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Facts and figures 2015

The ICRC's Pretoria Regional Delegation, carries out humanitarian activities in Botswana, Lesotho, South Africa and Swaziland and in collaboration with National Red Cross Societies focuses on visiting detainees to monitor their living conditions and treatment, reconnecting families separated by conflict and promoting compliance with International Humanitarian Law.

Below is an overview of the ICRC's Pretoria Regional Delegation work in 2015.

Visiting detainees and maintaining contact between separated families

- Support for the South Africa Red Cross Society enabling 5, 839 vulnerable migrants affected by violent attacks by migrants in South Africa to use the phone service provided for by the National Society
- Visited over 4,400 migrants held at a holding facility for irregular migrants in South Africa to monitor treatment and conditions of detention
- Enabled 579 migrants living in Botswana, Lesotho, South Africa and Swaziland to re-establish and maintain contact with their families through Red Cross Messages
- Carried out agricultural assessments at three correctional centre farms in Swaziland and provided these centres with farming tools and seeds to enhance productivity of prison farms contributing to the rehabilitation of inmates
- Supported two staff members of the Swaziland Correctional Services to participate in an ICRC prison management course in Switzerland
- Provided support for the Lesotho Red Cross Society enabling 11 detainees to maintain contact with their families through a phone service provided for by the National Society
- Issued 94 ICRC Travel Documents to migrants who were unable to obtain travel documents through other means

Promoting compliance with international humanitarian law (IHL)

- Co-hosted the 15th annual Regional IHL Seminar with the Department of International Relations and Cooperation of the Government of South Africa bringing together 16 eastern and southern African Governments to build capacity to improve compliance with IHL
- Participated in and contributed to the development of regional and continental peacekeeping training exercises including African Standby Force Exercise Amani Africa II held in South Africa and the Combined Joint African Exercise in Botswana and South Africa
- Sensitized over 1,700 soldiers from South Africa preparing to deploy on peace support operations on the role of the ICRC and IHL in peace support operations
- Conducted two sensitization workshops for 50 members of the police in Swaziland on the role of the ICRC and the international legal framework applicable to policing
- Hosted the 13th Annual All Africa Course on IHL in partnership with the University of South Africa to enable students and academics from 13 African countries to deepen their knowledge of IHL
- Sponsored a team of three Rhodes University to attend the All Africa IHL Moot Court Competition in Arusha, Tanzania

Working in partnership with the National Red Cross Societies

- Provided financial, material and technical support for the Lesotho Red Cross Society to enhance emergency preparedness and response capacity for the 2015 national elections
- Supported the disaster management capacity assessments for Lesotho and Swaziland Red Cross Societies
- Provided technical and financial support for the ongoing restructuring of South African Red Cross Society