



SERVING HUMANITY

ICRC REGIONAL DELEGATION
FOR INDIA, NEPAL, BHUTAN
AND THE MALDIVES



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WORKING TOGETHER

The ICRC's Regional Delegation in New Delhi carries out activities in India, Nepal, Bhutan and the Maldives and supports humanitarian initiatives in other parts of the region based on its specific areas of expertise.

In the region today, the ICRC works primarily with and through local partners, in particular, the Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS), Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS), Maldivian Red Crescent (MRC) and the Bhutan Red Cross Society (BRCS). The regional delegation works closely with the leadership, staff and volunteers of these national societies to address humanitarian needs through capacity-sharing and supporting service delivery. Other major partners include government agencies, health institutions, universities and think tanks. Furthermore, the ICRC shares its expertise in the fields of International Humanitarian Law (IHL), first-aid, humanitarian forensics, peacekeeping operations, emergency trauma care, physical rehabilitation, and social inclusion.

COOPERATION

The ICRC, through its Cooperation department, works in partnership with the Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS), Maldivian Red Crescent (MRC), Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS) and Bhutan Red Cross Society (BRCS). The partnerships focus primarily on capacity-building of these national societies, emergency response and addressing various humanitarian needs in the countries. These partnerships cover a wide range of thematic and geographic areas in

respective countries as part of its humanitarian interventions. The department also works with other Movement partners such as – the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and other partner national societies present in the country – to ensure collective efforts of capacity-building of host national society, increased joint humanitarian response and collectively addressing issues pertaining to the larger Red Cross Movement.



HEALTH

The ICRC continues its cooperation with the Indian Government to share expertise on initiatives for vulnerable communities in priority areas, as well as with the Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) and India's premier health and policy institutions.

As part of this collaboration, the Health department builds capacities in emergency care in both pre-hospital and hospital setup (First Aid, Basic Emergency Care, and Emergency Room Trauma Course). It also continues to collaborate with key stakeholder institutions in India, including the National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM), IRCS and the International Institute of Health Management Research (IIHMR), in organizing the regional H.E.L.P. (Health Emergencies in Large Populations) Course in India.



INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW (IHL)

The ICRC supports multiple regional and national programmes towards ensuring respect for implementing IHL. It works with government officials, armed and security forces, multilateral and international organizations, lawyers, academia and media. To facilitate young lawyers' engagement with IHL, the ICRC and the Indian Society of International Law (ISIL) jointly organize the Henry Dunant Memorial Moot Court Competition every year since 2001.

FORENSICS

The ICRC works with forensic scientists and other experts in India, Nepal, Bhutan and the Maldives to provide advice, support and training, improve services, and manage those who die in disasters and conflict in a dignified manner. Together with our partners at the National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU), we have created the International Centre for Humanitarian Forensics (ICHF), the world's first institutionalization of the application of forensic science to humanitarian crises. ICHF is envisioned as a global one-stop centre of excellence for scientific research, capacity building, and innovative projects that will stand at the centre of humanitarian crises and mass fatalities.

PHYSICAL REHABILITATION PROGRAMME (PRP)

The ICRC supports the physical rehabilitation of persons with disabilities mainly through the provision of assistive devices, including wheelchairs and mobility aids, and technical assistance in the field of prosthetics and orthotics and physiotherapy. The focus is primarily on children,



women, disaster victims and people living in remote areas. The programme helps ensure that quality physical rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities are accessible and sustainable at the ICRC-supported centres. The ICRC typically operates through a partnership with public institutions and NGOs to build local capacities.

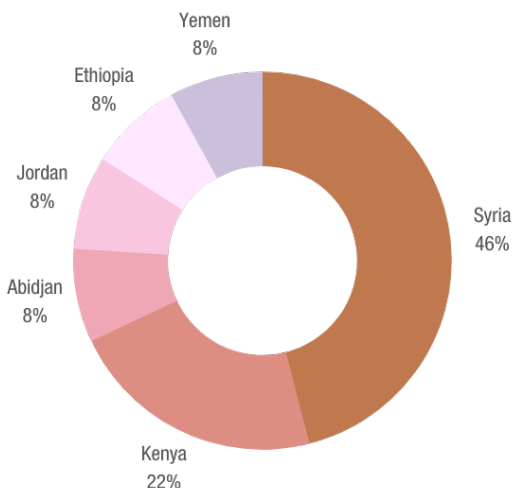
Through partnerships with training institutions, national professional associations, and other stakeholders in physical rehabilitation, the ICRC provides a wide range of capacity-building programmes to help staff at partner institutions improve their services and ensure the quality of their assistive devices. The ICRC also promotes the social inclusion of persons with disabilities through vocational training, employment, and disability sports, such as wheelchair basketball.



GLOBAL SOURCING

To meet the needs of people affected by conflicts worldwide, the ICRC's Asia Sourcing department procures humanitarian relief goods and services from Indian companies. In order to identify potential suppliers who can meet the needs in terms of quality, quantity, price, and service, as well as respecting social and environmental requirements, the sourcing team conducts campaigns, assessments, and audits of manufacturing facilities throughout the year. Among the goods procured from India are rice, therapeutic food, blankets, hygiene parcels, sleeping mats, mosquito nets, kitchen sets, cold boxes/vaccine carriers, and medicines.

SIX FINAL DESTINATIONS OF ITEMS PROCURED FROM INDIA IN 2022





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RESTORING FAMILY LINKS (RFL)

Since 2004, the ICRC has been carrying out visits to persons deprived of their liberty in the Maldives and engages with authorities on issues relating to detention visits and correctional services. In Jammu & Kashmir, the ICRC has been supporting families of persons detained to maintain contact with their relatives. The India Red Cross Society (IRCS) and ICRC work together to locate people and put them back into contact with their relatives. This includes tracing family members, re-establishing and maintaining contact and reuniting families.

HIGHLIGHTS 2022:



314

participants from 19 countries participated in the ICRC-CUNPK peacekeeping sessions



7815

beneficiaries received rehabilitation services from physical rehabilitation centres assisted by the ICRC in India



333

beneficiaries received vocational training and employment through the societal integration initiative



INR 65.3 crores

worth relief materials sourced from India



33

Forensic experts from India participated in the second search conference on enhancing India's forensic human identification capacity

WHO WE ARE

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) is an independent and non-political organisation with a large scope of strictly humanitarian activities, which it undertakes through its presence in over 80 countries around the world. It has a universally recognised responsibility to promote International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and to respond to the needs of people affected by situations of humanitarian concern, in particular armed conflict and violence.

Working in partnership with National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, local authorities and others, the ICRC provides humanitarian aid and expertise in areas such as: international humanitarian law, emergency response, health and rehabilitative services, water and habitat, livelihood support, humanitarian forensics, detention management and the restoration of family links.

The ICRC has a proven record and long history in Asia and works by engaging with all parties concerned through a unique approach based on confidentiality, transparency, reliability and partnerships in order to be able to reach and meet the needs of vulnerable persons.



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