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FACTSHEET

ICRC in Tajikistan

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The ICRC in Tajikistan:

The ICRC has been operating in Tajikistan since 1992 in response to the civil war.

Currently, the ICRC carries out programs in the country in partnership with the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan and in coordination with the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan: addressing humanitarian needs, for instance, victims of mines and families of missing persons, also preparing for responding to emergency situations and promoting the international humanitarian law and other humanitarian norms.

ACCOMPANING THE FAMILIES OF MISSING

314 families of the missing (530 beneficiaries) from Sughd province, Rasht Valley, Dushanbe region participated in the ICRC psychosocial accompaniment programme. The aim of the program is to provide support to these families to cope with needs they may have in different fields, such as health, legal and administrative, as well as psychosocial. The support is provided through group sessions and by addressing the identified needs through local existing services. The program also aims to increase general awareness on the rights of the missing persons and their families. The program is implemented with the help of 12 accompaniers from a Public Organization “Gulrukhsor” (Sughd region) and 24 accompaniers from the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan (RCST). Commemoration of the International Day of Disappeared in Dushanbe and Sughd province gathered 415 participants who are the relatives of missing persons. Remembering the loved ones that went missing is part of the general recognition of the plight of families who live in a situation of ambiguity due to not knowing the fate of their missing relative.



Mine victim received a grant from the ICRC to develop his own business

families were able to increase their monthly income of **14%**. The list of Mine Victims has been verified and handed over to TNMAC (Tajik National Mine Action Centre). **7 km** of the water distribution network supplying drinking water to **3** villages of Norek have been constructed within the frame of the “Cash for Work” program of the ICRC and RCST. The ICRC and RCST are aiming to boost income generation for the regional branches of the RCST. To this effect, **3 Income Generating Projects** have been launched in 2016. The projects covered activities such as beekeeping, turkey breeding, greenhouse and potatoes farming. **The program ended in 2016**



Commemoration of the International Day of Disappeared in Dushanbe. “Give a face to missing”

ASSISTING MINE VICTIMS HOUSEHOLDS AND FAMILIES OF DECEASED

197 families of Mine Victims were assisted.

Thanks to the grant provided by the ICRC, these

RESTORING FAMILY LINKS (RFL)

75 families from Tajikistan visited their detained relatives who are women, juveniles and life-sentenced detainees thanks to ICRC support. The ICRC in Tajikistan collected **330 tracing requests**

85 tracing requests were collected by the RCST – many of them for tracing abroad. 45 replies regarding those, including 7 positive answers were received.

Prevention of disappearances – over 100 representatives from EMERCOM (Committee for emergencies), MoD, MIA, Border Troops, Ministry of Health and Committee of Religious Affairs received training on management of the dead bodies in emergencies.

5 round tables have been organized by the RCST with the ICRC support for the local authorities with the

aim to disseminate information on RFL activities. **Media campaign** aimed to prevent loss of family contacts started **in December**.

HELPING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES



2743 people, from which **1439** are children, received limb-lifting and physical rehabilitation services at the State Orthopedic Plants (SEOP) of Dushanbe. The **ICRC MoveAbility Foundation** supported the reopening of the **SEOP branch in Khujand** with equipment, machinery and trained three staff from Sughd province.

Mine victim has been provided by the new prostheses

SUPPORTING HEALTH CARE SERVICES

3 Emergency Room Trauma Course for **53** doctors from various ministries and agencies were provided. **27** surgeons – practitioners participated in the Weapon Wounds Surgery Seminar. **Medical consumables** were provided to Badakhshan provincial hospital and to the health unit of the Ministry of Justice.



Emergency Trauma Course in Kulob, Khatlon

COOPERATION WITH THE RED CRESCENT OF TAJIKISTAN (RCST)

The **ICRC continued supporting the RCST's programs** on "Emergency Preparedness and Response", "Mine Risk Education", "Restoring Family Links", "Communication and Dissemination of IHL",

"Capacity Building of the RCST in First Aid training". The **ICRC continued to strengthen the disaster response capacities of the RCST** through field simulation exercises, provision of equipment and allocation of **350** blankets, kitchen sets, buckets, tents etc. Over **14 RCST branches received training and first aid equipment in 2016**. The ICRC implemented its cooperation activities in close coordination with other Movement Partners as German Red Cross, Iranian Red Crescent, and Country Representation of the International Federation for the Red Cross and Red Crescent in Tajikistan.



Distribution of food to the population after natural disaster. Rudaki

PROMOTING INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW (IHL) AND OTHER HUMANITARIAN NORMS

375 officers from the Ministry of Interior (MIA) and Ministry of Defence (MoD) of Tajikistan, as well as **120** officers of the State Committee for National Security (SCNS) attended the seminars provided by the ICRC on IHL/IHRL, followed by a First Aid course. Officers of the SCNS, MoD and MIA participated in a 2-day Advanced Course on the Law of Armed Conflict (LoAC) in Dushanbe. A MoD officer attended the Military Course on the LoAC in San Remo. **100 academics, clergies and young scholars** from several CIS countries participated in a regional scientific conference on "IHL & Islam" organized by the ICRC and Islamic Studies Centre under the President of Tajikistan, in Dushanbe. **14 Clergies** from Rasht Valley participated in Dissemination Session on the ICRC activities in Tajikistan. More than **16 journalists** from the local media outlets attended a Round table aimed to share information about ICRC activities in Tajikistan, Central Asia and Afghanistan.

MISSION

The International Committee of the Red Cross (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 relief activities conducted by the Movement in armed conflicts and other situations of violence.

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