at the Gerille water pan site to improve water access caused by increased pressure on limited water resources.

A refugee sorts through Red Cross Messages that she has received from her loved ones whom she had been searching for for a while.

Water and habitat – civilian population

A water access improvement project was jointly implemented with the Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS) in Gerille, Wajir County. This initiative aimed to address the increased pressure on limited water resources caused by a surge of civilians fleeing Somalia due to insecurity and extortion by Al-Shabaab (AS) – affiliated groups. To enhance emergency response capacity in this volatile border area between Somalia and Ethiopia, the construction of a warehouse for the KRCS Mandera branch was also facilitated.

- **3,600** men, women and children have improved access to water for drinking and their animals.
- **One (1) warehouse** constructed for KRCS Mandera branch.

Water and habitat – detention facilities

To enhance safety, living conditions, and service delivery for both inmates and staff, targeted infrastructure upgrades were implemented at Kamiti Maximum Prison, Kisumu Maximum Prison, Kisumu Medium Prison, Kisumu Women's Prison, and Shimo La Tewa Maximum Prison. These upgrades were carried out in collaboration with the KRCS and KPS. Additionally, safe and clean cooking systems were expanded at Lang'ata Women's Prison, further strengthening the institutional capacity and preparedness for the national LPG rollout.

- **Capacity building and support for Prisons**
 - o **20 Officers** in Charge from KPS participated in the LPG Rollout Strategy Workshop.
 - o **20 KPS Engineering Staff** participated in an Operation and Maintenance Workshop.
 - o **Four (4) Senior Prison officers** (two (2) from Tanzania & Zanzibar, two (2) from Kenya) supported to participate in the Workshop for Prison Infrastructures in Africa in Windhoek, Namibia.
- **Infrastructure improvement projects**
 - o **895 inmates** benefited from water project that covered Kisumu Maximum Prison (**800 men**) Kisumu Women Prison (**91 Women, four (4) Children**).
 - o **700 inmates** of Kisumu Prison benefited from improved kitchen.
 - o **890 inmates** of Shimo la Tewa Prison benefited from rehabilitated roofs.
 - o **100 inmates** in Kamiti Max benefited from a waiting shed built for their health facility.
 - o **600 inmates** from Langata Women Prison benefited from food prepared in a modern kitchen with improved fire safety equipment.



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Promoting respect for IHL and IHRL

As a reference organisation on IHL and international human rights law (IHRL), the ICRC works to ensure that states understand and reaffirm to uphold these rules as universally recognised standards of warfare. Through sustained regional and global engagement, we strengthen the protective power of IHL and underscore its indispensable role in limiting the human cost of armed conflict.

Collaboration with Kenya Defense Forces

- **58 senior officers** from the Kenya Defense Forces (KDF) constituting the Command group of the African Union Stabilization Support Mission in Somalia (AUSSOM) received IHL pre-deployment training in readiness for deployment.
- Supported the International Peace Support Training Centre (IPSTC) with the development of curriculum for a one-week applied IHL course and supported the IPSTC in the conduct of the course to **28 mid-level participants** (military, police and civilians).
- **20 participants** undertaking Peacekeeping Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Course at the IPSTC trained on IHL.
- **27 participants** undertaking Comprehensive Protection of Civilians Course at the Humanitarian Peace Support School trained on IHL.
- **28 participants** from 20 countries undertaking Regional Senior Mission Leaders Course at the IPSTC trained on IHL.
- **48 KDF officers** undertaking Junior Command Course at the Joint Warfare College, **51 junior officers** of the Kenya Airforce Training School, **118 officers** undertaking Staff and Command Course at the Joint Command and Staff College, and **193 officers** and service members at the School of Military Police received training on IHL and its relevance in their operations.
- **Three (3) senior military officers** from Kenya, Tanzania and Djibouti took part in the Senior Workshop on International Rules governing Military Operations (SWIRMO) held in Saudi Arabia.
- **34 defence attachés** (serving in the region and due for appointment) were briefed on the ICRC's mandate in a discussion held during Defence Attaché Course organized by Geneva Centre for Security Policy at the IPSTC.



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ICRC staff pose for a photo with Senior DCI officers during a Commander's workshop held at the National Criminal Investigation Academy





ICRC staff have a meeting with the Inspector General of Police, Douglas Kanja to discuss areas of collaboration with the National Police Service.

Collaboration with National Police Service (NPS)

The ICRC engages with law enforcement officials in Kenya, Tanzania and Djibouti, to ensure that the states respect and uphold international rules and standards for policing. Throughout its collaboration with regional and global forums, it enhances the understanding of the international human rights instruments and their integration in the different curriculum of the policing services.

- **Three (3) field sessions** were conducted in the Northeastern region, targeting all the NPS officers – Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI), Kenya Police Service (KPS), and Administration Police Service (APS). A total of **84 officers**, from the ranks of constable to inspector, participated in the sessions.
- Command-level capacity was strengthened through specialised workshops on international standards for policing:
 - o **24 KPS officers** (inspectorate) attended a commander’s workshop in Mombasa on international standards for policing. **30 APS officers** – Inspectorate to Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), attended a commanders’ workshop in Mombasa, including a psychosocial support session delivered with support from the Kenya Red Cross Society.
 - o **Two (2) cohorts** of DCI officers (SSP to commissioners of police) attended a commanders’ workshop at the National Criminal Investigation Academy. A total of **77 officers** participated in the training.
- The ICRC delivered lectures on its mandate and on international standards for policing at the NPS main Campus Kiganjo. The team trained officers who were attending different promotional courses . For **two (2) days, 524 officers** of different ranks were trained.
- The ICRC facilitated a lecture at the Border Police Training Campus for officers preparing for deployment at the Kenya-Somali border. **75 officers** participated in the training.
- **Three (3) senior officers** from Kenya, Djibouti and Tanzania took part in the Senior Workshop on International Rules governing Police Operations (SWIRPO) held in Bogota, Colombia enhancing exposure to international best practices and peer exchange.
- **151 officers** from the NPS were briefed by the ICRC while preparing for deployment to the Haiti mission, focusing on international standards applicable to policing in international operations.
- The ICRC supported the East Africa Police Chiefs Cooperation Organization (EAPCCO) secretariat in reviewing its human rights training manual. This was done to strengthen the quality and consistency of the training used by police training departments across the **14 member states**.



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Students from Strathmore University receive their trophy after winning the 24th All – Africa Moot Court Competition.



Collaboration with academia

- Together with the Strathmore Law School, we held **a one-day simulation** for **119 fourth – year IHL students**. The simulation provided the students with an opportunity to apply IHL principles and legal frameworks in realistic scenarios, reinforcing their theoretical knowledge. The collaboration is rooted in ICRC’s academic circles policy to ensure the future generation of decision – makers understand the fundamental principles of IHL and can support their promotion and implementation in various contexts.
- The ICRC essay competition (for undergraduate students to analyze key contemporary issues in IHL) received **101 entries** from **seven (7) countries** and over **37 different universities** across the Anglophone and East African nations. The topic focused on building universal compliance for international humanitarian law: challenges and prospects. Tanzania made history by claiming the top prize as a first-time winner, while entries from Uganda and Kenya secured second and third place, respectively.
- **Six (6) teams**, each comprising three students from different law schools across Kenya, participated in the national rounds of the IHL Moot Court Competition held in Nairobi. Strathmore Law School, one of the participating universities, emerged as the national winner. **Nine (9) teams** from across Africa—Kenya, Tanzania, South Sudan, Somalia, Zimbabwe, Nigeria, Uganda, Ethiopia, and Rwanda—took part in the 24th All Africa IHL Moot Court Competition. Participants engaged in role-playing exercises and simulations designed to enhance their understanding of International Humanitarian Law (IHL), demonstrate how IHL applies on the battlefield, and help them develop strategies and apply their knowledge within a short preparation timeframe. Strathmore University emerged victorious, with the University of Zimbabwe finishing a close second.
- The ICRC delivered a **3-hour lecture** as guests at Strathmore University in January for **86 fourth year IHL students**. The lecture focused on International Humanitarian Law and IHL relevance in the 21st century. It also focused on IHL compliance mechanisms, prosecution of war crimes as well as our history, mandate and work, globally.



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Collaboration with civil society and authorities

- Senior Humanitarian Professionals and Policy Makers Course in IHL, was held in Nairobi, bringing together **23 participants** from a range of humanitarian organizations across the region. Drawing on both internal and external expertise, the course featured discussions and practical case studies on priority themes for the region, including



15 representatives

from nine (9) key government agencies attended a two-day capacity building exercise

addressing sexual violence during armed conflicts, protections of persons and objects, humanitarian access and assistance, and addressing violence against health care, among others.

- The 11th Regional IHL seminar for East Africa drew participation from the Ministries of Defense, Foreign Affairs and Justice from Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda. This year's iteration focused on Global Initiative to Galvanize Political Commitment to IHL and some priority issues, such as protection of civilian infrastructure, protection of healthcare and on building a culture of compliance with IHL. The seminar also served as an opportunity to launch the updated Commentary to the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949, thereby, marking the completion of the commentaries update project for the **four (4) Geneva Conventions** led by ICRC.
- A **two-day capacity building exercise** requested by the National Committee on the implementation of International Humanitarian Law (NCIHL) and organized by the ICRC took place with the aim of training the committee members on the fundamental principles of IHL, the importance and mandate of the NCIHL as well as national implementation of IHL. It was well attended by **15 representatives** from **nine (9) key government agencies** and provided a forum for animated discussions on relevance of IHL in contemporary conflicts, and the role that NCIHL can play to further strengthen respect for IHL.

Supporting vulnerable communities in violence affected areas

600 households

along the Kenya–Somalia border affected by the extension of hostilities in Somalia had their economic resilience strengthened through conditional cash grants that helped them start or restore small businesses. After a comprehensive selection process that included applications, household interviews, and small business management training, each beneficiary received two tranches of **\$388**.

The grants provided families with the capital needed to re-establish livelihoods, improve household income, and enhance self-reliance. Between the two disbursements, a Post-Distribution Monitoring exercise confirmed that beneficiaries were using the funds for their intended purposes and helped identify any additional support needs.

1,200 displaced households

Similarly, **1,200** displaced households in Mandera and Kiunga (Lamu County) were supported with two tranches of multipurpose cash grants aligned with the Minimum Expenditure Basket. These grants enabled families to meet their immediate basic needs, including food, shelter, and other essential household expenses.

The supported households had fled confrontations between the Somalia National Army and the Jubaland Security Forces, crossing into the Kenyan border areas in search of safety. Through this assistance, affected families were able to stabilise their living conditions and regain a measure of dignity during displacement.

Cooperation with the Kenya Red Cross Society



40 volunteers

trained in Safer Access.

The Safer Access Framework (SAF) plan of action was implemented in high-risk areas. The targeted locations included the Northeastern and Rift Valley regions, as well as selected areas in the Western region. To enhance sustainability, the programme focused on strengthening branch capacity through a Training of Trainers (ToT) approach for select Red Cross Action Team (RCAT) leaders from other regions.

Period	Activity/Description	Participants (Staff/Volunteer)	Locations/ Counties
2025	RCAT Safer Access Training	40 participants	Baringo County
	SAF Sensitization to the leadership team	40 participants	Garissa County
	SAF Virtual Sensitization	105 participants	Online (RCAT/CCs)
	SAF Sensitization Training	178 participants	Trans Nzoia County Laikipia County Tana River County Marsabit County West Pokot County Turkana County



13 countries supported

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Logistics support to humanitarian operations

The 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. However, in 2025, the LSC was able to support more than 30 countries with various services to enable their operations.

Supplies destined for Myanmar being loaded on a plane to assist victims affected by the devastating earthquake that rocked the country.



Key achievements of the Nairobi Logistics Support Center

20.8M
dollars

Goods worth **\$20.8M** (2,283 purchase orders) were purchased for LSC stock replenishment and for direct delivery to various emergencies through **352** different suppliers.

30+
countries

received goods weighing **5,010** Metric tonnes amounting to **\$28M**. The top **five (5)** receiving destinations were Ethiopia, South Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo, Somalia and Sudan.

43
new vehicles

were accessorized for deployment to South Sudan, DRC and Nairobi Regional delegations.

48
participants

The 3rd Emergency Response Unit (ERU) delegates training by the Norwegian Red Cross and ICRC took place in Nairobi, for **48** participants.

20
bed hospital

An additional **20** bed hospital was prepared for potential deployment to Gaza, including an additional specialized Reverse Osmosis water unit and a **200 kVA** generator, at a total cost of **\$497,080**.

3.3M
hospital stock

Continuous refreshing of the field hospital by stock rotations ready for deployment cost a total of **\$3.3M**.



The Norcross health training prepares participants with the skills needed to respond in violent settings, helping medical teams stay ready — including running emergency hospitals.

Djibouti

Restoring family links

- The participation of **one representative** from the Djibouti Red Crescent Society (DRCS) at the 3rd Africa Annual Family Links workshop in Nairobi was facilitated.

Cooperation with the Djibouti Red Crescent Society

- Following refolement operations of immigrants carried out by the Djiboutian authorities and the involvement of the National Society (DRCS) in providing principled humanitarian assistance to the immigrant retention center in Nagad (Djibouti), the ICRC provided financial support to DRCS to organize **four (4)** awareness-raising sessions for the relevant authorities, interior, police, gendarmerie and coast guard. These sessions aimed to strengthen their understanding of the DRCS in its role as a auxiliary to the public authorities, on the principles of impartiality and independence, and aimed to facilitate DRCS access to retained migrants and to align the DRCS intervention with the Red Cross and Red Crescent (RCRC) movement guidelines on the deportation of migrants.

4 awareness-raising sessions



the ICRC provided financial support to DRCS to organize four (4) awareness-raising sessions for the relevant authorities, interior, police, gendarmerie and coast guard.

Logistics support to humanitarian operations

- The ICRC Djibouti Mission continued to serve as a support base for ICRC operations in Yemen, including with a RED360 aircraft based in Djibouti. In total, the RED transported **1,300 ICRC staff** with **100 flights** to Yemen in 2025. Djibouti also hosted the RED908 bound for Port Sudan since October.

30 instructors



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Promoting respect for IHL and IHRL Collaboration with Djibouti Armed Forces

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An ICRC staff leads a ToT on IHL capacity building sessions ongoing in Holl Holl Military Scholl, Djibouti.



An ICRC staff briefs gendarmerie officers at a pre-deployment training on IHL in Djibouti



60 foreign judicial police officers

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- Workshops on IHL and IHRL were organized for the first time in Djibouti to the benefit of **30 officers** from the Marine and Coast guard, in relation to the occasionally volatile situation in the Bab-El Mandab strait and the Red Sea in general.
- A pre-deployment training on IHL was organized at Ali Ouney military training center to the benefit of **32 military officers** of HILL13 ready to be deployed to Somalia in 2026.
- A pre-deployment training and refresher on international policing standards was organized to the benefit of **151 senior officers** of the National gendarmerie, preparing for deployment within MINUSCA in Central African Republic. The module on preventing sexual violence was highly appreciated and discussed during the sessions.

Collaboration with Djibouti National Police

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- In parallel, at the Police Academy of Djibouti, **one (1) ToT** on international policing standards was held to the benefit of **30 instructors** from the National Police.

Collaboration with academia and authorities



3 year partnership agreement signed

The ICRC Djibouti Mission signed a first-ever three (3) year partnership agreement with the University of Djibouti to integrate IHL modules into the Faculty of Law curriculum. Three (3) Professors of the University strengthened their expertise through in-person and online IHL teaching sessions, and one (1) professor attended an advanced IHL program in South Africa.

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- **60 students** from the Faculty of Law of the University of Djibouti attended a dissemination session on the ICRC and IHL. With the financial support of the Chinese Embassy, ICRC donated **three (3) laptops** to the University of Djibouti to build their future capacity of IHL teaching.
- **32 participants** from the High Islamic Council (HIC) and the Ministry of Islamic affairs attended ICRC sponsored iftar dinners during Ramadan, strengthening dialogue and cooperation on the promotion of IHL within religious circles.
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- The ICRC engaged with the legal advisors and senior officers of the Japanese Self-Defense Forces (JSDF) base in Djibouti. A dedicated session on the ICRC's mandate and role as a neutral intermediary was organized at the request of the JSDF legal team, reflecting increased interest following the ICRC's role in Gaza and Israel (ILOT). These exchanges form part of the ICRC's strategic engagement with foreign military bases stationed in Djibouti and the wider Horn of Africa.
- To express gratitude to the Djibouti authorities for their continuous support in facilitating ICRC operations in Djibouti, Yemen, and Sudan, a courtesy visit was made to the newly appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs of Djibouti. During this visit, several additional topics were discussed, including the Global IHL Initiative. The Minister announced Djibouti's accession to this initiative.
- The ICRC strengthened its engagement with the Ministry of Islamic Affairs through a visit of the Al-Wassatiya Institute, identified as a strategic platform for dialogue with religious authorities in Djibouti, on the thematic of IHL and its convergence with Fiqh (Islamic law). A first roundtable on the matter has been organized in the ICRC office in November, bringing together **15 Ulemas** (a body of Muslim scholars who are recognized as having specialist knowledge of Islamic sacred law and theology) composed of Imams, members of the Ministry of Islamic Affairs and Al-Wassatiya Center.



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Tanzania

Promoting respect for IHL and IHRL

Collaboration with Tanzania People Defense Forces



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- The ICRC Dar es Salaam Mission conducted a training on IHL and IHRL during the ongoing Women, Peace and Security Course at Tanzania Peacekeeping Training Centre.
- A total of **18 military officers** from the TPDF received training on IHL and IHRL during the United Nations Military Observers Course.
- **One (1) TPDF officer** participated in IHL Regional seminar held in Nairobi

Collaboration with Tanzania Police Service



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- The ICRC Dar es Salaam Mission held a three-day training for **20 officers** from the TPS at Zanzibar Police College. The training provided a platform for commanders to share experiences, discuss challenges, and reinforce adherence to human rights and professional norms, ultimately enhancing the Zanzibar Police Force's capacity to implement international policing standards.
- The ICRC Dar es Salaam Mission held a training session in Zanzibar for **52 TPS officers**, including corporals and staff sergeants. The training covered the history and mandates of the ICRC and TRCS, as well as international legal standards for law enforcement and guidance on aligning policing practices with human rights obligations.



3 students

from the University of Dar es Salaam took part in the All-Africa Moot Court Competition held in Nairobi

Collaboration with academia and interlocutors

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- **One (1) officer** from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation of the United Republic of Tanzania participated in an IHL regional seminar held in Nairobi.



Participants of the 24th All - Africa Moot Court Competition pose for a photo with ICRC colleagues at the Nairobi Regional Delegation

Cooperation with the Tanzania Red Cross Society

Tanzania Election Preparedness Support



330 members

The ICRC, through a peer-to-peer support approach, facilitated trainers from the KRCS to train **330** members of the TRCS Branch Disaster Response Teams (BDRTs).





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- During the elections, surge capacity from the KRCS, with support from the ICRC, was deployed to Tanzania to accompany the TRCS during the initial stages of the response. The operation was closely monitored throughout by the IFRC, ICRC, and KRCS teams from Nairobi and Dar es Salaam.

Restoring family links

- The ICRC facilitated the participation of **one (1) TRCS representative** to the 3rd Africa Annual Family Links Workshop in Nairobi.

Since 1863, the ICRC works to relieve suffering and preserve human dignity during war and armed violence. We deliver vital aid without discrimination and reconnect families alongside our Red Cross and Red Crescent partners.

Engaging with all sides and armed forces, often confidentially, we advocate for detainees' humane treatment and urge compliance with international humanitarian law to protect civilians on the ground and online.

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