



ICRC ANNUAL REPORT 2017

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THE ICRC AROUND THE WORLD

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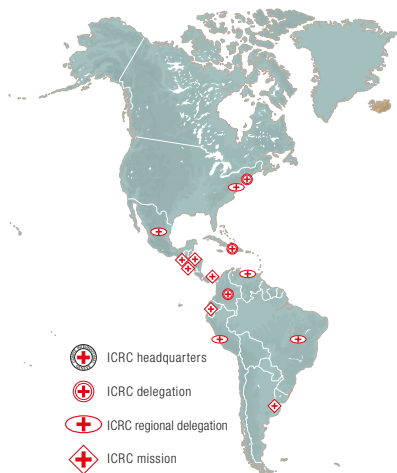
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OVERVIEW

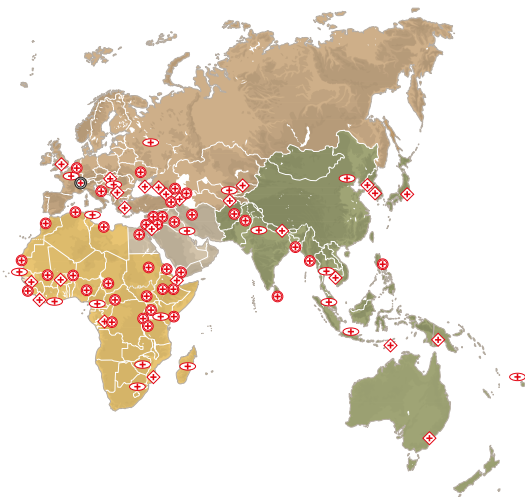
PRESENCE

In 2017, the ICRC was present in more than **80 countries** through delegations, sub-delegations, offices and missions.



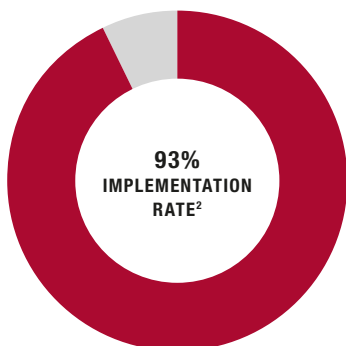
PERSONNEL

Around **16,600** staff members worked in the field and at ICRC headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.



EXPENDITURE AND IMPLEMENTATION RATE

IN CHF MILLIONS



INITIAL BUDGET	1,819
FINAL BUDGET	1,987
including field budget extensions	156
TOTAL EXPENDITURE¹	1,852
Headquarters	214
Field	1,637

1. Including field overheads of CHF 100 million
 2. Implementation rate = expenditure/budget x 100

PROTECTION

RESTORING FAMILY LINKS

Across the world, the ICRC and its partners within the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement helped family members separated as a result of armed conflict, other violence, migration, detention or other circumstances to establish or maintain contact with their relatives.



176,629

Red Cross Messages (RCMs) collected



150,622

RCMs distributed



777,261

phone and video calls facilitated between family members



41,127

phone calls made by the ICRC to inform families of the whereabouts of a detained relative



16,792

detainees visited by their families with ICRC support



980 people, including **800** minors, reunited with their families

The ICRC paid particular attention to the cases of unaccompanied minors and separated children – among them, migrants and children formerly associated with armed forces or armed groups. This work entailed tracing their relatives, organizing family reunifications or identifying other long-term solutions, in the best interests of the child and with the agreement of all those involved.

► **CHILDREN NEWLY REGISTERED:** **3,045** (1,228 girls), including **311** demobilized children (72 girls)

► **CHILDREN WHOSE CASES WERE STILL BEING HANDLED AT THE END OF 2017:** **5,511**, including **253** demobilized children



M. J. Alhamzah/ICRC

Iraq, Baghdad. This family's relative has been missing since the 1990-1991 Gulf War.

Through tracing requests, people sought the ICRC's help in searching for their relatives, including those unaccounted for in connection with past or ongoing armed conflicts.



33,567
people for whom a tracing request was newly registered



7,958
people whose fates or whereabouts were established



99,342
tracing cases still being handled at the end of the year



as a neutral intermediary, the ICRC facilitated the transfer or repatriation of **1,559** people and the remains of **1,351** people



it also relayed **1,006** official documents between family members across borders or front lines



842,571 people contacted ICRC offices worldwide for family-links services or other concerns

FORENSICS



The ICRC worked with local authorities in **70** contexts to ensure the proper and dignified management of human remains and to help prevent and resolve cases of missing persons.

VISITS TO DETAINEES

ICRC delegates visited people deprived of their freedom – including those held in connection with armed conflicts and other situations of violence, detainees under the jurisdiction of international courts and tribunals, and migrants – in **92** contexts. The ICRC checked on their treatment and living conditions and worked with the relevant authorities to make improvements in this regard.



1,437
places of
detention



940,326
detainees held
in places of
detention visited



35,274
detainees
monitored
individually



Yemen, Sana'a, central prison. ICRC staff members distribute hygiene kits and cleaning material.

ASSISTANCE

ECONOMIC SECURITY

The ICRC, in most cases with National Societies, helped civilians (including residents, IDPs, returnees, refugees) and detainees meet their basic needs and/or improve their circumstances.



7,794,788

people received food;
64% of them were IDPs



5,375,228

people received essential household items; **64%** of them were IDPs



133,153

people were given vouchers for basic goods or services



1,270,811

people received cash as relief assistance, in exchange for their work in community projects, or for microeconomic initiatives



3,573,222

people were given seed, tools, equipment or other productive inputs to spur food production or help them generate income



1,646,433

people benefited from livelihood support in the form of services and training, such as animal vaccination or vocational training

10 MOST DISTRIBUTED RELIEF ITEMS



2,156,424 food parcels¹
547,545 food parcels (individual)²
65,585,515 kilograms of rice
12,530,121 kilograms of beans
4,961,119 litres of oil



862,711 hygiene parcels¹
376,865 kitchen sets
2,478,714 blankets
669,430 tarpaulins
553,811 mats

1. 5 people/1 month
2. 1 person/1 month

Central African Republic, Mbella camp. The ICRC distributes essential household kits to IDPs.



WATER AND HABITAT

The ICRC worked with local authorities and communities to repair, build or upgrade water-supply, sanitation and other infrastructure. This translated to potable water, reduced health risks or generally better living conditions for millions of people.



35,855,715 beneficiaries

- ▶ **35,519,089** civilians
(including residents, IDPs, returnees and refugees)
- ▶ **336,626** detainees



V. Sharp/ICRC

Burundi, Kabumba hill. A woman washes her hands at one of the water points repaired by the ICRC.

HEALTH

PRIMARY HEALTH CARE

Community health programmes were often implemented in partnership with National Societies and other local stakeholders.



386

ICRC-supported primary-health-care centres

- ▶ **7,290,811** average catchment population
- ▶ **4,201,600** curative consultations
- ▶ **412,282** antenatal consultations

BENEFICIARIES OF CURATIVE CONSULTATIONS



30% children

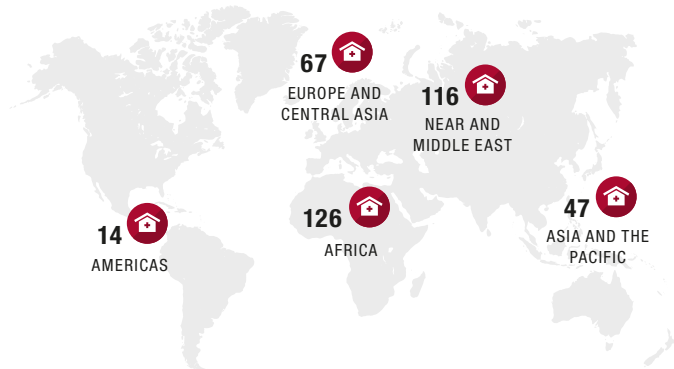
23% women



Bangladesh, Cox's Bazar. A Bangladesh Red Crescent Society medical team offers free consultations and treatment for children and women staying in host communities.

HOSPITAL SERVICES

During the year, the ICRC supported – regularly or on an ad hoc basis – **370** hospitals.



ICRC personnel provided support or directly monitored activities at **66** of these hospitals:

- ▶ **24,689** surgical admissions for weapon wounds
- ▶ **2,829,238** medical consultations held
- ▶ **136,394** operations performed, including by ICRC surgical teams
- ▶ **41,808** gynaecological/obstetric admissions



The ICRC conducted **5,736** first-aid training sessions for **134,528** people, including National Society volunteers.



M. Mortvedt/ICRC

South Sudan, Rumbek, physical rehabilitation centre. A technician, himself with a physical disability, is manufacturing a prosthesis. He has been working at the centre since 2004.

PHYSICAL REHABILITATION

The ICRC worked to ensure access to good-quality physical rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities, including mine victims. Its projects often involved support for social inclusion, whether through livelihood opportunities or sports events for patients. Training for local staff aimed to ensure service sustainability.



144
projects supported (including physical rehabilitation centres, component factories and training institutions)



12,742
new patients were fitted with prostheses

54,382
new patients were fitted with orthoses

The ICRC-supported projects:

- ▶ produced and delivered **26,291** prostheses
- ▶ produced and delivered **103,995** orthoses
- ▶ delivered **7,201** wheelchairs or tricycles, most of which were locally manufactured

WEAPON CONTAMINATION



The ICRC carried out activities addressing weapon contamination in **33** countries or territories. These included mine-risk education sessions, collecting data on mine incidents, clearance activities and training for local actors.

PREVENTION

STATE PARTICIPATION IN IHL TREATIES AND DOMESTIC IMPLEMENTATION

The ICRC continued to pursue active dialogue with national authorities worldwide in order to promote ratification of or accession to IHL treaties and their domestic implementation. It provided legal and technical advice to governments and supported them in their endeavours to establish interministerial committees entrusted with the national implementation of IHL.



The ICRC organized or contributed to **35** regional events on IHL and its implementation in domestic law and policy. People from over **154** countries attended these events.



45 ratifications of or accessions to IHL-related treaties or other instruments by **22** States



31 pieces of domestic legislation adopted by **22** countries to implement various IHL treaties

RELATIONS WITH WEAPON BEARERS

ICRC delegates met with various weapon bearers present in conflict zones, from members of the armed forces and the police to paramilitary units, non-State armed groups and staff of private military companies. The aim was to increase their understanding of IHL, international human rights law or other norms applicable to their duties, and to familiarize them with the ICRC's mandate and activities.



- ▶ high-ranking officers from **68** countries and several organizations attended the Senior Workshop on International Rules governing Military Operations, in Mexico City, Mexico
- ▶ **105** military officers from **45** countries received ICRC scholarships to attend IHL courses in San Remo, Italy
- ▶ **30** senior police officers and experts from more than **20** countries exchanged good practices with regard to the treatment of people held in police custody at a round-table held at ICRC headquarters

RELATIONS WITH ACADEMIC CIRCLES

The ICRC interacted with various universities around the world, providing support for IHL teaching, humanitarian policy and activities geared towards the promotion and development of IHL.



- ▶ **14** regional and international IHL training seminars and round-tables
- ▶ **7** regional IHL competitions
- ▶ the annual Jean-Pictet Competition on IHL, involving over **140** students from **27** countries



Iraq, Al-Anbar, University of Anbar. The ICRC holds an IHL workshop for law students and instructors.

LAW AND POLICY CONFERENCES AND OUTREACH

The ICRC acted as a convener of public debates and conferences on IHL and humanitarian policy. Movement components and members of aid, diplomatic and academic circles reflected on solutions to current challenges and sought to identify ways to improve humanitarian action.



- ▶ The Humanitarian at the ICRC's headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, hosted **15** public conferences on international law and policy, bringing together **2,300** diplomats, humanitarians and academics.
- ▶ With various partners, the ICRC organized a conference cycle on "War in Cities", comprising **10** high-level public events and expert meetings in **7** countries.
- ▶ **10** public conferences in Geneva addressed other pressing humanitarian topics.



These events reached a global audience through live webcasts, video summaries, conference reports, blog posts and other online resources.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Media coverage of ICRC activities and statements drew attention to humanitarian issues among broad audiences.



20,000 media mentions



500,000 visits to ICRC.org

1.2 MILLION Facebook “likes”

2.2 MILLION followers on Twitter

71,800 followers on Instagram

9.1 MILLION views on YouTube



ICRC news material carried by over **1,000** channels worldwide



Iraq, Nineveh. The Iraqi Red Crescent Society, French Red Cross, Swedish Red Cross, the International Research Center on Sustainability and the ICRC worked together to construct latrines in an IDP camp.

COOPERATION WITH NATIONAL SOCIETIES



ICRC delegations implemented different ICRC activities in cooperation with the respective National Societies. An important dimension of the ICRC’s collaboration with National Societies aimed to strengthen the latter’s capacities to carry out their mandates and activities either independently or jointly with the ICRC.

In 2017, the total expenses devoted to cooperation with National Societies in the field amounted to **CHF 100 million**. These activities were implemented in close coordination with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and with National Societies working internationally.

FIELD OPERATIONS

BREAKDOWN OF THE FIELD EXPENDITURE

By geographical region

By programme

HIGHLIGHTS BY REGION

Africa

Americas

Asia and the Pacific

Europe and Central Asia

Near and Middle East

15 LARGEST OPERATIONS

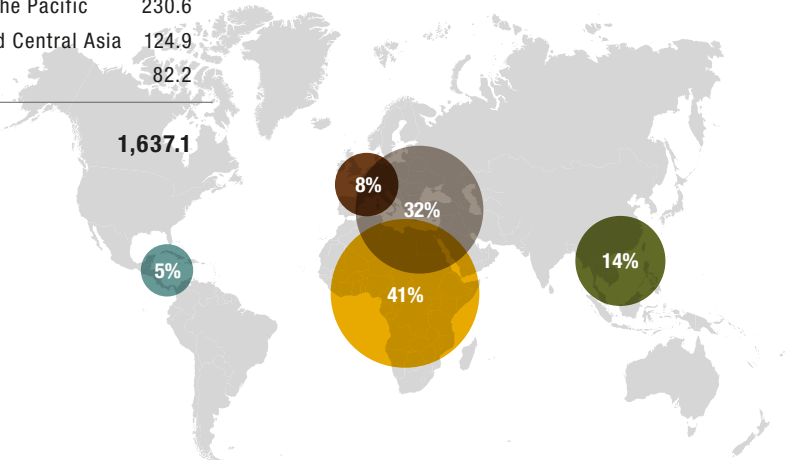
BREAKDOWN OF THE FIELD EXPENDITURE

BY GEOGRAPHICAL REGION

IN CHF MILLIONS






■ Africa	677.0
■ Near and Middle East	522.4
■ Asia and The Pacific	230.6
■ Europe and Central Asia	124.9
■ Americas	82.2

TOTAL 1,637.1



BY PROGRAMME

IN CHF MILLIONS

Protection	249.5		15.2%
Assistance	1,109.8		67.8%
Prevention	163.9		10.0%
Cooperation with National Societies	100.4		6.1%
General	13.5		0.8%

AFRICA



Mali. Weapon-wounded and other vulnerable patients receive suitable care at the Gao hospital.



Somalia. Children sip a nutritious porridge blend distributed by the ICRC.



Nigeria. A woman at an IDP camp in Maiduguri shows off the condiment business she started with an ICRC grant.



Democratic Republic of the Congo. A girl is reunited with her parents after six years of separation.

FINANCE

BUDGET

	IN KCHF
Initial Appeals	648,870
Budget Extension Appeals	63,844
FINAL BUDGET	712,713

EXPENDITURE

	IN KCHF
TOTAL	677,027
of which overheads	41,095

PROTECTION

RESTORING FAMILY LINKS



RCMs collected
139,058 from civilians
8,492 from detainees



624,398 phone calls facilitated between family members
4,813 phone calls made by the ICRC to families to inform them of the whereabouts of a detained relative



RCMs distributed
121,881 to civilians
4,659 to detainees



2,898 tracing cases closed positively
959 people reunited with their families,
791 of whom were unaccompanied/separated minors

VISITS TO DETAINEES



531 places of detention visited
1,870 visits carried out

340,705 detainees held in places of detention visited
20,456 detainees monitored individually

ASSISTANCE

ECONOMIC SECURITY



Food commodities
2,180,482 beneficiaries



Productive inputs
3,104,199 beneficiaries



Vouchers
39,986 beneficiaries



Essential household items
1,216,485 beneficiaries



Cash
996,582 beneficiaries



Services and training
1,395,608 beneficiaries

HEALTH



Health centres
122 structures



Hospitals
126 structures



Physical rehabilitation
44 projects
38,085 patients receiving services (sum of monthly data)

WATER AND HABITAT



For civilians
5,192,863 beneficiaries



For wounded and sick
3,156 beds

AMERICAS



Mexico. ICRC brochures provide migrants with practical advice for staying safe on their journey, as well as information on assistance points.



Honduras. Families of missing persons commemorate their loved ones through art.



Colombia. Residents retrieve clean water from a new well dug by the ICRC.

FINANCE

BUDGET

	IN KCHF
Initial Appeals	83,670
Budget Extension Appeals	1,527
FINAL BUDGET	85,198

EXPENDITURE

	IN KCHF
TOTAL	82,155
of which overheads	5,014

PROTECTION

RESTORING FAMILY LINKS



RCMs collected
71 from civilians
639 from detainees



91,648 phone calls facilitated between family members
51 phone calls made by the ICRC to families to inform them of the whereabouts of a detained relative



RCMs distributed
71 to civilians
402 to detainees



230 tracing cases closed positively

VISITS TO DETAINEES



106 places of detention visited
239 visits carried out

158,379 detainees held in places of detention visited
456 detainees monitored individually

ASSISTANCE

ECONOMIC SECURITY



Food commodities
5,439 beneficiaries



Productive inputs
12,353 beneficiaries



Essential household items
5,025 beneficiaries



Cash
38,437 beneficiaries

WATER AND HABITAT



For civilians
97,769 beneficiaries



For wounded and sick
52 beds

HEALTH



Health centres
17 structures



Hospitals
14 structures



Physical rehabilitation
12 projects
18,167 patients receiving services (sum of monthly data)

ASIA AND THE PACIFIC



China. Promoting international humanitarian law.



Philippines. Screening detainees for tuberculosis.



Aid distribution for people crossing over to Bangladesh after fleeing the violence in Rakhine state, Myanmar.

FINANCE

BUDGET

	IN KCHF
Initial Appeals	245,952
Budget Extension Appeals	25,088
FINAL BUDGET	271,040

EXPENDITURE

	IN KCHF
TOTAL	230,649
of which overheads	13,989

PROTECTION

RESTORING FAMILY LINKS



RCMs collected
4,391 from civilians
6,764 from detainees



27,963 phone calls facilitated between family members
802 phone calls made by the ICRC to families to inform them of the whereabouts of a detained relative



RCMs distributed
5,698 to civilians
4,847 to detainees



1,845 tracing cases closed positively
1 unaccompanied/separated minor reunited with his/her family

VISITS TO DETAINEES



271 places of detention visited
448 visits carried out

218,922 detainees held in places of detention visited
2,734 detainees monitored individually

ASSISTANCE

ECONOMIC SECURITY



Food commodities
440,150 beneficiaries



Productive inputs
50,916 beneficiaries



Services and training
45,779 beneficiaries



Essential household items
324,712 beneficiaries



Cash
63,525 beneficiaries

HEALTH



Health centres
84 structures



Hospitals
47 structures



Physical rehabilitation
57 projects
256,318 patients receiving services (sum of monthly data)

WATER AND HABITAT



For civilians
307,715 beneficiaries



For wounded and sick
4,716 beds

EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA

-  ICRC delegation
-  ICRC regional delegation
-  ICRC mission



Ukraine. Sand bags line a school's windows to protect the children in case of shelling.

A. Vlasova/ICRC



Georgia. Excavation of a gravesite in search of the remains of people who went missing in connection with past armed conflicts.

M. Kardava/ICRC



Greece. Distribution of clothes and hygiene items for migrants held in pre-removal centres.

ICRC

FINANCE

BUDGET

	IN KCHF
Initial Appeals	134,719
Budget Extension Appeals	-
FINAL BUDGET	134,719

EXPENDITURE

	IN KCHF
TOTAL	124,913
of which overheads	7,600

PROTECTION

RESTORING FAMILY LINKS



RCMs collected
403 from civilians
154 from detainees



16,419 phone calls facilitated between family members
423 phone calls made by the ICRC to families to inform them of the whereabouts of a detained relative



RCMs distributed
329 to civilians
154 to detainees



643 tracing cases closed positively
10 people reunited with their families

VISITS TO DETAINEES



216 places of detention visited
505 visits carried out

88,565 detainees held in places of detention visited
1,517 detainees monitored individually

ASSISTANCE

ECONOMIC SECURITY



Food commodities
163,297 beneficiaries



Productive inputs
44,235 beneficiaries



Vouchers
2,083 beneficiaries



Essential household items
219,772 beneficiaries



Cash
29,609 beneficiaries



Services and training
3,822 beneficiaries

HEALTH



Health centres
60 structures



Hospitals
67 structures



Physical rehabilitation
2 projects



For civilians
1,722,619 beneficiaries



For wounded and sick
2,752 beds

WATER AND HABITAT

NEAR AND MIDDLE EAST



Iraq. Awareness session for children about the dangers of mines and explosive remnants of war.

- ICRC delegation
- ICRC regional delegation
- ICRC mission



Syrian Arab Republic. The Syrian Arab Red Crescent and the ICRC distribute daily essentials to people displaced from Afrin.



Yemen. Dialysis treatment for a young patient in Aden.

FINANCE

BUDGET

	IN KCHF
Initial Appeals	498,866
Budget Extension Appeals	65,278
FINAL BUDGET	564,144

EXPENDITURE

	IN KCHF
TOTAL	522,405
of which overheads	31,862

PROTECTION

RESTORING FAMILY LINKS



RCMs collected
6,709 from civilians
9,948 from detainees



16,833 phone calls facilitated between family members
35,038 phone calls made by the ICRC to families to inform them of the whereabouts of a detained relative



RCMs distributed
8,884 to civilians
3,697 to detainees



2,342 tracing cases closed positively
10 people reunited with their families,
8 of whom were unaccompanied/separated minors

VISITS TO DETAINEES



313 places of detention visited
1,349 visits carried out

133,755 detainees held in places of detention visited
10,111 detainees monitored individually

ASSISTANCE

ECONOMIC SECURITY



Food commodities
4,933,422 beneficiaries



Productive inputs
346,777 beneficiaries



Vouchers
91,084 beneficiaries



Essential household items
3,200,306 beneficiaries



Cash
136,263 beneficiaries



Services and training
200,341 beneficiaries

HEALTH



Health centres
103 structures



Hospitals
116 structures



Physical rehabilitation
29 projects
116,562 patients receiving services (sum of monthly data)



For civilians
28,198,123 beneficiaries

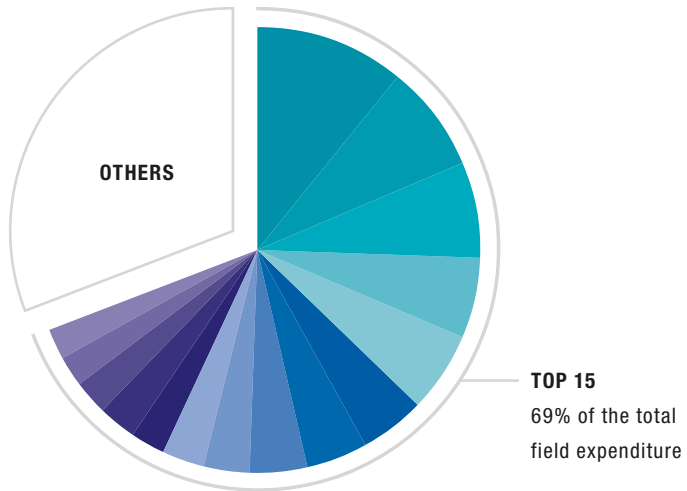


For wounded and sick
9,809 beds

WATER AND HABITAT

15 LARGEST OPERATIONS IN 2017

IN TERMS OF EXPENDITURE



RANK	CONTEXT	EXPENDITURE
		(IN CHF MILLIONS)
1	■ Syrian Arab Republic	177.8
2	■ Iraq	128.0
3	■ South Sudan	116.1
4	■ Nigeria	95.4
5	■ Somalia	92.9
6	■ Yemen	77.9
7	■ Afghanistan	75.1
8	■ Democratic Republic of the Congo	66.8
9	■ Ukraine	53.1
10	■ Israel and the Occupied Territories	49.5
11	■ Lebanon	43.8
12	■ Central African Republic	43.2
13	■ Mali	40.1
14	■ Myanmar	39.5
15	■ Libya	33.6
TOTAL		1,132.8

FINANCE

COMPARATIVE DATA: 2013–2017

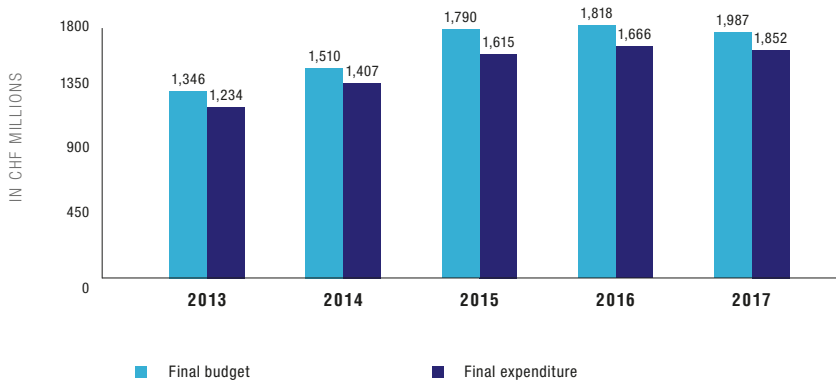
BUDGET AND EXPENDITURE

CONTRIBUTIONS BY SOURCE

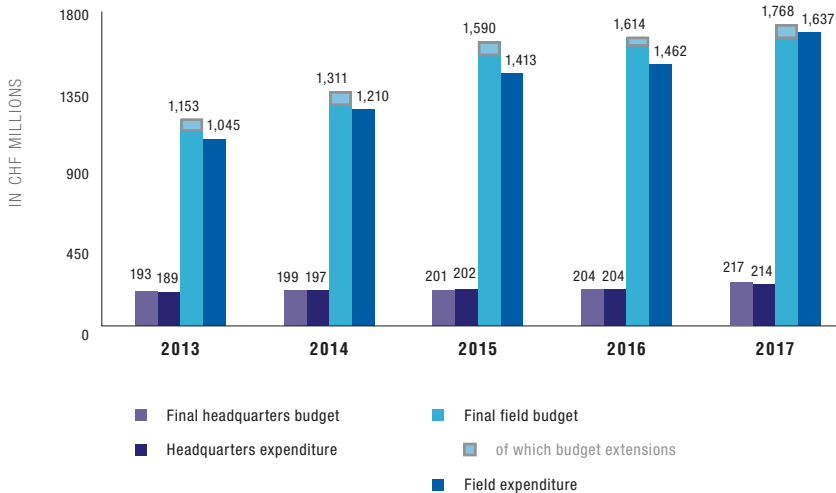
EARMARKING

BUDGET AND EXPENDITURE

EVOLUTION OF THE ICRC'S TOTAL BUDGET AND EXPENDITURE 2013–2017¹

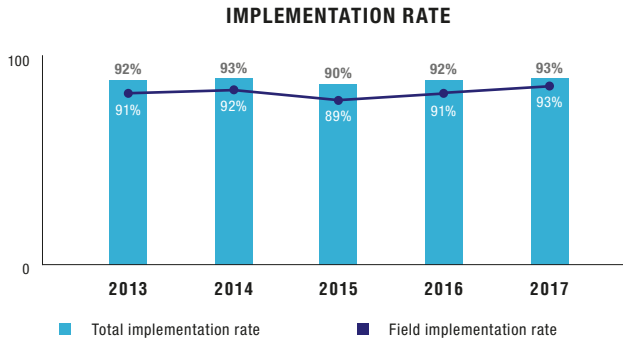


HEADQUARTERS AND FIELD – TOTAL BUDGET AND EXPENDITURE 2013–2017



1. The final budget comprises the initial budget as published in the ICRC Appeals, and the budget extensions (or reductions) approved by the ICRC governance within the same year.

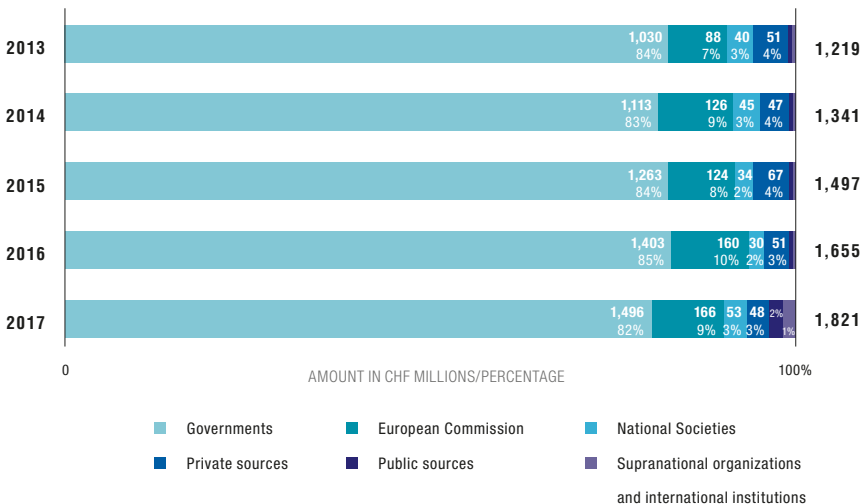
Despite its ambitious budgets, the ICRC has managed to consistently demonstrate its ability to deliver on its objectives and plans of action: its average implementation rate² for the past five years is around 92%.



CONTRIBUTIONS BY SOURCE

CASH, KIND, SERVICES

Contributions from governments and from the European Commission constituted roughly 91% of the ICRC’s funding in 2017. National Societies, international institutions, supranational organizations, private donors and public sources accounted for other sources of funds for the ICRC.



2. Implementation rate = expenditure/budget x 100.

EARMARKING

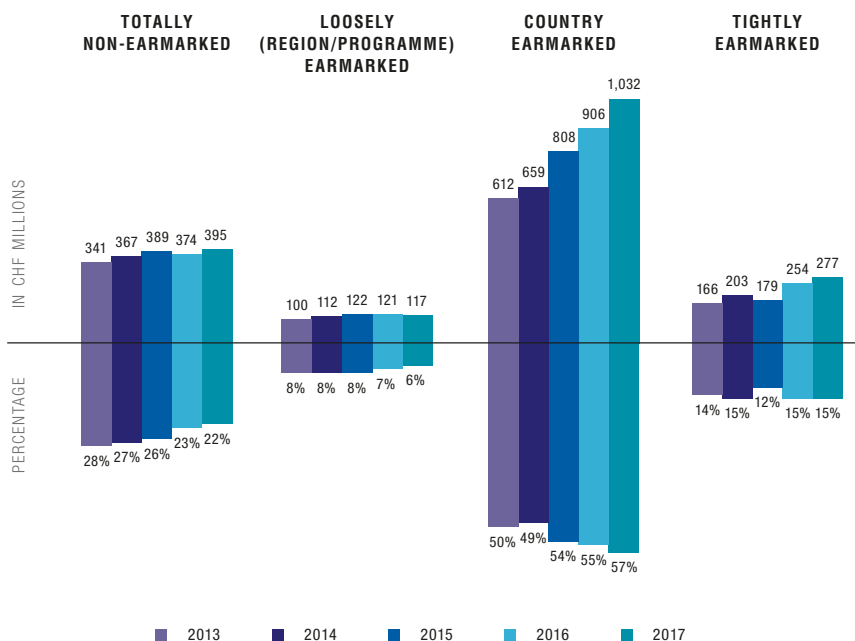
Earmarking is the practice whereby donors require that their funds be allocated for the ICRC in general. The table below shows the overall framework agreed with donors for the earmarking levels of cash contributions to the ICRC.

LEVEL OF EARMARKING	RANGE/RESTRICTIONS
None	general ICRC; ICRC field or headquarters budget
Region/Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ one of the five geographical regions: Africa, Americas, Asia and the Pacific, Europe and Central Asia, Near and Middle East ▶ one of the four programmes: Protection, Assistance, Prevention, Cooperation ▶ one of the four programmes for one of the five geographical regions
Country	one of the ICRC's field operations
Tightly earmarked	a specific programme or sub-programme within one context

The quality of funding is measured by the margin that the ICRC has in deciding how to allocate a donor's contribution. For the ICRC to meet needs effectively, flexible funding-related policies remain essential, as they correlate directly with the ICRC's ability to maintain its independence, rapid-response capacity, and capacity to adapt to rapidly changing situations and evolving needs.

EVOLUTION OF EARMARKING 2013–2017

The chart below illustrates the earmarking levels of contributions (in cash, kind and services) for ICRC headquarters and field operations from 2013 to 2017. It shows a worrying trend for the ICRC: the percentage of non-earmarked funding has been falling steadily in the past five years. Moreover, loosely earmarked contributions have continued to decrease both in percentage and in absolute value since 2015.



Experience has shown that the ICRC's operational flexibility decreases in direct proportion to the degree of earmarking stipulated by donors, to the detriment of the people that the ICRC is trying to help. For instance, a disproportionate focus on country-level earmarking could result in a lack of funding for operations in contexts that do not fall within the scope of mainstream diplomatic interests or are not widely covered by the media. The ICRC needs the bulk of its funding to be flexible – i.e. non-earmarked or loosely earmarked – in order to protect its principled humanitarian approach. The ICRC encourages donors to ease their constraints, and maintains its commitment to use funds as efficiently as possible.



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