

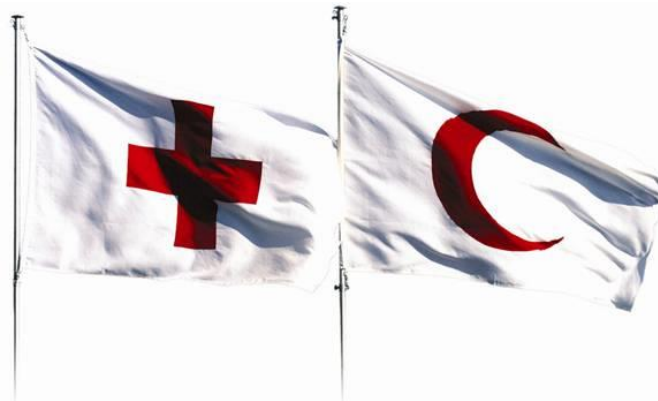


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# The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement



*Presentation to  
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# ORIGIN OF THE MOVEMENT

24 Jun 1859: Battle of Solferino, Battle between Austrian and French army

1862

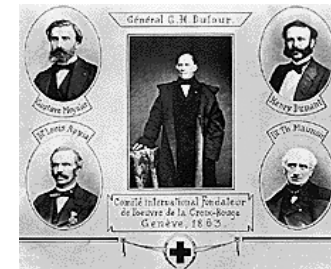
“ A Memory of Solferino” - Henry Dunant

- Voluntary Organization
- International Agreement



1863

Creation of International Committee for Relief to the wounded  
(1876 became ICRC)



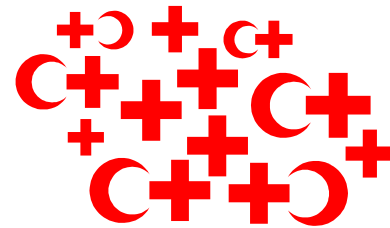


# ORIGIN OF THE MOVEMENT

1864  
1st International Conference  
1<sup>st</sup> Geneva Convention



1863/1864  
establishment of the first National Societies  
(Germany, Spanish, Italian, French)



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**Video**  
**Story of an Idea**

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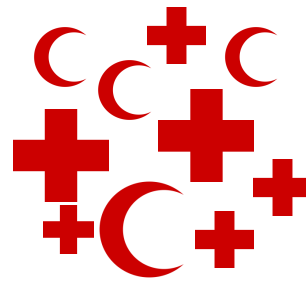
**Video**  
**the Movement**

# *The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement*



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**INTERNATIONAL  
COMMITTEE OF THE RED  
CROSS (ICRC)  
(1863)**



**190 NATIONAL SOCIETIES  
(SINCE 1863)**



**International Federation  
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies**

**INTERNATIONAL  
FEDERATION OF RED  
CROSS AND RED CRESCENT  
SOCIETIES (IFRC) (1919)**



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**INTERNATIONAL  
COMMITTEE OF THE  
RED CROSS  
(ICRC)**

- Provide protection and assistance for civilian and victims of international, non-international armed conflict, violence, internal disturbances
- IHL development, promotion and dissemination
- It directs and coordinates the international activities conducted by the Movement in armed conflicts and other situations of violence

# National Societies



- National Societies act as **auxiliaries to the public authorities** of their own countries in the humanitarian field.
- They provide a range of services including disaster relief, health and social programmes, and assistance to people affected by war.
- Promote awareness of IHL
- Other activities mandated by the government





# International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)



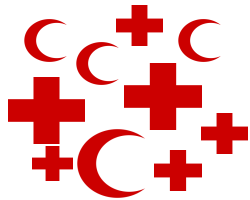
- International membership organization
- Inspires, encourages, facilitates and promotes NS's humanitarian activities, strengthening NS
- When required, it directs and coordinates the international activities conducted by the Movement for international emergencies (natural disaster or technological disaster)
- Promotes Cooperation among National Societies



# ***MOVEMENT and STATES***

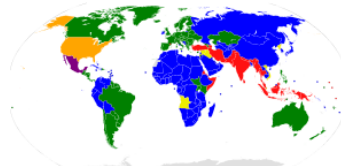


## ICRC



**190 National Societies**

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE of RED CROSS and RED CRESCENT**



**196 States party to Geneva Conventions**



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# THE RED CROSS EMBLEM



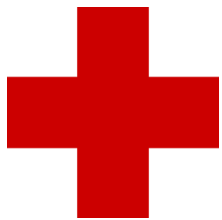
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# GENEVA CONVENTION EMBLEMS



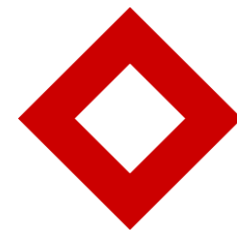
1863 -  
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Each state party of GC must use **one emblem only**

# The Fundamental Principles

**Humanity**

**Impartiality**

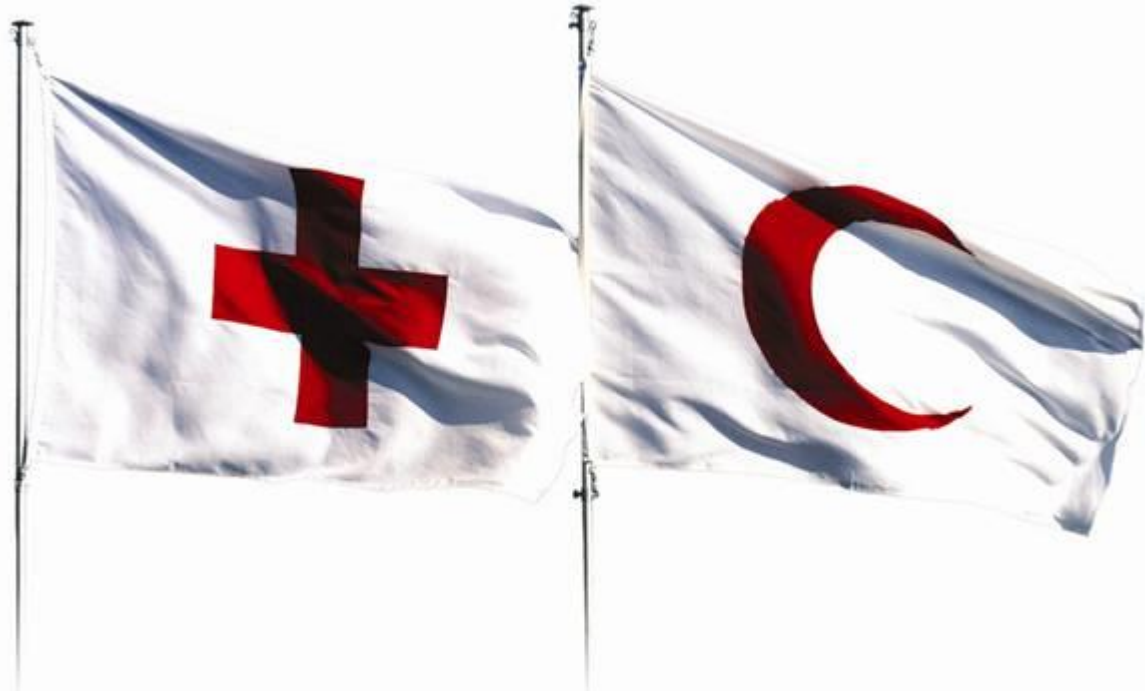
**Neutrality**

**Independence**

**Voluntary service**

**Unity**

**Universality**





# The Fundamental Principles

## Humanity

The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, born of a desire to bring assistance without discrimination to the wounded on the battlefield, endeavours, in its international and national capacity, to **prevent and alleviate human suffering** wherever it may be found. Its purpose is to protect life and health and to ensure respect for the human being. It promotes mutual understanding, friendship, cooperation and lasting peace amongst all peoples.

## Impartiality

It makes **no discrimination as to nationality, race, religious beliefs, class or political opinions**. It endeavours to relieve the suffering of individuals, being guided solely by their needs, and to give priority to the most urgent cases of distress.

## Neutrality

In order to enjoy the confidence of all, **the Movement may not take sides in hostilities or engage at any time in controversies of a political, racial, religious or ideological nature**.

## Independence

The Movement **is independent**. The National Societies, while **auxiliaries in the humanitarian services of their governments and subject to the laws of their respective countries**, must always maintain their autonomy so that they may be able at all times to act in accordance with the principles of the Movement.

## Voluntary service

It is a voluntary relief movement not prompted in any manner by desire for gain.

## Unity

There can be **only one Red Cross or Red Crescent Society in any one country**. It must be **open to all**. It must carry on its humanitarian work throughout its territory.

## Universality

The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, in which all societies have equal status and share equal responsibilities and duties in helping each other, is worldwide.