

Restoring Family Links in Places of Detention



RESTORING
FAMILY LINKS

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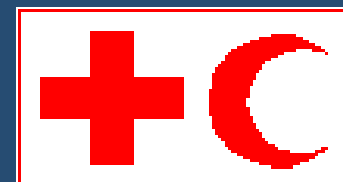
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The ICRC
(1863)



National
Societies

National Societies
(since 1864)



The International
Federation of Red
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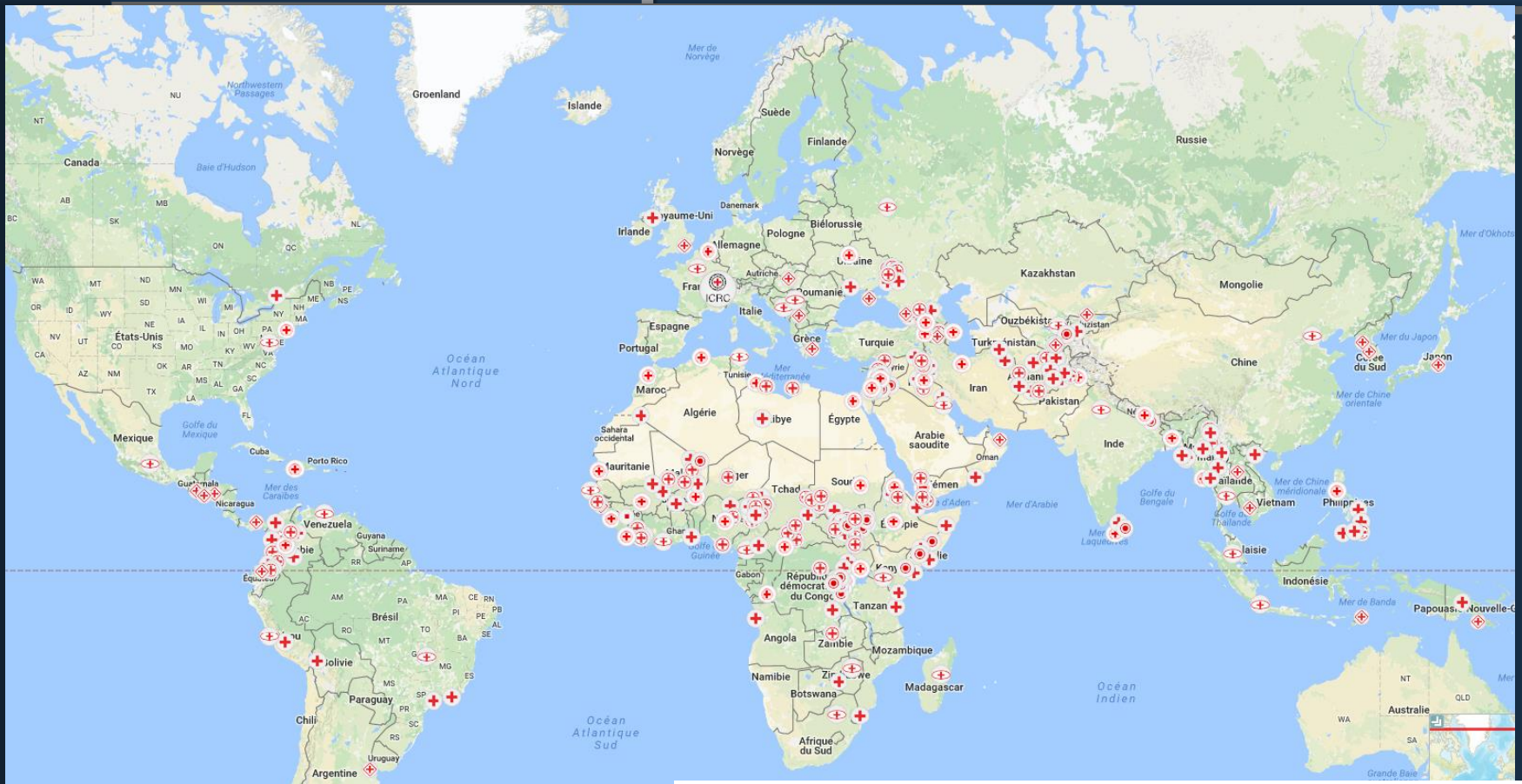
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How many countries in the world do you think the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement works in?



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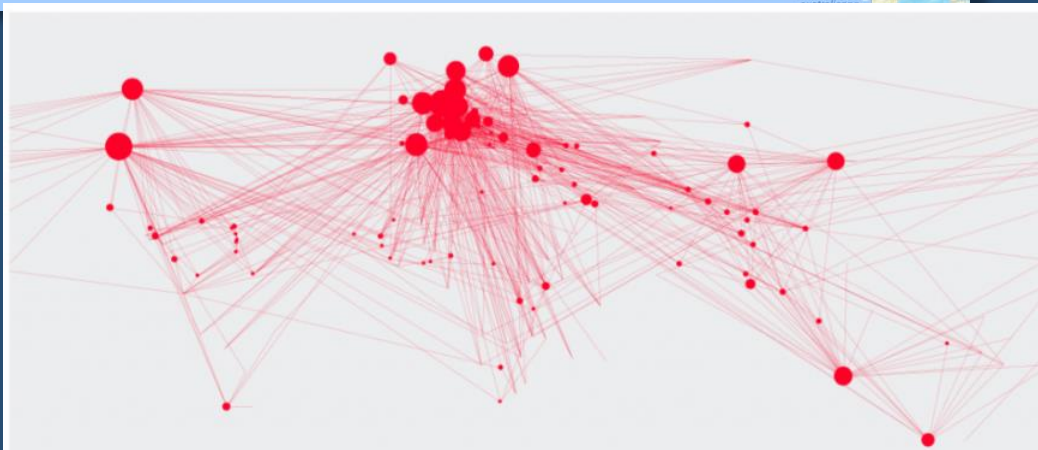
The ICRC presence worldwide



The Movement a Worldwide Network



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ICRC Activities

Protection

- protection of detainees
- protection of civilians
- restoring family links

Assistance

- economic security (food, non-food, agricultural)
- water and habitat
- health services
- enabling people with disabilities

Preventive action

- to make the Law of Armed Conflict (IHL) known
- national measures of implementation of IHL
- Health Care in Danger



What words come to your mind
when you think of the Red Cross
Restoring Family Links Activities?



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Restoring Family Links a wide range of activities

To live or rebuild a dignified life, people need:

RFL activities

Prevent disappearances
and separation

Restore contact between family
members

Maintain contact between family
members

Clarify the fate of
missing persons



The importance of contact with family for persons deprived of their liberty

- B) Protection
- C) Access to Legal Advice
- D) Psychological well-being of the detainee and his/her family
- E) Material Support for Detainees
- F) Social Reintegration and Rehabilitation
- G) Atmosphere of a Place of Detention



Restoring Family Links in detention

Possible reasons for broken family links:

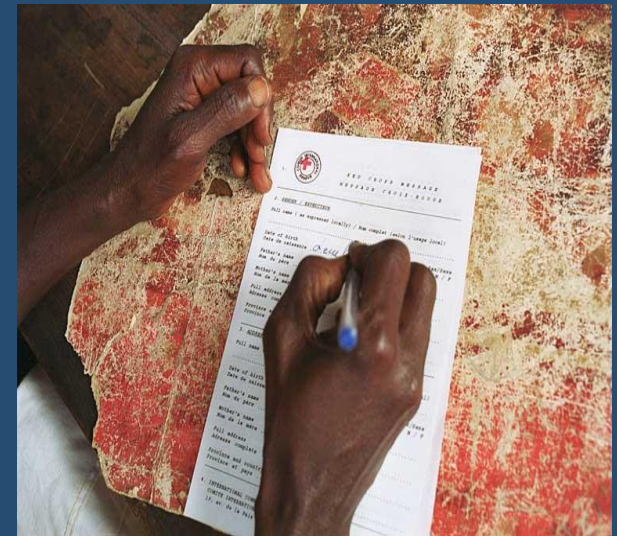
- Difficult connections
- Lost telephone number
- Do not have a precise address
- Lost family during the migration process
- Death of one of the family members
- Other reasons over which the authorities have control



How can we help ?

1. Restoring and Mantain Family Contact

- ▶ Red Cross Message
- ▶ Safe and Well Messages
- ▶ Transmission of Oral messages
- ▶ Services offering Cell phones / VTC



How can we help ?

2. Transmission and Issuing of Official Documents

- ▶ Transmission of legal and official documents
- ▶ ICRC travel document

3. Notification to consular/diplomatic representative



4. Tracing of Individuals

TRACING REQUEST / DEMANDE DE RECHERCHE

1. PERSON TO BE TRACED / PERSONNE RECHERCHEE

ICRC No _____

Full name (as expressed locally)

Nom complet (selon usage local)

Alias

Autre(s) nom(s)

Sex/Sexe M / F

Father's full name

Nom complet du père

Mother's full name

Nom complet de la mère

Nationality

Nationalité

Ethnic origin

Ethnie

Date of birth (or age)

Date de naissance (ou âge)

Place of birth

Lieu de naissance

Last known address / Dernière adresse connue

Tel

Fax

E-mail

2. PERSONS ACCOMPANYING THE PERSON TO BE TRACED / PERSONNES ACCOMPAGNANT LE RECHERCHE

Full name

Nom complet

Date of birth

Date naissance

Sex

Sexe

Relationship with the person to be traced

Lien de parenté avec la personne recherchée

3. DETAILS OF ENQUIRY / EXPOSE DE LA DEMANDE

Date and kind of last news / Date et nature des dernières nouvelles

Exact circumstances that led to the loss of contact / Circonstances exactes ayant entraîné la rupture de contact

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How can we help ?

5. Family Visits

- ▶ If required, National Society with ICRC support provides support for the relevant authorities in facilitating and/or financing family visits



Principles of action

- ▶ Fundamental principles NIHA
- ▶ Consent of the detainee, their family and the detaining authorities
- ▶ NS RFL Code of Conduct in line with GDPR 25 Mai 2018
- ▶ Transparency with the detaining authorities
- ▶ Censorship

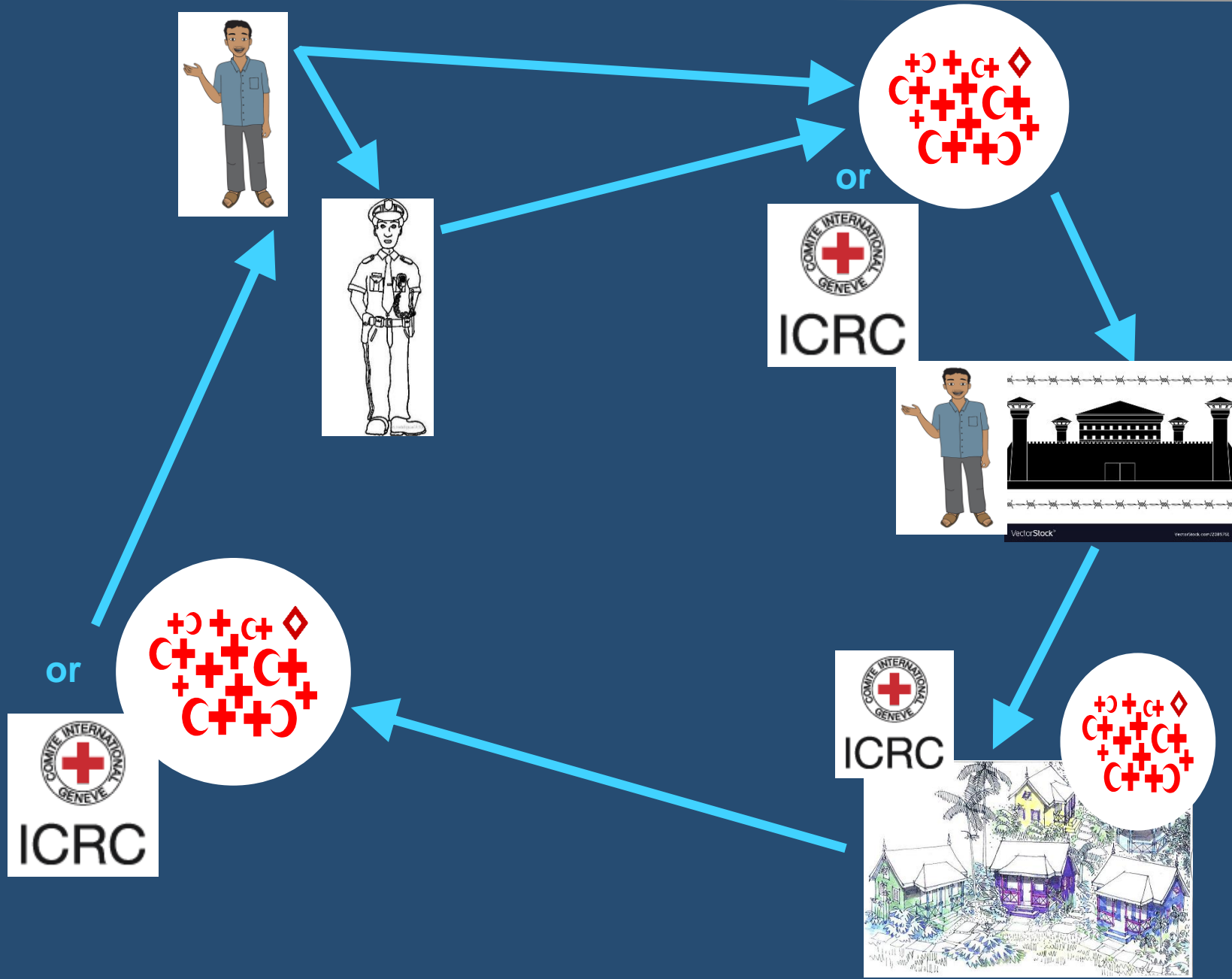
**RFL? An exclusive
Humanitarian Service**

IMPORTANT

- ▶ Avoiding a negative impact: it is essential that any RFL activities do not have a negative or detrimental impact on the detainee and/or the family members
- ▶ Be aware of time / Realistic expectations



How to activate RFL Services for Detainees




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**THANK YOU FOR
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QUESTIONS?