ICRC started 2020 with facilitating the release of 23 people, including 11 children. It was a moment of joy and relief, and a unique occasion for them to start a new year and decade with their relatives.

All South Sudanese deserve a similar fresh start, marked by peace and opportunity, by stability and prosperity. The peace agreement signed in September 2018 has brought some positive changes to South Sudan. Humanitarian access has increased; in some areas food insecurity has reduced slightly and families are slowly returning home, while certain parts of the country are enjoying sustained stability.

But the peace is fragile and throughout 2019, ICRC continued to treat large numbers of people with injuries stemming from violence. For ICRC medical team, every patient admitted into one of our hospitals with a gunshot wound is one too many.

Peace is not only about war. It is rooted in human interactions and relationships. To move on, once the guns have silenced, communities have to rebuild bonds. And this is only possible when one is at peace with the past, when one finally knows the fate of his or her missing relatives. Our work to trace missing people has helped thousands of South Sudanese reunite with their loved ones, but much more needs to still be done.

South Sudan has been for many years a priority for the ICRC and we will continue to serve the most affected communities in 2020. We take this occasion to commend the outstanding work of the ICRC and South Sudan Red Cross colleagues in South Sudan. With a will to shift from emergency to sustainability, they have continued to serve the most affected communities, delivering food, medicine, water, livelihood support and much more.

South Sudan was born amid great celebration in 2011. Let’s hope 2020 be the start of a new decade of stability and peace for the country.
## WHAT WE’VE ACHIEVED IN 2019

### TO RESPONSE TO PEOPLE’S URGENT NEEDS AND HELP REBUILD LIVELIHOODS, THE ICRC, TOGETHER WITH THE SOUTH SUDAN RED CROSS SOCIETY (SSRC):

- Distributed more than 6,380 metric tonnes of food to 267,791 people.
- Provided essential household items to 180,740 people, assisted 420,204 people with seeds & tools program while 7,993 families benefited from community projects and provided fishing tools to 172,512 people.
- Vaccinated 787,033 heads of livestock and treated 328,401 animals, assisting 50,062 livestock-keepers and trained 132 Community Animal Health Workers assisting the animal health campaign.
- Made safe drinking water available for more than 266,874 people.
- Maintained 2 emergency surface water treatment unit, benefiting around 11,400 people and carried out other emergency supply initiatives for over 64,200 people.
- Repaired and expanded 10 primary health-care facilities, three hospitals, and rehabilitated one morgue.
- Improved living conditions for more than 2,076 detainees.

### TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE, THE ICRC:

- Performed 3,308 surgeries and medical procedures.
- Provided more than 458,987 outpatient consultations and treated 4,026 in-patients.
- Evacuated 361 people wounded in armed confrontations.
- Provided antenatal consultations for 14,118 women and vaccinated 94,913 women and children.
- Helped 7,106 women with safe deliveries.
- Supported 3,390 disabled people with mobility devices and physiotherapy.
- Conducted First Aid training for communities and weapon-bearers to 3,733 individuals.
- Conducted First Aid training and training of trainers courses to 3,121 South Sudan Red Cross volunteers who assisted, stabilized or treated up to 6,979 wounded and sick in South Sudan.
TO HELP IMPROVE CONDITIONS FOR DETAINES THE ICRC HAS:
- Visited 5,794 detainees throughout the country.
- Improved living conditions as well as access to health care and implemented preventive and out-patient department curative consultations to 16,027 detainees.
- Treated 125 cases of severe acute malnutrition and 1,488 cases of moderate acute malnutrition among detainees and provided nutritional support to more than 5,119 detainees to prevent malnutrition.
- Facilitated the release of 15 detainees and 23 civilians.

TO HELP RECONNECT FAMILY MEMBERS SEPARATED BY THE CONFLICT, THE ICRC, TOGETHER WITH THE SSRC:
- Facilitated 19,332 phone calls between family members separated by the conflict.
- Delivered 3,371 letters containing family news (Red Cross Messages).
- Reunited 57 vulnerable persons, including children, with their families.
- Collected new tracing requests for 1,624 missing persons.
- Helped clarify the fate of 397 who were unaccounted for.

TO PROMOTE KNOWLEDGE AND RESPECT FOR INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW (IHL) AND THE INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW (IHRL), THE ICRC:
- Trained over 4,472 military personnel in IHL and nearly 1,050 police personnel in IHRL.
- Raised awareness among over 20,198 people affected by armed conflict, community members and health workers on life-saving, useful and actionable information about the ICRC and its humanitarian services.

TO SUPPORT ACCESS TO EDUCATION:
- Trained 81 Primary school teachers.

TO SUPPORT THE SOUTH SUDAN RED CROSS SOCIETY (SSRC), THE ICRC:
- Supported SSRC to train and re-train 719 volunteers of Emergency Action Team at 27 branches.
- Facilitated the Movement support to SSRC preparedness for Ebola response resulting in establishing capacity for social mobilization and safe & dignified burials in 9 branches through training 440 volunteers.
- Trained 111 SSRC staff and volunteers on economic security.
Cover Photo:
A displaced South Sudanese man carries a seeds and tools kit received during a distribution organized by the ICRC.