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# International Committee of the Red Cross Delegation in Armenia

## Operational highlights



**702**  
persons

benefited from direct mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS).



**86**  
officers

from the Ministry of Defense and National Security Service Border Guard Troops attended basic IHL dissemination workshops.



**407**  
calls

and individual visits were received at the ICRC delegation in Armenia concerning the conflict-related family separation.



**100**  
participants,

including healthcare professionals and representatives of the Ambulance and Rescue Services, and the Armenian Red Cross Society (ARCS), took part in Mass Casualty Incident Management workshops.



**133**  
bee colonies and 62 beehives were provided to 35 displaced households residing in border communities of Syunik region to support the recovery and development of their livelihoods.



**60**  
family members

of missing persons participated in MHPSS activities, which included individual and group psychological support and information sessions, and home visits.



## Missing, Detained and the Dead

# 424

Armenian citizens and ethnic Armenians from Karabakh (including 51 cases of precarious burials, for which the families requested ICRC's facilitation in the transfer of human remains from Karabakh to Armenia) are still missing in relation to the escalations in 2020–2023, as per individual requests received by the ICRC from affected families. Work with the concerned authorities continued to facilitate the process of search and identification, to help them provide answers to the respective families.

# 23

home visits were organized for families of missing persons.

# 1

social event was organized for the families of missing persons.

# 11

accompaniers attended the “Strengthening Accompaniment Practice: Reflection, Skills, and Collaboration” workshop to reflect on accompaniment experiences, exchange good practices, discuss challenges encountered during accompaniment, and strengthen cooperation between accompaniers and the PAARMP.

# 40

volunteers participated in two one-day training courses on the Protection of Family Links in Emergencies, organized in partnership with the ARCS.

# 15

introductory, legal, MHPSS and forensic-related sessions were held for families of the missing.

# 18

members of families of missing persons received individual support for mental health and psychosocial support-related issues .

# 2

capacity-building training courses on Media and Public Communication, Leadership and Conflict Resolution were delivered to strengthen capacities of the Pan-Armenian Association of Relatives of Missing Persons (PAARMP).

# 8

### representatives

of key Armenian public authorities visited Cyprus to learn from the experience of the Committee on Missing Persons (CMP) and exchange knowledge on the humanitarian, institutional and operational approaches to addressing cases of missing persons. Through facilitating such exchanges, the ICRC aims to support national efforts to address the issue of missing persons and help uphold families' right to know the fate and whereabouts of their loved ones.

# 3

### forensic information sessions

were conducted with families of missing persons, focusing on providing forensic information, clarifying identification and human remains management processes, and responding to questions and concerns raised by families. Several of the cases involved contested identifications or requests for additional explanations regarding the scientific basis of the identification and the handling of human remains.



ICRC supported a five-day specialized training for experts of the SPCFM DNA Laboratory on the application of Y-STR (Y-Filer) analysis in complex forensic identification cases. The training was delivered by Thermo Fisher Scientific and facilitated by ICRC and international forensic and genetic experts.

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## Mental Health and Psychosocial Support

**609 men** living in border communities, attended group sessions organized by the ICRC and ARCS on the psychological consequences of armed conflict on various groups of the civilian population.

**86 MHPSS group and individual sessions** were held in Yerevan for family members of missing persons.

**33 persons** previously detained and family members of current detainees in relation to the conflict benefited from 25 individual and group MHPSS sessions.

**14 health workers** from Yeghegnadzor Medical Center participated in a two-day workshop on MHPSS during Mass Casualty Incidents.



## Healthcare

**15 ARCS First Aid instructors** participated in a locally conducted Training of Trainers course.

**6 hospitals** in border regions were supported with medical equipment and materials, including vacuum mattresses, supplies for managing injured patients, and intraosseous needles.

**8 primary healthcare facilities** in border regions received medical materials, equipment, or other forms of assistance, including stretchers and dressing materials for facilities previously involved in Basic Emergency Care training.

**3 village health posts** constructed in 2025 in Sarigyugh, Artavan, and Kornidzor communities were fully furnished and equipped and began providing services.

**6 hybrid solar photovoltaic systems** were installed in primary healthcare facilities in Tavush, Gegharkunik, Vayots Dzor, and Syunik regions, improving the reliability and continuity of their electricity supply.



## Promotion of International Humanitarian Law



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**The winner team** of the national IHL moot court competition representing the Military Academy of Armenia

**7 teams** from key local universities took part in the national IHL moot court competition.

**3 cadets** attended a three-day Advanced Weapons Law Training organized by Geneva Academy in Switzerland with the support of ICRC.

**7 academic institutions** participated in a roundtable discussion with representatives of academia on the promotion of IHL teaching and research.

**1 officer and 3 cadets** from the Vazgen Sargsyan Military Academy participated in the 24th International Competition on International Humanitarian Law for Military Academies in San Remo, Italy, with the ICRC support.



## Economic Assistance

**30 households** from Shikahogh and Srashen communities, Syunik region, received small-scale livelihood grants to establish income-generating activities.

**78 ARCS volunteers and staff members** from Ararat, Armavir, Kotayk, Aragatsotn, Shirak, Lori regional branches and Goris community branch participated in Economic Security Basics training to strengthen their knowledge and capacity in economic security programming.

**9 households** with special protection considerations, including vulnerable families of missing persons, conflict-related detainees and released detainees, received small-scale productive grants to launch income-generating activities across Armenia.

**13 households** with protection considerations benefited from multi-purpose cash assistance to cover their basic needs.

**One seeder** was provided to the Vardenis enlarged community to serve the communities of Sotk, Kut, Norabak and Jaghtsadzor, improving access to agricultural equipment.

**One grain cleaner** was provided to the Khoznavar Community Cooperative to enhance post-harvest processing, improve grain quality and benefit the entire community.



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Vaghatur Agricultural Cooperative received a **bale compressor** to improve hay processing, reduce storage and transportation costs and strengthen agricultural productivity.

# Weapon Contamination

22 ARCS volunteers

from Syunik, Vayots Dzor, Tavush, Gegharkunik and Yerevan Regional Branches completed a four-day training of trainers on Explosive Ordnance Risk Education Methodology delivered by the Centre for Humanitarian Demining and Expertise of Armenia.

4 events

marking the International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action were organized by the ARCS in collaboration with the ICRC across four weapon contamination-affected regions of Syunik, Gegharkunik, Vayots Dzor and Tavush.



## Cooperation with the Armenian Red Cross Society (ARCS)\*

11 ARCS headquarters and regional branches staff members and 82 volunteers enhanced their knowledge about key elements of the Safer Access Framework through interactive discussions during the briefing sessions held by the ARCS Disaster Management Department.

6 ARCS staff members and volunteers completed Branch Organizational Capacity to Act (BOCA) 2.0 Training of Facilitators delivered by the certified trainer from the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC).

6 ARCS regional branches in Armavir, Tavush, Shirak, Gegharkunik, Kotayk and Yerevan conducted BOCA 2.0 exercises, facilitated by the certified ARCS Branch Development Coordinator and BOCA facilitators.



\*For operational activities carried out in partnership with the ARCS please refer to other parts of this document.



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