



FACTS & FIGURES

ICRC ACTIVITIES IN THE FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA

Attention on humanitarian affairs in Ethiopia in 2016 has understandably been focused on the response to the El Nino-induced drought. There are, of course, a number of other challenges in the country, and the ICRC worked hard throughout the year to address the needs of other vulnerable groups and individuals, partnering with national bodies in order to do so as effectively as possible. Thousands of people with mobility disability benefited from devices provided through a network of centres supported by the ICRC; the conditions of detention of tens of thousands of prisoners were improved thanks to monitoring visits, infrastructural works and training courses we provided to federal and regional prisons; through our partnership with the Ethiopian Red Cross Society, refugees hosted in Ethiopia could keep in touch with their family members elsewhere, and many persons displaced by localised violence received shelter material to tide them over and later on seeds and tools to help them re-establish their livelihoods. Last but not least, we stepped up training programmes on humanitarian law in partnership with the army and police services. We take this opportunity to thank all those that have supported the ICRC's work in Ethiopia and elsewhere around the world in 2016.

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VISITING DETAINEES

With the support of the national authorities the ICRC visits federal and regional prisons so as to improve both the conditions of detention and the treatment of detainees, in accordance with international norms and standards.

In 2016, the ICRC:

- Visited 57,474 detainees in federal and regional prisons in Amhara, Oromia, Benishangul-Gumuz, Gambella, Afar and Tigray, and followed 262 detainees individually.
- Helped detainees exchange 474 Red Cross Messages (RCMs) to restore/maintain contacts with their families and enabled a further 1,008 detainees to transmit simple oral greetings to their families.
- Provided mats, blankets, clothes and soap as well as recreational materials, such as footballs, to more than 27,000 detainees across the country.
- Improved mental health care for over 31,000 detainees in six federal and 11 regional prisons in Tigray, Oromia, Amhara, Benishangul-Gumuz, Gambella and SNNPR by organizing a training related to mental health issues complementing WHO/MoH, MHGAP project for 71 prison health staff.
- Improved health care service for 20,763 detainees in Amhara regional prisons through the provision of training to 56 health care providers on different health topics, including TB, leprosy and TB/ HIV management.
- Assisted the opening of Dessie model prison clinic, which was successfully upgraded to a medium level healthcare clinic, which provides now also laboratory services.
- Supplied drugs, medical equipment, such as blood measurement devices, and technical support to prison clinics in Oromia, Amhara and Gambella regions.

James Reynolds, Head of ICRC Delegation in Ethiopia

- Helped over 36,000 detainees in 16 federal and regional prisons with improvements in kitchens and habitat (bunk beds, ventilation, cell block refurbishment, etc). Of these, 10,000 detainees also benefited from improved water supply networks through emergency interventions undertaken by the authorities and the ICRC.
- To ensure better conditions of detention, the ICRC is providing technical support to detention authorities in SNNPR, Amhara and Tigray in their efforts to design and build new prisons. The support in the federal prisons also includes capacity building of high and middle level managers. Moreover, maintenance and safety item tools were provided to four federal prisons.

RESTORING FAMILY LINKS

The ICRC, in cooperation with the ERCS, strives to restore family links between family members separated by conflict and violence through the provision of free phone calls and the exchange of Red Cross Messages.



A five-year old girl reunited with her father after eight months of separation through the help of the ICRC, Pagak entry point, Gambella Region, 2016.

In 2016, the ICRC:

- Received new tracing requests from people looking for 549 missing family members in Ethiopia and abroad, and located 248 missing persons.
- Exchanged, in close cooperation with the ERCS, 5,389 RCMs between family members dispersed by conflict/violence.
- Provided, together with ERCS, 17,021 free phone calls to refugees and returnees in Ethiopia, who could exchange family news with their relatives in their respective countries.

RELIEF ASSISTANCE

The ICRC and the ERCS jointly provide support to people affected by inter-communal clashes in different regions of the country.

In 2016, the ICRC:

- Distributed non-food items and shelter materials to 59,160 people displaced by inter-communal clashes who have returned to places of their origin in East and West Hararghe zones (Oromia Region), Humera (Tigray Region), and in three woredas of Gambella Region.
- Donated staple seeds and agricultural tools to nearly 83,000 people affected by drought, mainly in East and West Hararghe zones, and Tigray Region to help them restore their livelihoods, and supplied vegetables seeds and tools to 12,600 other needy individuals in Gambella and Tigray regions.
- Facilitated the repatriation of about 900 Ethiopians from Eritrea to their homeland, and assisted them with food, essential household and hygienic items.
- In partnership with the ERCS, provided loans to 300 households in northern parts of Tigray (bordering Eritrea) enabling them to engage in various income generating activities.

WATER AND HABITAT

The ICRC works with the local authorities and communities to improve access to clean water and sanitation services.



A water facility built for Ejere regional prison by the ICRC to improve access to drinking water for prisoners, Oromia Region, 2016.

In 2016:

- In response to drought, the ICRC improved access to water facilities for over 78,200 people in East and West Hararghe zones (Oromia) and Tigray regions through the drilling/upgrading of key water points, distribution points and water truck drilling stations.
- Over 10,000 people in rural areas of Tigray (bordering Eritrea) benefited from improved water access through the provision of training to water committees on operating and repairing water supply systems by the ICRC. In the same areas, over 18,000 people reduced their health risks through safer practices learnt from ICRC hygiene-promotion activities.
- With the support of the ICRC, the Tigray water authorities managed to maintain and expand their online water points' database enabling them to improve their planning.

PHYSICAL REHABILITATION PROGRAM



Persons with physical disabilities competing at the first national wheelchair tournament organized jointly by the ICRC and the Ethiopian Basketball Federation, Addis Ababa, 2016.

The ICRC Physical Rehabilitation Program works to promote equal access to quality and long-term sustainable rehabilitation services to Persons with Physical Disabilities (PWDs) through support to national and regional actors. Access to such physical rehabilitation services enables PWDs to recover mobility, play an active role in society and live in dignity.

In 2016:

- Some 6,121 PWDs accessed service within nine ICRC-assisted physical rehabilitation centers (PRCs). Out of these, 1,259 economically vulnerable individuals had their transport and food costs covered by the ICRC while receiving the service.
- The ICRC provided all assisted PRCs with the required imported raw materials and equipment as well as clinical and technical coaching for quality service provision.

- All 15 students that enrolled in Prosthetic and Orthotic (P&O) training (run by the ICRC and stakeholders) graduated successfully.
- The Curriculum for the Bachelor degree in the field of P&O has been finalised and handed over to Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, and is undergoing internal and external reviews before being handed over to the concerned university for launching.
- The ICRC, together with the Ethiopian Basketball Federation, facilitated the celebration of the International Day for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) where seven PWDs male and female teams participated in the first national wheelchair basketball tournament. It also facilitated wheelchair basketball demonstration matches during the Fifth All Ethiopian Games at Hawassa, Southern Nations.



Orthopedic technicians graduates celebrate their graduation after completing a three-year training course run by the ICRC and five governmental institutions, Addis Ababa, 2016.

PREVENTION/COMMUNICATION

The ICRC promotes the knowledge of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) amongst various interlocutors such as military and police forces, national authorities, and academic circles.

In 2016, the ICRC:

- Together with the Ethiopian Peacekeeping Support Center, provided a pre-deployment training focusing on basics of IHL for 25 army officers who would be deployed as peacekeeping forces in neighboring countries, and organized three training seminars for 110 military legal advisers.
- Trained more than 20 army personnel in humanitarian demining and donated demining equipment to the Ethiopian National Defense Force (ENDF).
- Organized a roundtable discussion for 20 police officers drawn from all regional and federal police training centers, and a Training of Trainers (ToT) for 29 members of the police force representing all regional police training centers, including Somali region.

- Trained 361 police officers from Oromia, Addis Ababa, Gambella and Tigray regions, including nine military officers, on the use of force.



A seminar organized for military officers to be deployed as UN peacekeeping mission, Addis Ababa, 2016.

- Provided a pre-deployment briefing for more than 60 Ethiopian police officers about to be deployed to South Sudan and Darfur.
- Organized the first All Ethiopia National Moot Court Competition on IHL, in partnership with Mekelle University. The winners team represented Ethiopia in the All Africa Competition in Arusha.
- Provided IHL session for more than 170 students and lecturers from Semera and Mekelle universities.
- Organized a seminar on the occasion of the launch of the updated commentary to the First Geneva Convention. Twenty eight people representing governmental institutions, (including the Parliament, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Defense as well as Federal Attorney General), academics and think-tanks participated in the seminar. On the same occasion, a public lecture attended by 40 university students was also held.



A deminer exercising skills he acquired during a humanitarian training organized by the ICRC and ENDF, Entoto, Addis Ababa, 2016.

- More than 1,000 local authorities, including religious leaders and representatives of community-based-organizations, enhanced their knowledge on the basics of IHL and Fundamental Principles of the Movement.
- Organized ToT for 19 ERCS public communication and dissemination focal persons in cooperation with the Swedish Red Cross.

PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ETHIOPIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY (ERCS)

In addition to joint programming highlighted above,

In 2016, the ICRC:

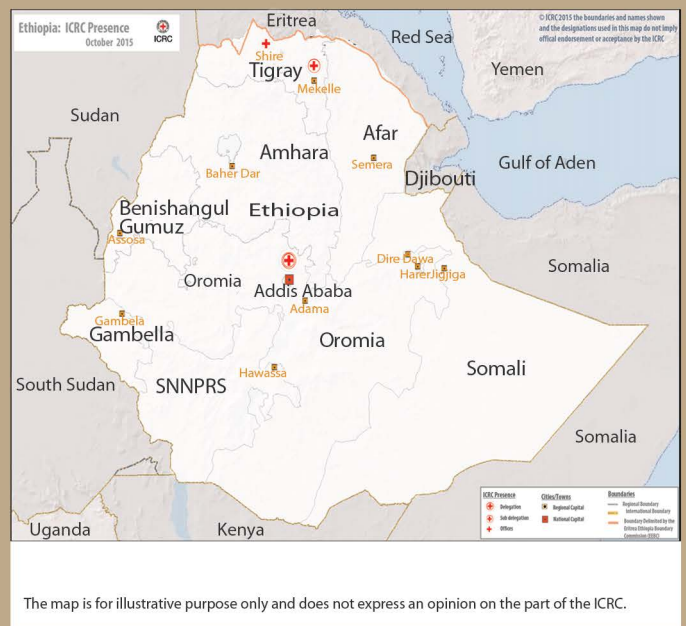
- Supported the ERCS in organizing “Safer Access” workshops in Oromia and SNNPR for over 131 ERCS’ board members, staff and volunteers from all zonal branches.
- In close cooperation with the ERCS, enhanced the knowledge of more than 200 local authorities, including religious leaders and representatives of community-based organizations, on the Fundamental Principles of the Red Cross Movement.
- Assisted the ERCS, jointly with the Canadian Red Cross, to revitalize the Disaster Response Team System. A guideline and a training curriculum on Disaster Response were also developed, while four trainings on disaster response were provided to ERCS staff/volunteers.
- Helped the ERCS in organizing eight First-Aid trainings at zonal level for 340 staff members and volunteers, and one First-Aid Training of Trainers for 37 volunteers from across the country.
- Donated to the ERCS kits containing essential household items for more than 15,000 people, to be distributed in case of emergency in areas including Somali, Afar and Oromia regions.
- Extended support to ERCS to organize its 81st anniversary exhibition and celebration of World Red Cross Day.



The ICRC and ERCS jointly distribute seeds and farming tools to drought affected communities in Hawigudina locality of West Hararge Zone, Oromia Region, 2016

MISSION

The ICRC is an impartial, neutral and independent organization whose exclusively humanitarian mission is to protect the lives and dignity of victims of armed conflict and other situations of violence and to provide them with assistance. The ICRC also endeavours to prevent suffering by promoting and strengthening humanitarian law and universal humanitarian principles. Established in 1863, the ICRC is at the origin of the Geneva Conventions and the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. It directs and coordinates the international activities conducted by the Movement in armed conflicts and other situations of violence.



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