



## Ethiopia: Facts and figures 2015

The ICRC is present in Ethiopia since 1977 following the Ethio-Somali conflict. Currently, it conducts its operations across the country from the Addis Ababa delegation and a sub-delegation in Mekelle, Tigray in close cooperation with the Ethiopian Red Cross Society (ERCS). Below you will find a summary of the key activities of the ICRC in 2015.

In 2015, the ICRC assisted 200,000 people across Ethiopia:

### **Detention – 41,300 people assisted**

#### **In 2015, The ICRC :**

- Visited 41,309 detainees in federal and regional prisons in Amhara, Harari, Southern Nations, Oromia, Benishangui-Gumuz, Gambella, Afar and Tigray, and 323 detainees were followed individually.
- Helped detainees exchange 1,169 Red Cross Messages (RCMs) to restore/maintain contacts with their families and enabled a further 533 detainees to transmit simple greetings to their families.
- Provided mats and soap as well as recreational material, such as footballs to 27,551 detainees across the country.
- Improved mental health care for 29,838 detainees in six federal and four regional prisons in Tigray, Oromia and Amhara regions by organizing training for 77 prison health staff, including 13 supervisors. Two regional prison clinics (Gambella and Dessie) were renovated and equipped by the ICRC, while one regional prison clinic (Burayu), as health referral, benefited from ICRC's technical and medical assistance.
- Improved material infrastructure in prisons, such as for example the access to clean water for 4,054 detainees in Robit Federal Prison and 1,400 detainees in Gambella and Dire Dawa prisons by rehabilitating and constructing water facilities.
- Facilitated the construction of 200 bunk beds for 400 detainees in two prisons in Tigray.

### **Restoring family links – 11,973 people assisted**

#### **In 2015, The ICRC :**

- Collected 616 tracing requests and located 174 persons.
- Exchanged, in close cooperation with the ERCS, 7,554 RCMs between family members dispersed by conflict and violence.
- Provided, through ERCS, 11,973 free phone calls to refugees in Ethiopia and Ethiopian migrant returnees from Yemen and the Middle East, who could exchange family news with their relatives in their respective countries.
- Published, jointly with the ERCS, a photo-tracing tool in the form of a booklet to facilitate the restoration of family links between 1,117 South Sudanese refugees, including unaccompanied minors.
- Posted 307 photos of South Sudanese refugees on the ICRC familylinks webpage and facilitated the broadcast of names of 1,154 persons through the "Missing Persons" Radio Program on BBC Somali Service':

## **Relief and Assistance – 46,400 people assisted**

### **In 2015, The ICRC :**

- Distributed, in close cooperation with the ERCS, staple seeds and agricultural tools to 30,924 individuals who have returned to their places of origin, in Southern Nations and Oromia regions.
- Extended, jointly with the ERCS, similar support to 16,740 members of local communities hosting South Sudanese refugees in Etang Woreda, (Gambella region).
- Assisted, together with the ERCS, 46,400 persons in Veri, Majenge zone (Gambella region), West and East Hararge Zones (Oromia), with essential household items and shelter material following intercommunal clashes and displacement.
- Supplied surgical equipment and medical supplies and installed a backup generator for the Gambella hospital.
- Assisted 859 Ethiopians repatriated from Eritrea with food, water, household and hygienic items.

## **Water and Habitat – 68,100 people assisted**

- Over 68,100 people in rural areas of Tigray and Afar regions were provided better access to clean water and sanitation services through the maintenance/ building of hand pumps and sanitation facilities.
- Some 9,546 people in the water committees of these regions also benefited from relevant training and technical support.
- 7,005 persons benefited from ICRC hygiene promotion and training.

## **Physical rehabilitation program – 6,334 people assisted**

- 6,334 PWDs accessed a service within 10 assisted physical rehabilitation centers (PRCs). Out of these, 2,649 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.
- The Prosthetic and Orthotic training run by the ICRC in Addis Ababa, in close partnership with the Black Lion Hospital, continued with 15 students entering in their final year of a 3-year training course.
- In partnership with the Ethiopian Basketball Federation, the ICRC conducted wheelchair basketball training camps for players, coaches and referees in five regions: Oromia, Southern Nations, Addis Ababa, Tigray and Dire Dawa, and resulted in 67 players and 60 coaches trained.
- 21 professionals were certified as specialized bench workers in prosthetics and orthotics after passing successfully an examination organized through the Ethiopian Prosthetic and Orthotic Association with the support of the ICRC.
- Ethiopia hosted the first ICRC Training of Trainers (ToT) for the WHO Wheelchair Service Training Basic Intermediate Packages attended by eight international and four Ethiopian trainers. Following the ToT, the Ethiopian trainers conducted a Wheel-

chair Service Training Packages Basic Training for 13 staff from ICRC-supported PRCs and allied organizations.

- A six-day training on "Multidisciplinary Physical Rehabilitation Service" was organized for 14 physiotherapists working in the ICRC-supported PRCs.

### **Prevention and Communication – 960 people assisted**

- The ICRC organized a six-day training of trainers (ToT) on IHL for over 40 senior Ethiopian army and air force officers, in collaboration with the Ethiopian National Defense Force.
- The ICRC organized training sessions for over 700 members of the federal and regional police forces on the use of force and firearms, jointly with the regional police training centers.
- Twenty-six police officers and instructors attended a five-day Training of Trainers (ToT) organized by the ICRC in cooperation with the Ethiopian Police University College (EPUC).
- 960 local authorities, including religious leaders and representatives of community-based organizations, enhanced their knowledge on the basics of IHL and Fundamental Principles of the Red Cross Movement.
- 255 judges and prosecutors and 360 senior law students and instructors improved their knowledge on IHL through jointly organized seminars.
- A student team from Dilla University represented Ethiopia in the All Africa Moot Court Competition in Arusha, Tanzania, with the support of the ICRC.

In addition to joint programming highlighted above, the ICRC :

- In close cooperation with the ERCS, organized 3 First Aid Trainings of Trainers (ToT) for 74 and eight First Aid training for 220 ERCS staff I volunteers.
- Supported ERCS to train 260 police officers in First Aid as part of the national election contingency plans.
- Facilitated the purchase of 26 ERCS Ambulance vehicles and the provision of stretchers and First Aid Kits to the ERCS.
- Helped the ERCS to develop a data base for ambulance management system, and to conduct ambulance management review workshop in SNNPR.
- Supported the organization of the International Red Cross Day on May 8th and ERCS blood donor mobilization activities; and contributed to the ERCS 80th anniversary celebrations.
- Helped the ERCS to implement its contingency plan in the run-up of the May elections, and installed ERCS' radio repeater and VHF radios for ambulances in Addis Ababa.
- Facilitated a Safer Access Workshop with staff from headquarters and regional branches.
- Supported ERCS to organize four youth leadership training for 120 volunteers.