

Facts and figures 2015

The ICRC's work in Kenya, Tanzania and Djibouti in collaboration with Kenya Red Cross, Tanzania Red Cross and Djibouti Red Crescent societies focused on reconnecting families separated by ongoing conflict in neighbouring countries, promoting international humanitarian law, providing basic aid and visiting detainees to monitor their living conditions and treatment.

Below is an overview of the ICRC's work in Kenya, Tanzania and Djibouti in 2015.

Re-establishing family links

- Exchanged over 26,500 Red Cross messages to help migrants and refugees share family news
- Helped 137 South Sudanese refugees in Kenya identify their family members based in Ethiopia through photos published in booklets
- Made over 241,000 phone calls to facilitate contact between family and friends

Activities in Detention Places

- Visited 580 detainees and 19 prisoners of war in Djibouti
- Visited 350 detainees in Unguja and Pemba prisons in Zanzibar, Tanzania
- Monitored conditions of detention and treatment for 13 people sentenced and held under the jurisdiction of the Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunal in Arusha, Tanzania

Building Community Resilience

- Implemented vocational training for 40 youth from Lamu County, Kenya at Bandari College in Mombasa County
- Supported 74 widows affected during the Mpeketoni attack in Lamu County, by starting income generating activities to cater for their daily needs by giving them conditional cash grants

Equipping medical personnel with skills to handle trauma

- Trained 64 doctors in emergency trauma care in cooperation with the Ministry of Health in Kenya
- Supported 39 doctors in Tanzania to develop contingency plans for response in their regions and also trained them on emergency trauma care

Promoting international humanitarian law (IHL)

- Enhanced the knowledge of 450 police officers on Human Rights Law and humanitarian principles including the use of force and firearms, as well as treatment of detainees
- Conducted a Training of Trainers course for 20 officers from the Tanzania police force
- Briefed 200 Kenyan peace keepers being deployed to South Sudan and Somalia on IHL
- Trained 50 peacekeepers from the East Africa Standby Force on IHL and related aspects of peace support operations
- Supported three senior military officers from the Tanzania People's Defense Forces and the Kenya Defense Forces by helping them to attend international military courses in Badji Mokhtar, Algeria and San Remo, Italy

- Conducted a course for policy makers which had 16 participants from various humanitarian organizations
- Organized a regional seminar where 11 governments learnt more about IHL and its relationship with other legal frameworks
- Sponsored two university lecturers from the Catholic University of Eastern Africa, Kenya and Mzumbe University, Tanzania, for an IHL course in Pretoria
- Encouraged the dissemination of IHL in universities by having 93 students participate in annual ICRC National Moot Court competitions
- Held the All Africa IHL Moot Court competition organized together with the International Criminal Court for Rwanda which had participation from 10 universities in Africa

Partnering with National Societies

- Co-facilitated the sixth Health Emergencies in Large Populations course with Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS) which was attended by 15 professionals
- Enhanced national societies capacities by training 20 KRCS county managers on security management, 100 Tanzania Red Cross Society (TRCS) volunteers on first aid in conflict and emergency preparedness and response
- Sensitized 20 TRCS volunteers on safer access
- Supported the Djibouti Red Crescent with 200 first aid kits during the Yemen refugee influx
- Provided 200 first aid kits to the TRCS to assist during the Burundi refugee influx
- Recruited and trained 70 actively involved volunteers during the Burundi refugee influx in Tanzania
- Supported waste management in Dadaab by procuring a shredder for plastic recycling

Logistic support

- Transported and distributed over 19,000 metric tonnes of relief items to ICRC operations in South Sudan, Somalia, the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Central African Republic among others
- Purchased 65 percent of food, medical, and other essential items locally