



ICRC operations in 2007: a few facts and figures

PRESENCE

The ICRC's 80 delegations and missions were distributed throughout the world as follows:

▶ Africa	28
▶ Asia and the Pacific	15
▶ Europe and the Americas	26
▶ Middle East and North Africa	11

PERSONNEL

The average number of ICRC staff in 2007 was as follows:

▶ Headquarters:	818
Field: expatriates	1,491
<i>Expatriates</i>	1,349
<i>National Society staff</i>	126
<i>National staff on temporary mission</i>	16
Field: national staff	9,769
▶ Field: total ¹	11,260
Final total	12,078

1. This figure does not include an average of 1,420 daily workers hired by the ICRC in the field

FINANCE

▶ ICRC expenditure in 2007

Headquarters	CHF 154.9 million	USD 128.6 million	EUR 94.3 million
Field	CHF 840.2 million	USD 697.9 million	EUR 511.8 million

The sub-total comes to CHF 995.1 million, from which field overheads (CHF 51.0 million) must be deducted in order to reach the final total.

Final total:	CHF 944.1 million	USD 784.1 million	EUR 575.1 million
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▶ 10 largest operations in 2007 in terms of expenditure

1 Sudan	CHF 94.0 million	USD 78.1 million	EUR 57.3 million
2 Iraq	CHF 76.5 million	USD 63.6 million	EUR 46.6 million
3 Israel, the Occupied and Autonomous Territories	CHF 61.4 million	USD 51.0 million	EUR 37.4 million
4 Afghanistan	CHF 49.8 million	USD 41.3 million	EUR 30.3 million
5 Somalia	CHF 49.2 million	USD 40.9 million	EUR 30.0 million
6 Congo, Democratic Republic of the	CHF 32.6 million	USD 27.1 million	EUR 19.9 million
7 Colombia	CHF 30.6 million	USD 25.4 million	EUR 18.7 million
8 Sri Lanka	CHF 30.2 million	USD 25.1 million	EUR 18.4 million
9 Chad	CHF 24.6 million	USD 20.4 million	EUR 15.0 million
10 Uganda	CHF 22.6 million	USD 18.8 million	EUR 13.8 million

Exchange rates: USD 1.00 = CHF 1.2039; EUR 1.00 = CHF 1.6417

VISITS TO DETAINEES

ICRC delegates visited **518,277 detainees**, **36,777** of whom were monitored individually (including 957 females and 1,846 minors), held in **2,425 places of detention** in **77 countries**. Of this number, **21,609 detainees** (including 629 females and 1,495 minors) were registered and visited for the first time in 2007.

With support provided by the ICRC, **23,358 detainees** benefited from **family visits**.

A total of **21,867 detention attestations** were issued.

RESTORING FAMILY LINKS

The ICRC collected **256,772** and distributed **229,150 Red Cross messages**, thus enabling members of families separated as a result of conflict, disturbances or tensions to exchange news. Among these messages, **49,717** were collected from and **41,964** distributed to **detainees**. In addition **4,228 phone calls** allowed people, mainly detainees, to inform their families of their whereabouts.

The ICRC **registered 969 unaccompanied/separated children** (including 210 demobilized children) during 2007. Once their families had been located and with the agreement of the children and their relatives, it organized and supported the reunification of **761 children** with their families. By the end of the year, the cases of **2,140 unaccompanied/separated minors** (including **119 demobilized children**) were still being handled, which involved tracing their relatives, maintaining contacts between the children and their families, organizing family reunification and/or identifying another long-term solution for the children concerned.

ASSISTANCE SUPPLIES

In 2007, the ICRC purchased or received as contributions in kind the following assistance supplies:

▶ Food items	52,625 tonnes	CHF	53 million
▶ Seed	3,808 tonnes	CHF	4 million
▶ Essential household items	20,367 tonnes	CHF	52 million
<i>Including:</i>			
<i>1,522,000 blankets</i>			
<i>10,830 tents</i>			
<i>454,800 tarpaulins</i>			
<i>357,570 kitchen sets</i>			
<i>383,250 hygiene kits</i>			
<i>510 tonnes of clothing</i>			
▶ Medical and physical rehabilitation items		CHF	37 million
▶ Water and habitat items		CHF	17 million
		TOTAL	CHF 163 million
			USD 135 million
			EUR 99 million

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The ICRC established the **whereabouts of 5,570 people** for whom tracing requests had been filed by their families. The ICRC website www.familylinks.icrc.org allowed the **publication of 82,641 names** of people providing news to relatives and friends or being sought by their relatives. At the end of the year, the ICRC was still taking action to locate **66,409 people** (including 11,891 women and 6,368 minors) for their families.

The ICRC helped **868 people** (including 761 minors) **to rejoin their families**. It organized the **transfer or repatriation of 5,212 people**, including **464 detainees after their release**, and **353 sets of human remains**. It issued **travel documents** that enabled **3,228 people** to return to their home countries or to settle in a host country.

It relayed **3,246 official documents** of various types between family members across borders and front lines.

More than **1 million people** contacted ICRC offices worldwide for services or advice regarding issues related to protection and family links.

ASSISTANCE

In 2007, the ICRC ran assistance programmes in **52 countries**. The bulk of the work was carried out in Afghanistan, Chad, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Iraq, Israel and the occupied and autonomous Palestinian territories, Pakistan, the Russian Federation (Northern Caucasus), Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan and Uganda.

ECONOMIC SECURITY

During the year, ICRC activities to ensure economic security, many times implemented together with host National Societies, directly benefited households and communities in **36 countries** worldwide. More than **2,520,000 internally displaced people, returnees, residents** (in general, people living in rural areas and/or areas difficult to reach owing to insecurity and/or lack of infrastructure) and **people deprived of their freedom** received aid in the form of **food** and **3,940,000** in the form of **essential household and hygiene items**. Around **66% and 72%** of the beneficiaries of food and essential household and hygiene items respectively were **IDPs**. In addition, **2,780,000 people** (of whom around 33% were IDPs) benefited from livelihood support through **sustainable food-production programmes or micro-economic initiatives**. These included various response mechanisms ranging from the rehabilitation of traditional irrigation systems to small-scale community-based cash-for-work and livestock-management/support projects.

WATER AND HABITAT

In 2007, the ICRC's Water and Habitat Unit was involved in water, sanitation and construction work in 40 countries. These projects catered for the needs of more than **14.3 million people** worldwide (IDPs, returnees, residents – in general, people living in rural areas and/or areas difficult to reach owing to insecurity and/or lack of infrastructure – and people deprived of their freedom). They were implemented by **expatriate and national engineers and technicians**.

HEALTH CARE SERVICES

During the year, the ICRC regularly supported **318 hospitals** and **524 other health care facilities** around the world. An estimated **2,890,000 people** (53% children, 30% women and 17% men) benefited from ICRC-supported health care facilities. **Community health** programmes were implemented in **18 countries**, in many cases with National Society participation.

More than **20,200 weapon-wounded** and **100,700 non-weapon-wounded** (surgical case) patients were admitted to ICRC-supported hospitals in **18 countries** where more than **113,000 surgical operations** were performed. The ICRC regularly supported **113 first-aid posts** located near combat zones, which provided emergency treatment, mainly for weapon-wounded patients.

CARE FOR THE DISABLED

The ICRC's Physical Rehabilitation Unit provided support to **85 centres** in **26 countries**, enabling **160,693 patients** (including 26,378 women and 36,431 children) to receive services. A total of **11,006 new patients were fitted with prostheses** and **18,609 with orthoses**. The centres produced and delivered **22,309 prostheses** (including 2,836 for women, 1,454 for children and 9,729 for mine victims) and **32,123 orthoses** (including 5,804 for women, 15,863 for children and 745 for mine victims). In addition, **2,909 wheelchairs** and **36,850 crutches and sticks** were distributed, most of them locally manufactured. Training of local staff was a priority in order to ensure sustainable services for patients.

ICRC COOPERATION WITH NATIONAL SOCIETIES

The aim of the ICRC's cooperation with National Societies is to strengthen working relationships and dialogue with Movement partners for the greater benefit of people affected by armed conflict and internal strife.

In the vast majority of the countries where the ICRC operates, it does so in partnership with National Societies. Overall, it is estimated that more than **one third of the ICRC's operational activities are carried out in cooperation with the National Society of the country concerned**.

The ICRC also spent **CHF 75 million** to assist National Societies in their own countries in building and strengthening their capacity to carry out activities in the following areas:

- ▶ **140 National Societies** in their work to promote and spread knowledge of **IHL and the Fundamental Principles**
- ▶ **123 National Societies** in their work to restore **family links**, including responding to needs resulting from natural disasters, in conformity with the newly adopted Restoring Family Links Strategy for the Movement
- ▶ **103 National Societies** in their **preparedness for health and relief assistance** during conflict
- ▶ **20 National Societies** in carrying out **community awareness programmes on mines and explosive remnants of war**

In 5 of the countries where the ICRC is running its largest operations, 4 different National Societies working internationally were involved in the **implementation of 8 ICRC projects**. The ICRC also provided a coordination framework (through a coordinated activities agreement or a bilateral project agreement) for **14 National Societies working internationally on 37 projects in 6 countries**.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

In 2007, the **Media Relations Unit** in Geneva issued **247 press releases, 3 news reports, 105 information bulletins** and **74 briefing and information notes**, and organized **10 press conferences**. It produced and issued **16 video news items** to broadcasters worldwide and produced **52 news stories** for use with various target groups and **5 films** in the *From the field* series.

According to the Factiva database, which compiles print-media sources from more than 159 countries in 22 languages, the ICRC was mentioned more than 14,000 times in 2007.

RELATIONS WITH ARMS CARRIERS

Throughout the year, ICRC delegates met and dialogued with various arms carriers present in conflict zones, from members of the military and the police to paramilitary units, armed groups and private military companies' staff.

- ▶ **25 specialized ICRC delegates** conducted or took part in more than **300 courses, workshops, round-tables and exercises** involving some **20,000 military, security and police personnel** in more than **120 countries**. A total of **21 military officers** from **12 countries** received ICRC scholarships to attend **5 military courses on IHL** in San Remo

- ▶ a total of **55** general and senior **officers** from **53** countries received ICRC scholarships to attend the Senior Workshop on International Rules governing Military Operations (SWIRMO) in Geneva, Switzerland
- ▶ a meeting on both disciplinary and penal sanctions took place in Geneva with representatives of various armed forces, armed groups and academic circles
- ▶ **10** new **officer-instructors (police and military)** were trained in order to give lectures on both IHL and human rights in support of regular activities by specialized delegates
- ▶ a film based on interviews with former non-State fighters from 4 different countries about their knowledge of and compliance with IHL was produced and tested in the field in autumn 2007 and will be ready in 2008 for use as a dissemination tool in discussions with armed groups
- ▶ the ICRC also published *Integrating the law* and *Violence and the use of force*, 2 booklets for delegates and their audiences

RELATIONS WITH ACADEMIC CIRCLES

In practically every country covered by the ICRC, university lecturers in law, international relations and journalism incorporated IHL into their teaching. At the national level, the ICRC supported universities by distributing teaching materials, co-organizing IHL events and competitions for students and sponsoring the participation of lecturers and professors in key regional and international IHL seminars.

In 2007, the ICRC organized or co-organized:

- ▶ **15 regional and international IHL training seminars for academics** (2 in Africa; 3 in Asia; 10 in Europe and the Americas), involving **over 200 professors, lecturers and graduate students**
- ▶ **10 regional IHL competitions** for students (2 in Africa; 3 in Asia; 5 in Europe and the Americas), involving some **400 students and lecturers**

SUPPORTING IHL EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS

The **Exploring Humanitarian Law teaching programme**, launched in 2001, is currently being implemented in **40 contexts** around the world. It was piloted in classrooms in **7 countries** during the year.

WEAPON CONTAMINATION

Throughout the year, the mine-action sector provided operational support to delegations, National Societies and political authorities in 19 countries. The sector also worked with the UN and NGOs to further develop and strengthen international mine-action standards and coordination.

INFORMATION, DOCUMENTATION AND LANGUAGE SERVICES

Through its library and research service, the ICRC responded to some **2,380 requests** for information from National Societies, NGOs, academics, government departments and the media.

The ICRC produced some **35 print and audiovisual products** and **distributed** more than **6,000 films** and **635,000 publications** worldwide. The ICRC website received around **2.5 million visitors** who viewed about 12.3 million pages in total.

The ICRC headquarters received groups totalling over **5,200 visitors**. Of these, some 47% were university students, 8% were from the diplomatic community, 7% were from international organizations and NGOs, and 4% were military.

Some **7 million words** were translated, edited and proofread by translators and editors working for or contracted by the ICRC through its language service.