



# ICRC operations in 2006: a few facts and figures

## PRESENCE

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

▶ Africa	27
▶ Asia and the Pacific	18
▶ Europe and the Americas	24
▶ Middle East and North Africa	11

## PERSONNEL

The average number of ICRC staff in 2006 was as follows:

▶ <b>Headquarters:</b>	<b>783</b>
Field: expatriates	1,506
<i>Expatriates</i>	1,333
<i>National Society staff</i>	173
Field: national staff	10,174
<i>National staff on temporary mission</i>	33
<i>Other National staff</i>	10,141
▶ <b>Field: total <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>11,680</b>
<b>Final total</b>	<b>12,463</b>

(1) This figure does not include an average of 1,745 daily workers hired by the ICRC in the field.

## FINANCE

### ▶ ICRC expenditure in 2006

Headquarters	CHF 151.5 million	USD 120.4 million	EUR 96.3 million
Field	CHF 864.4 million	USD 687.1 million	EUR 549.6 million

The sub-total comes to CHF 1,015.9 million from which field overheads (CHF 51.7 million) must be deducted in order to reach the final total.

<b>Final total:</b>	<b>CHF 964.1 million</b>	<b>USD 766.4 million</b>	<b>EUR 613.0 million</b>
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### ▶ 10 largest operations in 2006 in terms of expenditure

1 Sudan	CHF 122.0 million	USD 97.0 million	EUR 77.6 million
2 Pakistan	CHF 52.5 million	USD 41.8 million	EUR 33.4 million
3 Israel, the Occupied and Autonomous Territories	CHF 49.5 million	USD 39.4 million	EUR 31.5 million
4 Somalia	CHF 49.1 million	USD 39.0 million	EUR 31.2 million
5 Lebanon	CHF 48.1 million	USD 38.3 million	EUR 30.6 million
6 Iraq	CHF 42.3 million	USD 33.6 million	EUR 26.9 million
7 Afghanistan	CHF 40.8 million	USD 32.4 million	EUR 25.9 million
8 Congo, Democratic Republic of the	CHF 32.5 million	USD 25.9 million	EUR 20.7 million
9 Moscow (regional)	CHF 30.1 million	USD 24.0 million	EUR 19.2 million
10 Sri Lanka	CHF 26.1 million	USD 20.7 million	EUR 16.6 million

Exchange rates: USD 1.00 = CHF 1.2580; EUR 1.00 = CHF 1.5728

## VISITS TO DETAINEES

ICRC delegates visited **478,299 detainees**, 41,918 of whom were monitored individually (1,158 females, 1,682 minors), held in **2,577 places of detention** in **71 countries**. Of this number, 25,369 detainees (632 females, 1,417 minors) were registered and visited for the first time in 2006.

With support provided by the ICRC, **18,715 detainees** benefited from **family visits**.

A total of **24,421 detention attestations** were issued.

## RESTORING FAMILY LINKS

The ICRC collected **331,804** and distributed **302,157 Red Cross messages**, thus enabling members of families separated as a result of conflict, disturbances or tensions to exchange news.

The ICRC **registered 1,555 unaccompanied/separated children** (including 428 demobilized children) during 2006. Once their families had been located and with the agreement of the child and relatives concerned, it organized and supported the reunification of **1,081 children** with their families. At the end of the year, the cases of **3,774 unaccompanied/separated minors** (including 337 demobilized children) were still being handled, and 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.

The ICRC established the **whereabouts of 11,569 people** for whom tracing requests had been filed by their families. The ICRC

## ASSISTANCE SUPPLIES

In 2006, the ICRC purchased or received as contributions in kind the following assistance supplies:

▶ Food items	77,550 tonnes	CHF	63 million
▶ Seed	5,605 tonnes	CHF	6 million
▶ Essential household items	16,745 tonnes	CHF	55 million
<i>Including:</i>			
<i>1,100,000 blankets</i>			
<i>6,900 tents</i>			
<i>380,000 tarpaulins</i>			
<i>171,500 kitchen sets</i>			
<i>449,000 hygiene kits</i>			
<i>613 tonnes of clothing</i>			
▶ Medical and physical rehabilitation items		CHF	20 million
▶ Water and habitat items		CHF	16 million
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>CHF 160 million</b>
			<b>USD 127 million</b>
			<b>EUR 102 million</b>

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website [www.familylinks.icrc.org](http://www.familylinks.icrc.org) allowed the **publication of 124,509 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 **69,049 missing persons** (12,897 women and 7,312 minors) for their families.

The ICRC helped **1,120 people (1,081 minors) to rejoin their families**. It organized the **transfer or repatriation of 3,501 people and 282 human remains**. It issued **travel documents** that enabled **5,862 people** to return to their home countries or to settle in a host country.

It relayed **64,446 various official documents** between family members across borders and frontlines.

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

## ASSISTANCE

In 2006, **53** of the ICRC's **80** delegations and missions ran assistance programmes. The bulk of the work was carried out in Afghanistan, the Caucasus, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Iraq, Israel and the occupied and autonomous Palestinian territories, Lebanon, Liberia, Pakistan-administered Kashmir, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan (the southern part of the country and Darfur) and Uganda.

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

During the year, ICRC activities to ensure economic security directly benefited households and communities in **27 countries** worldwide. More than **2,650,000 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, 4,040,000** in the form of **essential household and hygiene items and 3,460,000** 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 2006, 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 **15.9 million people** worldwide (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). They were implemented by a team of **110 expatriate engineers** and **770 local engineers and technicians**.

## HEALTH CARE SERVICES

During the year, the ICRC regularly supported **193 hospitals** and **303 other health care facilities** around the world. An estimated **2,366,000 people** (30.4% women and 50.6% children) benefited from ICRC-supported health-care facilities. **Community health programmes** were implemented in **19 countries**, in many cases with National Society participation.

More than **9,900 weapon-wounded** and **67,100 non-weapon-wounded** patients were admitted to ICRC-supported hospitals in **17 countries** where more than **65,200 surgical interventions** were performed. The ICRC regularly supported **28 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 **77 centres** in **24 countries**, enabling **141,961 patients** (22,839 women and 30,343 children) to receive services. A total of **10,064 new patients were rehabilitated with prostheses** and **18,384 with orthoses**. In addition, **3,031 wheelchairs** and **38,224 crutches and sticks** were distributed, most of them locally manufactured. Training of local staff was a priority to improve 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 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 30% of the ICRC's operational activities are carried out in cooperation with the National Society of the country concerned.

In **9 of the countries** where the ICRC is running its largest operations, **6 different National Societies** working internationally were involved in the **implementation of 16 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 38 projects in 7 countries.

The ICRC also spent **CHF 81.5 million** to assist National Societies in their own countries in building and strengthening their capacity to carry out activities in the following areas:

- ▶ **139 National Societies** in their work to promote and spread knowledge of **IHL and the Fundamental Principles**;
- ▶ **122 National Societies** in their work to restore **family links**;
- ▶ **115 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**.

## RELATIONS WITH ARMS CARRIERS

Throughout the year, ICRC delegates met and negotiated or concluded agreements with the various weapon bearers present in conflict zones, from members of the military and the police to paramilitary units, rebel movements, and mercenaries.

- ▶ **21 specialized ICRC delegates** conducted or took part in more than **300 courses, workshops, round-tables and exercises** involving some **18,000 military, security and police personnel** in more than **100 countries**. A total of **71 military officers from 23 countries** received ICRC scholarships to attend **9 military courses on IHL** in San Remo.
- ▶ Delegates promoted compliance with applicable legal norms among private military and security companies contracted by States or other entities.
- ▶ A **survey of existing means of identifying and handling human remains and restoring family links** was conducted in **39 countries**. Subsequently, the ICRC produced an information kit to help armed forces prevent and/or resolve the problem of missing persons, from among their personnel and other groups.
- ▶ A film based on interviews with former non-State fighters from four different countries about their knowledge of and compliance with IHL was in production and will be ready in 2007 for use as a dissemination tool in discussions with armed groups.
- ▶ The ICRC also published *Understanding arms carriers*, a booklet for new delegates.

## 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 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 important regional and international IHL seminars.

In 2006, the ICRC organized or co-organized:

- ▶ **14 regional and international IHL training seminars for academics** (8 in Europe and the Americas; 4 in Asia; 2 in Africa), involving **over 200 professors, lecturers and graduate students**;
- ▶ **7 regional IHL competitions** for students (3 in Europe; 3 in Asia; 1 in Africa), involving some **300 students and lecturers**.

## PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

In 2006, the **Media Relations Unit** in Geneva issued **148 press releases**, **78 news reports**, **139 information bulletins** and **97 briefing and information notes**, and organized **16 press conferences**. It produced and issued **11 video news items** to broadcasters worldwide and produced **6 news stories** for use with various target groups (the *From the field* series).

According to the Factiva database, which compiles print-media sources from 118 countries in 22 languages, the ICRC was mentioned more than 12,000 times in 2006.

## SUPPORTING IHL EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS

The **Exploring Humanitarian Law teaching module**, launched in 2001, is currently being implemented in **69 contexts** around the world. It was piloted in classrooms in 50 countries during the year.

## MINE-ACTION SUPPORT

Throughout the year, the **mine-action sector** provided operational support to delegations, National Societies and political authorities in over **20 countries**. The sector also worked with the United Nations 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 **2,400 requests** for information from National Societies, NGOs, academics, government departments and the media.

The ICRC produced some **40 print and audiovisual products** and **distributed** more than **7,000 films** and **460,000 publications** worldwide. Approximately **107 million page views** were registered on the **ICRC website**.

The ICRC headquarters received groups totalling over **9,000 visitors**. Of these, some 35% were university students, 10% were from the diplomatic milieu, 5% were from international organizations and NGOs, and 5% 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.