



## Facts and figures 2016

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The ICRC's Harare Regional Delegation carries out humanitarian activities in Namibia, Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe in collaboration with National Red Cross Societies with special focus on visiting detainees to monitor their living conditions and treatment, improving access to water and sanitation and reconnecting families separated by conflict.

Below is an overview of the ICRC's Harare Regional Delegation work in 2016.

### **Visiting detainees and maintaining contact between separated families**

In Zimbabwe, we

- Visited over 18,000 inmates to assess their living conditions and provide recommendations to the detaining authorities on their improvement
- Provided over 18,000 inmates with non-food items such as blankets, fabric for inmates' uniforms
- Upgrading and refurbishing kitchens enabling 12,000 inmates from improved cooking capacity
- Supported agricultural production at prison farms enabling detaining authorities to provide vegetables, legumes and other crops to 18,000 inmates
- Complementary feeding using Corn Soya Blend porridge for 3,816 moderately malnourished inmates in 25 prisons
- Enabled 129 foreigners in detention to reconnect with their families
- Supported National Red Cross Societies to reconnect 125 unaccompanied children in Malawi and Zimbabwe with their relatives
- Donated 10 knitting, 8 sewing machines and knitting yarn to enable the regular production of jerseys by inmates for use by the inmates during winter
- Complimenting ZPCS food supply for inmates by occasional provision of groundnuts and sugar beans to selected
- Supported 90 ZPCS officials, prison managers and inmates to improve their knowledge of agricultural best practices
- Contributed comments and recommendations to the revision of the Prison Act by the Ministry of Justice

In Namibia, we

- Supported families of 40 detainees arrested in relation to the situation in the Zambezi Region in 1999 in Namibia enabling them to carry out family visits in collaboration with the Namibia Red Cross Society

### **Promoting compliance with International Humanitarian Law**

- Trained over 2000 members of the armed and security forces on IHL and IHRL and the role of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement
- Provided IHL guest lectures for over 330 students of political science, law, commerce, business administration and media from 6 universities

- Conducted a Peer to Peer meeting of governments in Namibia with 20 participants from regional countries enabling participants to share challenges and best practices in promoting IHL at national level
- Co-hosted the Zimbabwe National IHL Moot Court Competition in partnership with the High Court of Zimbabwe and the Law Society of Zimbabwe
- Sponsored a team of three students from the Midlands State University to attend the All Africa IHL Moot Court Competition in Arusha, Tanzania
- Supported a team of three students from the Midlands State University to participate in the Jean Pictet Competition

### **Demining in action**

- Donated basic demining equipment and tools to equip a second team of deminers to be formed by the Government of Zimbabwe
- Supported 15 Zimbabwe Mine Action Centre (ZIMAC) staff to participate in a refresher training before deployment on demining operations
- Supported 3 ZIMAC staff to participate in an exchange visit with the Lebanese Mine Action Centre
- Organised a training course for 10 ZIMAC personnel to enhance ZIMAC capacity to carry out quality assurance and quality control on demined land

### **Working in partnership with the National Red Cross Societies**

- Supported the Namibia, Malawi, Mozambique, Zambia and Zimbabwe Red Cross Societies enabling them to develop strategic plans and strengthen their capacities in emergency preparedness
- Assisted newly elected leaders of the Namibia, Malawi and Zambia Red Cross Societies to understand their duties to enable them to effectively lead the National Societies through leadership induction sessions
- Supported the Mozambique and Zambia Red Cross Societies in drafting their constitutions
- Assisted the Namibia Red Cross Society to revise their Act, which legally recognizes them as the only National Red Cross Society
- Supported the Zimbabwe Red Cross Society to update their emergency preparedness and response Contingency Plan
- met from 11 SADC countries enabling them to identify best practices in improving access to health care services during peace support operations
- Co-hosted the Zimbabwe National IHL Moot Court Competition in partnership with the High Court of Zimbabwe and the Law Society of Zimbabwe
- Sponsored a team of three students from Midlands State University (Zimbabwe) to attend the All Africa IHL Moot Court Competition in Arusha, Tanzania
- Sponsored teams of students from the Midlands State University (Zimbabwe) and University of Malawi to participate in the Jean Pictet Competition
- Co-hosted a sub –regional meeting on the ratification and implementation of the Convention on Cluster Munitions with the Government of Zambia for 20 senior government officials from Southern Africa

### **Demining in action**

- Provided the government demining unit with 10 sets of demining protection equipment, tools and anti-personnel mine detectors

- Supported 15 Zimbabwe Mine Action Centre (ZIMAC) staff to participate in a pre-deployment refresher course for demining team leaders and instructors
- Enhanced the capacity of the demining authorities to train their own personnel through an Instructors Course for 10 experienced deminers
- Provided technical assistance to the demining authorities through regular field visits and consultations including an evaluation of Mine Risk Education activities carried out by ZIMAC

#### **Working in partnership with the National Red Cross Societies**

- Trained 25 National Red Cross Society volunteers and staff as first aid trainers
- Supported the Namibia Red Cross Society to publish and launch the International Humanitarian Law Handbook for Namibian Parliamentarians