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ICRC GREECE 2022 at a glance

In an increasingly complex global environment, people continue moving across borders in their efforts to find safety and a dignified life for them and their families. In their endeavor, they are often forced to take highly dangerous routes risking their lives and getting separated from their family members only to find more challenges in countries of transit or destination. To alleviate some of the suffering, the ICRC in Greece, in close cooperation with the Hellenic Red Cross, the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and the authorities, provides support through focused services.

These were our main activities in 2022:

PROTECTING FAMILY LINKS

The ICRC is working closely with the Hellenic Red Cross and relevant authorities to prevent families from separating during migration, protect and restore family links, and search for and identify missing persons. In 2022:



138 people were newly sought by their families.

14 cases were collected for people deemed missing after the ICRC met with dozens of shipwreck survivors including 45 in Kos and Lesvos.

18 vulnerable migrants in administrative detention were able to re-establish contact with their family using digital or telephone means of communication facilitated by the ICRC.

Today, we continue to seek the fate and whereabouts for 614 people of which 448 are presumed dead and require forensic search.

PROVIDING FORENSIC SUPPORT

The ICRC collaborates closely with Hellenic Forensic authorities in providing support, training, and expert advice to ensure answers can be given to family members in their search for their deceased loved ones. In 2022:

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Hellenic Police (HP) and Hellenic Coast Guard (HCG) officers attended training on Management of the Dead (MotD) and Antemortem/Postmortem (AM/PM) data collection

100

representatives from HP, HCG and FRONTEX participated in sensitization presentations on the MotD in sea recoveries

12

donations of forensic equipment were provided to forensic authorities, to ensure capacity building

- ◆ A Roundtable with Hellenic Forensic Authorities (Forensic Pathologists, DNA experts and HP) was organized on the Challenges in the Current Medico-Legal System in Greece.
- ◆ Joint visit of ICRC and HP Missing Persons Unit (MPU) was made to Lesvos to meet relevant interlocutors and understand the challenges that border regions experience.
- ◆ 2 members of the Disaster Victims Identification Unit participated in the International Conference of Management of the Dead in Pakistan with the support of the ICRC.
- ◆ Established a communication channel with academic institutions to influence the reform of the medico-legal system through updated MotD teaching manuals.



WORKING IN IMMIGRATION DETENTION

The ICRC works on a confidential basis with the authorities responsible for immigration detention centers on issues concerning the detainees' wellbeing. In 2022:

16 visits were made to **8** places of immigration detention, talking to detained migrants and to the police staff responsible for them.

10 workshops were organized for **259** members of staff of **4** places of immigration detention. The workshops looked at the important role of police staff in ensuring humane and safe conditions of detention.

◆ The 2nd **Roundtable with 27 administrative judges** was organized, on the use of detention for administrative purposes, discussing the challenges that arise in the legal review of detention decisions.

Assistance distributed:

1,000+

phone cards to ensure that **all detained migrants can communicate with their families**

14,500

recreational items to **support the mental health needs** of migrants in detention

HEALTHCARE IN DETENTION

The ICRC's Healthcare in Detention (HCD) team works with the health authorities to both build capacity of staff in the immigration detention environment and encourage the integration of detention health systems within the wider public health system. In 2022:

14 visits were made to **8** places of immigration detention, **supporting the local health teams in treatment of detained migrants**.

14 workshops were organized (webinars & face to face) for health and police staff (**400+ professionals**) of **8** places of immigration detention. The workshops looked at the significance of **access to healthcare, quality and continuity of care, vulnerability and age assessment**.

◆ The 2nd **Roundtable on HCD** was organized to highlight the understanding of Health in Detention **as part of Public Health** and to promote better practices and policies in health care for detainees in coordination with relevant authorities.

Assistance distributed:

244,000+

basic **drugs and consumables**

35,200+

items of personal hygiene and cleaning products to support health and hygiene promotion and outbreak management

150

ITC equipment for drug inventory, medical registries and e-health services

PROMOTING INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW

The ICRC collaborates closely with the Hellenic Armed Forces for the promotion and dissemination of International Humanitarian Law (IHL). In 2022:

300 **military officers and 116 police officers and coast guards** attended sessions on IHL and on ICRC's mandate and activities in the fields of protection and prevention.

2 student teams from **Greek Universities** participated with the support of the ICRC in the **All-European International Humanitarian and Refugee Law Competition** that was organized by the Law Faculty of the University of Ljubljana in cooperation with the ICRC and the UNHCR.



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