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OPERATIONS IN KENYA, DJIBOUTI AND TANZANIA



TOWARDS HUMANE PRISONS

Building on the positive relationship established with the Kenya Prisons Services (KPS) during the COVID-19 response in prisons in 2020, the multidisciplinary teams of the ICRC and Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS) continued to visit places of detention with focus on living conditions of inmates. Kenya is among rare countries where joint prison visits are organized by the ICRC and the National Red Cross Society. This approach continues to foster both organizations' complementarity and combined added value for inmates and prison authorities.



- Two-day workshop organized in Naivasha between KPS officials (headquarters and selected prisons) and multidisciplinary teams of the ICRC and KRCS, to take stock of the ongoing collaboration and to discuss preliminary findings of the ICRC/KRCS assessment and agree on the next steps. The workshop was introduced by the Chief Administrative Secretary to the Ministry of Interior, who reiterated Ministry's support for the engagement with KRCS and ICRC in detention (see photo below).



(L-R) The CAS Interior Ministry Winnie Guchu, Deputy Secretary General KRCS Annette Msabeni, Prisons Deputy Commissioner - General Florence Omondi and Head of Regional Delegation of ICRC in Nairobi Olivier Dubois during the workshop in Naivasha.



- A joint ICRC-KRCS engineering teams' assessment in Kamiti Maximum Security prison assisted the KPS to request support for required upgrades in the prison from other government agencies. As a result, investment was secured for the sewer system improvement, for the benefit of **3,100** inmates and officers residing within the complex.
- **4** prisons benefited from the phone contact service offered by the KRCS, with the support of ICRC. The service is an alternative to the continued suspended family and consular visits allowing inmates contact to their families.
- **128** prisons running Restoring Family Links (RFL) services to assist inmates keep in contact with their families, with support from KRCS and ICRC.
- Following the round of visits to **4** prisons, observations and recommendations are shared with the KPS officials in a bilateral and confidential manner, offering advice and support for the way forward.



RECONNECTING FAMILY MEMBERS SEPARATED BY CONFLICT

KRCS, with support of ICRC, continued to offer phone call service to refugees in Dadaab and Kakuma refugee camps to help them maintain contact with their families.

- Refugees made a total of **33,800** phone calls and exchanged **4,453** Red Cross messages with their families.



SUPPORTING VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES IN VIOLENCE-AFFECTED AREAS



Farmers in Lamu receive agro-inputs including maize, cow peas, green grams, simsim, tomatoes and amaranthus seeds. They also regularly receive trainings to strengthen their farming skills and improve their livelihoods through farming.



ICRC and KRCS teams continued to engage with beneficiaries, authorities and other actors in the priority areas of Lamu and Garissa counties, focusing on projects to strengthen resilience of vulnerable communities in violence affected areas. Projects focused on access to livelihood opportunities and on water supply were implemented.



- **2,000** beneficiaries from **700** households in **9** villages received agricultural support in the form of kits containing seeds and tools. In addition, **94** lead farmers were trained to provide agricultural extension support to their communities.



- **115** bee-keeping households had their access to income improved through the provision of bee-keeping inputs. Each household received **5** beehives and a honey harvesting kit, while each of the target villages received honey extractors and catcher boxes to be shared amongst the supported households.



- **22** Village Savings & Loan Associations (VSLA) agents received training to help upskill their knowledge of access to savings. These agents will be responsible for sensitizing communities and training new VSLA groups in their first cycle.



- **5** youth who benefitted from a vocational training course in 2019 received tools and equipment to help them in their new income-generating activities.



- **500** households have been sensitized on the basics of nutrition, hygiene and environment protection through key messages disseminated during the various field activities.

- An assessment in the form of focus group discussions with various communities of Lamu county and Ijara sub-county was carried out. Meetings were held with government officials in those administrative units.

- **3,031** people from **9** villages in Lamu county and associated primary schools were reached with hygiene promotion campaigns carried out by the KRCS. Community cleanup campaigns were also conducted in the villages.

- To help improve coordination and impact of water, sanitation and hygiene activities in Lamu county a steering committee was established by government agencies, NGOs, ICRC and KRCS, with the latter appointed to be the lead agency.



SUPPORTING EMERGENCY RESPONSE CAPACITY OF HEALTH STRUCTURES



- Due to fighting that erupted in January in Somalia, across the border from Mandera, the County Referral Hospital experienced a sudden influx of wounded people. To support the emergency health response the ICRC delivered assorted medical supplies including weapon-wounded medical kits to the Hospital, with support of the local KRCS branch.



- In coordination with the County Health Department in Mombasa, the first assessment by ICRC medical consultants was carried out at the Coast General Teaching and Referral Hospital as part of the Emergency Department Support Project. The assessment focused on triage systems and emergency preparedness and informed next steps of the support project to be done in the second half of the year.



Red Cross donates medical assistance to Mandera County Hospital to treat injured patients following fighting at the Kenya – Somalia border earlier this year.



PROMOTING KNOWLEDGE AND RESPECT OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW (IHL) AND OTHER APPLICABLE NORMS

AUTHORITIES

- Bilateral dialogue developed positively with Data Protection Commissioner on issues of data protection in the humanitarian sphere, with ICRC submitting technical input to a taskforce to formulate Kenya's Data Protection Regulations.
- Technical assistance given to the National Committee on the implementation of IHL in its discussions on Kenya's accession to the Arms Trade Treaty, and similarly on the thematic of IHL and Cyberspace.





- Bilateral discussions held with UNEP to explore means of promoting the protection of environment during armed conflict. This includes incorporating the updated Guidelines on the Protection of the Environment in Armed Conflict in the Law and Environment Law Programme of the UNEP.
- Bilateral discussions have been held with the Regional Centre for Small Arms (RECSA) to increase advocacy on accession to the Arms Trade Treaty.
- The ICRC has provided technical support to the African Council of Religious Leaders, Religion for Peace and the National Assembly Committee on Defence and International Relations on discussions on Kenya's signing and accession to the Treaty on the Ban on Nuclear Weapons.

SECURITY FORCES



Dissemination session with members of the security forces.



ICRC continued to conduct tailor made activities with different military and police formations, focusing on ICRC role and mandate, and on the relevance of IHL/IHRL provisions to the conduct of their activities in Kenya, and abroad if applicable. During these sessions the ICRC engaged with:

- **331** administration officers; **28** officers and **137** junior non-commissioned officers of Kenya Airforce training schools; **40** participants of Grade **3** Staff Course at Defence Staff College; **10** participants of Company Commanders Course at the Border Police Training Campus.



- **25** commanders of KDF Quick Reaction Force company due for deployment to MONUSCO and **21** participants from EASF member states. KDF Contingent AMISOM Commander to maintain communication channel and facilitate delivery of humanitarian assistance.
- In addition, **2** senior KDF officers participated in the launch of ICRC's publication: "Allies, Partners & Proxies - Managing Support Relationships in Armed Conflict to Reduce the Human Cost of War" jointly organized by ICRC and the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI).



ACADEMIC CIRCLES



- **3** lecturers from Kenya participated in an advanced training in IHL conducted online between the ICRC and the University of South Africa.
- **60** students from Strathmore University benefitted from a guest lecture on the role of the ICRC in promotion of IHL.



- The ICRC held bilateral dialogue with the University of Nairobi on the establishment of an online IHL journal to promote greater IHL research in Kenya and the region.
- More than **30** publications were shared with different academic institutions to assist in IHL research.



- The annual essay competition for undergraduate students from African countries was launched. The objective of the competition is to raise awareness and interest in IHL among university students and to shed a spotlight on humanitarian issues affecting the region. **48** submissions were received from **30** universities across **7** countries.

MEDIA



ICRC continued to engage with editors and senior journalist to sensitize them on humanitarian issues of ICRC's concern.

- Editors from **two** major media houses agreed to cover ICRC-KRCS field activities in the coastal and border areas with Somalia.
- **30** senior journalists attended an interactive session organized by the KRCS featuring Red Cross movement partners.



RELIGIOUS CIRCLES

ICRC continued to engage with religious scholars and practitioners and with community leaders to cultivate acceptance for its work and ensure respect for humanitarian norms and principles.

- Meetings and sessions held with prominent Muslim clerics and institutions in Nairobi (such as Umma University, Jamia Mosque) and in the field to explore and widen areas of cooperation, focusing on humanitarian principles common to IHL and the Islamic Law.
- Books on the above topic were translated to Kiswahili language by the ICRC, with printed copies distributed to clerics in Kenya, Uganda, Mozambique, DR Congo and Tanzania, while the electronic version is made available globally via ICRC's Religion and Humanitarian Principles website.

PARTNERING FOR STRONGER RED CROSS RED CRESCENT MOVEMENT RESPONSE

- KRCS and ICRC conducted a joint integrated communications and Safer Access Framework training for disseminators drawn from **16** counties. **18** participants successfully completed the **5**-days training.



KRCS Secretary General, Dr Asha Mohammed welcomed the new ICRC Deputy Regional Director for Movement Affairs in Africa, Karen Hostens during an introduction meeting in May.

- ICRC has procured and distributed 3 satellite phones to enhance safer access in joint operational areas in Lamu and Garissa branches, improving safety and security during emergency situations.

SUPPORT TO HUMANITARIAN OPERATIONS ACROSS AFRICA



Through its regional logistics center based in Nairobi, the ICRC coordinated sourcing and transport of relief supplies for ICRC operations in central, eastern and southern Africa, and further afield.

- Shipped **2,050** metric tonnes of relief goods, food and other essential items to **37** countries, worth a total value of **4.3M** CHF million.
- Purchased **1.8M** CHF worth of goods, a quarter of which was sourced from **146** local suppliers.



DJIBOUTI



SUPPORT TO INMATES AND AUTHORITIES IN GABODE PRISON

- **615** inmates benefitted from donation of surgical masks, soap, detergent and other sanitation items.
- Phone calls continued to be provided to inmates, while adhering to COVID-19 prevention protocols created and applied at the onset of the pandemic.



REUNITING SEPARATED FAMILIES AND PROMOTING HUMAN DIGNITY FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

- In cooperation with Djibouti Red Crescent Society (DRCS), ICRC organized a roundtable in Obock on the Management of the Dead in the context of shipwrecks on the migratory route passing through Djibouti. Participants included **12** key first responders, representing the local government, Ministry of Health, IOM and Coast Guard officials.
- **30** copies of field manual on Management of Dead Bodies after Disasters donated to first responders as well as key interlocutors.
- **71** cases of tracing requests are being followed by the ICRC together with the DRCS, and **9,373** phone calls made to keep families connected or to reconnect them for the first time.
- **4,750** self-care booklets in Oromo, Tigrinya, Somali, Amharic and French were distributed with DRCS in the refugee camps along the migratory routes, helping to raise awareness on simple survival attitudes and available channels to keep in touch with family members.





PROMOTING KNOWLEDGE AND RESPECT OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW

- Dissemination session focusing on the ICRC and RC/RC Movement was held for **20** Gendarmerie Officers.
- **11** commissioned and non-commissioned officers of the Gendarmerie and five officials of the Prison Administration attended a seminar on crowd control management.
- In collaboration with the High Islamic Council (HIC), **three** local charity associations assisted by ICRC to support more than **100** persons coming from the vulnerable groups and migrants during Ramadan.



HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

- DRCS conducted an awareness campaign on the importance of handwashing, reaching **11,500** men, women and children; **300** handwashing stations were installed in vulnerable neighborhoods of the capital and the regions with the support of the ICRC.



PARTNERING FOR STRONGER RED CROSS RED CRESCENT MOVEMENT RESPONSE

- **2**-day joint movement meeting in Djibouti brought together Red Cross and Red Crescent partners - IFRC, KRCS, British Red Cross, ICRC – to discuss strategy towards further DRCS development.



TANZANIA



MAINTAINING FAMILY CONTACTS FOR REFUGEES



- The ICRC donated PPE items for the team of the Tanzanian Red Cross Society (TRCS) working with refugees in Kibondo to enable them to continue the work safely.
- **23** unaccompanied minors were reunited with their parents or relatives in Burundi in coordination between TRCS and ICRC teams in Kibondo and Bujumbura, while **11,197** phone calls and Red Cross messages were exchanged between refugees and their family members.
- **88** new bicycles donated to TRCS for volunteers in the Nyarugusu, Mtendeli and Nduta camp to help them carry out tracing request follow-up and disseminate RFL activities to the refugees.



PROMOTING DIALOGUE ON IHL



- The ICRC and Tanzania Police Forces agreed on the plan of activities to implement Memorandum of Understanding focusing on training sessions on the topic of international law and standards applicable to the law enforcement duties. First training held in June for **74** police officers at the Peacekeeping Training Centre in Kunduchi, Dar es Salaam.
- Meetings held with Muslim religious scholars and with members of interfaith committee in Dar es Saalam to promote dialogue on humanitarian principles and norms.



PHYSICAL REHABILITATION PROGRAM



- ICRC continued to work with authorities and national associations to support rehabilitation and social inclusion for people with disabilities through sport activities.
- Technical assistance given to the Ministry of Health in the drafting and completion of the first national rehabilitation strategic plan.



- Donation of **12** sport wheelchairs, **5** balls, **14** jerseys and one box of sports kits to the Tanzania Paralympic Committee and Wheelchair Basketball Association. An additional donation of **100** crutches, **40** balls and **40** boots were sent to the Tanzania Paralympic Committee and Tanzania Amputee Football Federation in three administrative regions.
- Provision and fitting of prostheses for **16** beneficiaries in the refugee camps in Kibondo.
- Technical assistance to the Ministry of Health in the drafting of the first national rehabilitation strategic plan.



Donation of sport equipment under ICRC's Physical Rehabilitation Program to the Tanzania Paralympic Committee.



PARTNERING FOR STRONGER RED CROSS RED CRESCENT MOVEMENT RESPONSE

- TRCS and ICRC conducted regular coordination and agreed on priorities for 2021, to include stronger operational cooperation and joint positioning on humanitarian issues and norms with authorities and other national and international actors.

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