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ICRC OPERATIONS IN 2001: A FEW FACTS AND FIGURES

People deprived of their freedom

To prevent or put an end to forced disappearances and summary executions, torture and ill-treatment, to restore family links and to improve conditions of detention:

346,807 detainees were visited in 1,988 places of detention in 72 countries, including 24,479 detainees who were registered and visited for the first time, and 70,164 people visited detained relatives with help from the ICRC. 32,815 certificates of detention were issued.

Restoring family links

To re-establish family links in situations of armed conflict or internal violence:

447,004 Red Cross messages were collected; 418,461 Red Cross messages were distributed; 1,897 people whose families had filed tracing requests were located; 1,662 people were reunited with their families; 7,463 people were issued with travel documents to allow them to return home or resettle elsewhere.

Assistance

To save lives, mitigate the worst effects of conflict and ultimately restore people's ability to provide for themselves, direct assistance was provided to up to:

1,000,000 people, and monthly assistance to an average of 320,000 internally displaced people and some 260,000 members of the resident population. A further 96,000 people deprived of their freedom received regular assistance.

In all, 135,000 tonnes of food, clothing, blankets, tents, etc., worth 128 million Swiss francs, and 29 million Swiss francs' worth of medical, water/sanitation and orthopaedic materials were distributed in 60 countries.

Water and habitat

To help ensure supplies of clean water and adequate sanitation, the ICRC provided technical and material assistance for the following activities, thereby catering for the water needs of some

2.5 million people worldwide at an annual cost of some 96 million Swiss francs. 35 water treatment plants were partially rehabilitated in major cities in 10 countries. 220 boreholes, wells and hand-pumps were brought back into commission in rural areas of 17 countries. 6,500 household latrines were installed in 12 countries. 17 hospitals and their infrastructure and over 33 dispensaries/health centres were renovated in 11 countries.

Water and sanitation facilities were renovated in over 44 detention centres in 8 countries.

Note: Some figures have been rounded up or down.

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Care for war-disabled

Through

40 projects in

14 countries,

28,024 orthopaedic appliances were manufactured, comprising

16,501 prostheses to replace missing limbs, and

11,523 orthoses to support malfunctioning limbs.

7,418 people were fitted with prostheses for the first time;

6,722 people were fitted with orthoses for the first time.

1,163 wheelchairs and

16,637 pairs of crutches were produced.

9,779 amputees were victims of landmines.

Health services

The ICRC provided substantial assistance on a regular basis to:

134 hospitals in

22 countries around the world to treat

286,309 patients admitted (including

18,189 war-wounded), carry out

161,832 operations and provide consultations for

2,330,699 outpatients.

The ICRC's permanent war-surgery teams worked in

8 of these hospitals, performing more than

13,500 operations on

10,500 patients, and treating a further

69,850 people as outpatients.

More than

150 other hospitals received ad hoc assistance.

Other ICRC surgical teams carried out short war-surgery training assignments in

15 hospitals in

7 countries, and

15 war-surgery seminars were held in

13 countries for national civilian and military surgeons, in addition to the annual war-surgery seminar held in Geneva.

The ICRC supported:

23 first-aid posts in

11 countries which treated more than

10,200 war-wounded.

Human resources

At the end of 2001 the ICRC employed

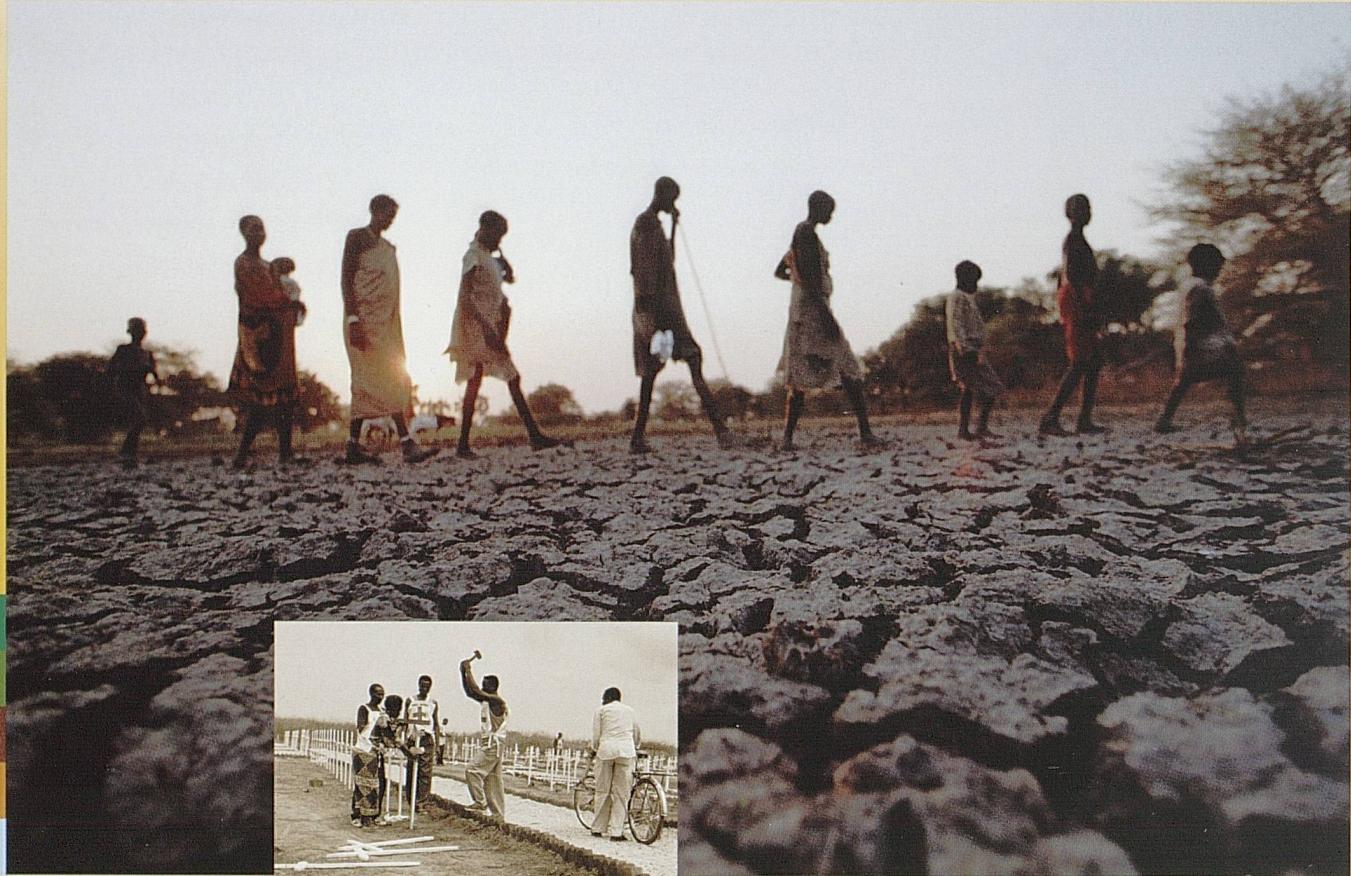
10,857 staff, consisting of:

1,161 expatriates (including

176 National Society personnel),

8,896 people recruited locally and

800 staff at its Geneva headquarters.



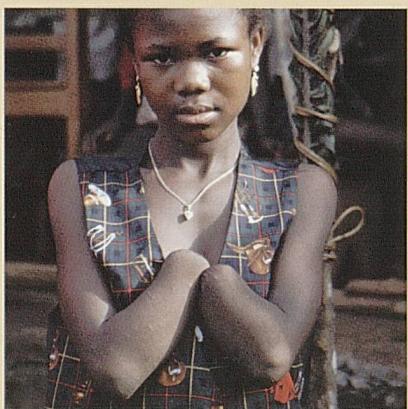
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In search of food and water after leaving their village because of the drought (Sudan).



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Creation of a cemetery for civilians killed during combat (DRC).



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Young girl in a camp for amputees (West Africa).