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KEY ACTIVITIES

ICRC REGIONAL DELEGATION



A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF THE REGIONAL DELEGATION FOR INDIA, NEPAL, BHUTAN AND THE MALDIVES ON WORLD RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT DAY 2023



We celebrate World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day every year on 8 May and this year, the theme is 'Everything we do comes from the heart'. It is a wonderful opportunity for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent (RCRC) Movement, our staff, and the 14 million volunteers of the National Societies, to come together and demonstrate our commitment to a shared humanity. We also reaffirm our Fundamental Principles, which guide all our efforts to alleviate human suffering.

In recent years, crises and disasters have spared almost no one. The pandemic, armed conflicts and violence across the world, the climate crisis and climate-related disasters, food insecurity, among others, have hit the world's most vulnerable groups the hardest.

This year we celebrate the universal, human and diverse aspects of the RCRC Movement by focusing on the RCRC volunteers and their involvement within our communities. Beyond delivering services, our volunteers play a vital role in improving community resilience and unity. We are deeply proud of our incredible volunteers who save lives and strive for our shared humanity every single day. Even though the scale of today's challenges—be it COVID-19, the climate crisis or the dangers faced by communities at risk of disaster—can feel overwhelming, there is hope. The commitment of the volunteers never wavers, and their compassion has no limits. They are our strength and they are what define us. And they help make the world safer and more peaceful every day.

Kedir Awol Omar

Head of the Regional Delegation for
India, Nepal, Bhutan and the Maldives

TOP STORIES

ICRC–RRU workshop on 21st Century Naval Warfare and IHL: Implications for Coastal and Maritime Security | December 2022

A two-day workshop was organized jointly by the ICRC Regional Delegation in New Delhi and Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU), on 21st-Century Naval Warfare and International Humanitarian Law: Implications for Coastal and Maritime Security. With a particular focus on the Indo-Pacific region, the event created an essential forum for experts, academics and interlocutors to discuss matters pertaining to international humanitarian law (IHL), humanitarian challenges in the maritime domain and to share the best practices in the region.



Maldivian Red Crescent and Bhutan Red Cross Society sign partnership framework agreements with the ICRC | December 2022

As a milestone in the ICRC's relationship with National Societies (NSs), two Partnership Framework Agreements (PFAs) were signed for three years (2023–2025) with the Maldivian Red Crescent (MRC) and the Bhutan Red Cross Society (BRCS). Dragyel Tenzin Dorjee, Secretary General, BRCS, signed the PFA with Kedir Awol Omar, Head of the Regional Delegation, in the New Delhi office. Discussions leading to the signing of the agreements included humanitarian priorities, capacities, aspirations, achievements and challenges of the ICRC–NS partnership.



Basic Emergency Care Course and Training of Trainers conducted in Jammu and Kashmir | January/February 2023

In emergency situations, timely and effective care can reduce morbidity and mortality. The ICRC supported the Directorate of Health Services, Jammu (DHS) and the Directorate of Health Services, Kashmir (DHSK), in conducting Basic Emergency Care (BEC) training and BEC Training of Trainers (ToT), to strengthen emergency health-care services. Twenty seven BEC providers attended the event, and seven BEC potential trainers were identified and underwent ToT. Medical officers/consultants and auxiliary medical staff from 25 government medical centres of 12 districts of Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) received training during the programme.



Forensic short courses on search and excavation of bodies from unmarked grave sites and forensic fingerprint photography | February 2023

In all cases of successful identification, two elements must match: information from an anonymous body and information about a deceased person. This is why the International Centre for Humanitarian Forensics (ICHF), a partnership between the ICRC and the National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU), offered two short courses: Forensic Search and Excavation of Unmarked Burials and Forensic Fingerprint Photography. With these two courses, the ICRC contributes to better practice at both ends, reducing the number of unidentified dead and helping families of missing persons to know the fate of their loved ones.



ICRC's capacity-building training programme on Safer Access Framework for the Maldivian Red Crescent | February 2023

The Maldivian Red Crescent (MRC) and the ICRC Regional Delegation jointly organized a two-day Safer Access Framework (SAF) training programme in Male, the Maldives. A key objective of the training was to familiarize MRC staff and volunteers with the fundamental concepts of SAF. Fourteen participants attended the training programme from MRC headquarters and several other branches. During the course of two days, the team discussed the significance of the SAF element and how it contributes to the capacity assessment and development of National Societies.



ICRC's training programme on Restoring Family Links with the Maldivian Red Crescent | February/March 2023

A three-day training programme on Restoring Family Links (RFL) was jointly organized by the Maldivian Red Crescent (MRC) and the ICRC Regional Delegation in the Maldives. The aim was to enhance the capacity of MRC's staff and volunteers to provide effective and efficient RFL services. A total of 15 participants attended the training programme. As part of the three-day training programme, the trainers and participants engaged in and reflected on various aspects of the RFL activities.



AALCO Secretary General meets the Head of the Regional Delegation | March 2023

As part of the continued association between the Regional Delegation of the ICRC and the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO), Dr Kamalinne Pinitpuvadol, Secretary General, AALCO and Geetika Sharma, Head of Policy Planning and Communications Division, AALCO, paid a courtesy visit to Kadir Awol Omar, Head of the Regional Delegation; Sandeep Bali, ICRC's armed and security forces delegate and Head of Prevention, ICRC and Gunjan Chawla, Legal Adviser, ICRC, in New Delhi. The meeting allowed both sides to discuss upcoming programmes and explore collaboration opportunities.



Academics platform: Climate Change, Protection of the Natural Environment in Armed Conflict | May 2023

People across the globe are affected by environmental degradation and climate change, which exacerbates existing vulnerabilities, inequalities and social fragility. People, communities and countries affected by armed conflict tend to be particularly vulnerable to the effects of climate change since they are less able to adapt and protect themselves. With the objective of advancing discussions and deliberations on these issues, the 8th Advanced International Humanitarian Law South Asian Academics Platform (AISAAP) was organized online, in collaboration with the Asia Pacific Journal of International Humanitarian Law (APJIHL).





Workshop on 21st Century Naval Warfare and IHL

A two-day workshop by @ICRC_nd on “21st Century Naval Warfare and International Humanitarian Law: Implications for Coastal and Maritime Security”, held in association with @RakshaUni, begins today. @sicmss



Maritime Security Operations Workshop

It was a successful conclusion to @ICRC_nd’s Maritime Security Operations Workshop following two days of robust and insightful discussions and a meeting with the Vice Chief of Defence Force, @MNDF_Official.



South Asia rounds of the 16th Moot Court Competition

Kathmandu School of Law emerged as the winner of the South Asia rounds of the 16th Henry Dunant Memorial Moot Court Competition 2022 in Nepal. Our sincere congratulations to the winners, runners-up, and all participants.



Flagship project on the Digital Transformation of the IRCS

A flagship project focusing on the Digital Transformation of @IndianRedCross was launched by the Secretary General, IRCS, Mr R K Jain and Head of Regional Delegation, @ICRC_nd, @KediromarICRC, on 6 February 2023.



Regional Delegation’s mission to Bhutan

ICRC team led by HoRD, @ICRC_nd, @kediromarICRC met H.E. Dr Tandi Dorji, Foreign Minister, Govt. Of Bhutan @FMBhutan; AG Lungten Dubgyur & SG @BhutanRed, Dragyel Tenzin Dorjee to discuss growing partnership between @ICRC & BRCS, capacity building of humanitarian response & IHL.



Celebrating International Women’s Day

On this #InternationalWomensDay, we celebrate the indomitable spirit and resilience of women who have risen against all odds to dream and lead the lives they want.



Seminar on Integrating Humanitarian Principles in Law Enforcement

Manish Das, Deputy Head of Regional Delegation, @ICRC_nd, delivered the special remarks & Prof Bimal Patel, VC, @RakshaUni, gave the inaugural address at the two-day seminar on Integrating Humanitarian Principles in Law Enforcement, held by @RakshaUni in association with @ICRC.



Activities during December 2022 – May 2023



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