

ICRC GREECE FACTS AND FIGURES

2020 at a glance



BRINGING FAMILIES TOGETHER THROUGH OUR RESTORING FAMILY LINKS NETWORK

The ICRC collaborated with the HRC to restore and maintain the family links of migrants before and during the pandemic by providing technical and financial support to the Tracing Service and also by supporting directly the response to the needs that emerged after the fire in Moria, Lesbos in September 2020.

The ICRC collected tracing requests from families regarding **161** missing relatives and managed to find information about the fate and whereabouts of **93** persons (**86** were located alive and **7** located dead).

The ICRC has also assisted relatives in submitting DNA reference samples to Greek authorities and has supported them with the local procedures regarding the registration of death and traceability of their deceased relatives.



PROVIDING HUMANITARIAN AND FORENSIC SUPPORT FOR MISSING MIGRANTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

The ICRC, in collaboration with the Public Prosecutor of the Appeal Court of Thrace and the Democritus University of Thrace, organized a roundtable discussion with **23** participants to explore ways of collaboration to provide families of missing migrants with answers when tracing their relatives.

Similarly, a second conference was held with **85** participants, on practices relating to the management and identification of deceased migrants. These events were attended by Public Prosecutors, forensic experts, representatives of the Hellenic Police, the Coast Guard and the Fire-brigade and local authorities involved in the management of dead.

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FIRST RESPONSES IN THE RECOVERY AND MANAGEMENT OF THE DEAD



An online 2-day session on the Management of the Dead for First Responders, attended by **78** officers of the Hellenic Police, Coast Guard and Fire Brigade, was co-organized by ICRC and the University of Athens with invited speakers from the DVI unit and the Forensic Science Division of the Hellenic Police.

In relation to Covid-19, forensic materials were distributed to Greek authorities (personal protection equipment and body bags), as well as guidelines on the management of the dead for readiness during the pandemic.

WORKING ON IMMIGRATION DETENTION

Focusing on material assistance on Covid-19 prevention, personal hygiene and cleaning materials – such as soap bars, liquid soap, disinfectant fluid, etc. – were donated to help maintain hygienic conditions for some **6500** migrants and **1000** staff in **10** places of administrative detention (PRCs and police stations) where migrants are being held.



The hygiene items were accompanied by guidance letters for the relevant authorities along with **1050** stickers with visual Covid19 prevention messages.

LED lighting materials were provided to help the authorities improve conditions in **2** detention facilities. Approximately **500** recreational items, such as cards, games and balls were donated to promote good mental health.

In addition, and to maintain communication with their loved ones for detained migrants without resources, **2210** phone cards were distributed.

For the short period that public health concerns allowed, **4** visits were carried out to reinforce Covid-19 messages, during which close to **900** individuals were visited.



HEALTHCARE IN DETENTION

The ICRC supported the authorities to improve healthcare in detention and the prevention and the management of the Covid-19 pandemic by conducting some **70** assessments, training sessions and activities promoting hygiene and other procedure implementation and through the provision of over **79,000** items of Personal Protective Equipment, as well as audio-visual and information material for display.

The ICRC donated essential drugs, consumables and medical equipment -over **140,000** items- to health facilities in **9** migrant detention centres, together with the necessary IT equipment assisting the medical filing and inventory systems.

PROMOTING IHL

The ICRC collaborates closely with the Hellenic Armed Forces for the promotion and dissemination of the International Humanitarian Law.

In 2020, **107** military officers attended sessions on IHL and on ICRC's mandate and activities in the fields of protection and prevention. Also, in 2020, ICRC discussed with **276** students from **4** Universities for its work and the contemporary humanitarian challenges.



COMMUNICATING

In times of COVID 19 social media become a great way to stay close to people, and to bring them relevant and reliable information. In this context, the ICRC developed a **digital strategy** that included clear messages and short videos on different topics such as how to properly disinfect surfaces, ways to avoid spreading the infection and how to cope with the emotional impact of the pandemic.

With an aim to highlight the **150-years** history of the Red Cross Movement in Greece, the ICRC organized a virtual 3D photo exhibition. As part of the expo **27** photos and videos retrieved from the ICRC archives and from the current activities of the Movement in Greece, take the audience on a journey down the memory lane.

THE RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT MOVEMENT IN GREECE

