



FACTS & FIGURES

ICRC ACTIVITIES IN THE FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) is present in Ethiopia since 1977, following the Ethio-Somali conflict. Close to 40 years later, the ICRC presence in Ethiopia has, fortunately, been reduced, but we remain at the side of Ethiopia. Today's activities revolve around the re-establishment of contact between family members having fled violence from neighbouring countries, the visits of persons deprived of their liberty, sustainable rehabilitation services for Persons with Physical Disabilities and the promotion of International Humanitarian Law and Humanitarian Principles amongst the authorities and the public at large. All these activities are conducted from the Addis Ababa delegation and a sub-delegation in Mekelle, Tigray, in close cooperation with the Ethiopian Red Cross Society (ERCS). Since the beginning of this year, our activities have focused on the visits of persons deprived of their liberty in Oromia, we have supported authorities in the design of new prisons in some regions, have trained more than 100 legal advisors of the ENDF, including military personnel which will be deployed to AU/UN peace support operations, and organized for the first time, an All Ethiopia moot court competition encompassing all law faculties across the country. Please read more below.

James Reynolds, Head of ICRC Delegation in Ethiopia

VISITING DETAINEES

With the support of the national authorities the ICRC visits federal and regional prisons so as to improve both the conditions of detention and the treatment of detainees, in accordance with international norms and standards.

- Supplied drugs, medical equipment, such as blood measurement devices and technical support to prison clinics in Oromia and Gambella.

From January to June, 2016, the ICRC:

- Visited 37,840 detainees in federal and regional prisons in Amhara, Oromia, Benishangul-Gumuz, Gambella, Afar and Tigray, and followed 131 detainees individually.
- Helped detainees exchange 192 Red Cross Messages (RCMs) to restore/maintain contacts with their families and enabled a further 351 detainees to transmit simple oral greetings to their families.
- Provided mats, blankets, clothes and soap as well as recreational material, such as footballs, to more than 8,500 detainees across the country.
- Improved mental health care for 23,000 detainees in six federal and four regional prisons in Tigray, Oromia and Amhara regions by organizing a training related to mental issues for 14 prison health staff.
- Assisted the opening of Dessie prison clinic, which was successfully upgraded to a Medium Healthcare level Clinic, i.e which provides now also laboratory services.



The new Dessie prison clinic, built and equipped by the ICRC, was officially opened in May, 2016, Dessie, Amhara Region.

- Helped over 10,000 detainees in seven federal and regional prisons to improve their access to water supply networks constructed/repared by the authorities and the ICRC.
- Supported 3,659 inmates, mainly in Oromia prisons, with improvements in kitchens and habitat (bunk beds, ventilation, cell block refurbishment, etc).

RESTORING FAMILY LINKS

The ICRC, in cooperation with the ERCS, strives to restore family links between family members separated by conflict and violence through the provision of free phone calls and the exchange of Red Cross Messages.

From January to June, 2016, the ICRC:

- Received 170 new tracing requests from families searching their loved ones in Ethiopia and abroad, and located 76 missing persons.
- Exchanged, in close cooperation with the ERCS, 2,036 RCMs between family members dispersed by conflict/violence.
- Provided, together with ERCS, 1,912 free phone calls to refugees and returnees in Ethiopia, who could exchange family news with their relatives in their respective countries.

RELIEF ASSISTANCE

The ICRC and the ERCS jointly provide support to people affected by inter-communal clashes in different regions of the country.

From January to June, 2016, the ICRC:

- Distributed non-food items and shelter materials, in cooperation with the ERCS, to over 16,450 people displaced by intercommunal clashes who have returned to their places of origin in West Hararge, Oromia Region.
- Donated staple seeds and agricultural tools to 82,980 people affected by drought, mainly in West and East Hararge zones, Oromia Region and supplied vegetable seeds and tools to 3,000 other needy individuals in Tigray Region to help them restore their livelihoods.
- Together with ERCS, supplied household items to 7890 people in Jikawo Woreda, Gambella region.
- Facilitated the return and assisted 582 Ethiopians returning from Eritrea with food and non-food as well as hygienic items.



Returnees from Eritrea are welcomed by the ICRC upon their arrival in Ethiopia, Humera, Tigray, 2016.

- In partnership with the ERCS, provided loans to 600 people in north Tigray zone enabling them to engage in different income generating activities.

WATER AND HABITAT

The ICRC works with the local authorities and communities to improve access to clean water and sanitation services.



A water facility built to improve access to water for drought-affected communities in Kaftahumera, Tigray, by the ICRC, 2015.

From January to June, 2016:

- In response to the drought, the ICRC improved access to water for 78,300 people in Oromia and 3,840 people in Tigray Region through the drilling of key water points, construction of distribution points and water truck filling stations.
- Over 10,000 people in rural areas of Tigray have benefited from hygiene promotion session provided by the ICRC and local water committees.
- With ICRC support, the Tigray water authorities expanded a database to improve the maintenance of water points in the region.

PHYSICAL REHABILITATION PROGRAM

The ICRC Physical Rehabilitation Program works to promote equal access to quality and long-term sustainable rehabilitation services to Persons with Physical Disabilities (PWDs) through support to national and regional actors. Access to such physical rehabilitation services enables PWDs to recover mobility, play an active role in society and live in dignity.



Persons with Physical disabilities competing in a wheelchair basketball tournament organized jointly by the ICRC and Ethiopian Basketball Federation, Hawassa, Southern Nations, 2016.

From January to June, 2016:

- 2182 PWDs accessed a service within 10 assisted physical rehabilitation centers (PRCs). Out of these, 485 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 and the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, completed the second quarter of their 2nd year training for 15 students.
- In partnership with the Ethiopian Basketball Federation, the ICRC facilitated wheelchair basketball demonstration matches during the Fifth All Ethiopian Games held at Hawasa, Southern Nations.

PREVENTION/COMMUNICATION

The ICRC promotes the knowledge of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) amongst various interlocutors such as military and police forces, national authorities, and academic circles.

From January to June, 2016, the ICRC:

- together with the Ethiopian National Defense Forces (ENDF), organized three training seminars for 110 military legal advisers;

- trained more than 20 army personnel in humanitarian demining and donated demining equipment to the ENDF;



An Ethiopian deminer exercising the skills he acquired through a humanitarian demining manual training organized jointly by the ICRC and the Ethiopian National Defense Forces, Entoto, Addis Ababa, 2016.

- trained over 140 members of the police and special forces on the use of force, in Oromia.
- organized a pre-deployment briefing for more than 60 Ethiopian police officers about to be deployed to South Sudan and Darfur;
- in partnership with Mekelle University organized the first All Ethiopian national moot court competition on IHL.



The finalists of the 2016 national moot court competition during the final debate, Mekelle Tigray, 2016.

PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ETHIOPIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY (ERCS)

In addition to joint programming highlighted above,

From January to June, 2016, the ICRC:

- Supported the ERCS in organizing “Safer Access” workshops in Oromia and Southern Nations regions for over 80 ERCS’ board members, staff and volunteers from all zonal branches.
- In close cooperation with the ERCS, enhanced the knowledge of more than 200 local authorities, including religious leaders and representatives of community-based organizations on the fundamental principles of the Red Cross Movement.
- Assisted the ERCS, jointly with the Canadian Red Cross, to revitalize the Disaster Response Team System. A guideline and a training curriculum on Disaster Response were developed, while a training on disaster response was provided to ERCS staff/volunteers.
- Helped the ERCS in organizing eight First-Aid trainings at zonal level for 340 staff members and volunteers, and one First-Aid Training of Trainers for 22 volunteers from across the country.
- Donated to the ERCS kits containing essential household items for more than 10,000 people, to be distributed in case of emergency
- Extended support to ERCS to organize its 80th anniversary exhibition and celebration of World Red Cross Day.



Drought affected communities in Hawigudina locality of West Hararge Zone, Oromia region receive seeds and tools, 2016.

MISSION

The ICRC is an impartial, neutral and independent organization whose exclusively humanitarian mission is to protect the lives and dignity of victims of armed conflict and other situations of violence and to provide them with assistance. The ICRC also endeavours to prevent suffering by promoting and strengthening humanitarian law and universal humanitarian principles. Established in 1863, the ICRC is at the origin of the Geneva Conventions and the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. It directs and coordinates the international activities conducted by the Movement in armed conflicts and other situations of violence.



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