

The ICRC Approach to Migration - A Humanitarian Perspective

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Decedent Migrants are a reality

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Donald Trump has pledged to build a 'beautiful wall' - but America' Mexico is already aggressively defended by the drones and fences o border patrol. It's a strategy that is causing ever more migrants to diterrain

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A man illegally crossed the border into South Texas, died on the journey and was never identified. His remains were buried in a milk crate, his skull stained red from its contact with a bandanna.



The ICRC and Humanitarian Forensics

ICRC receives award for contributions to humanitarian forensic sciences

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Geneva (ICRC) – The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) is to receive the inaugural prize for the development and promotion of humanitarian forensic sciences from the International Association of Forensic Sciences (IAFS).

...but forensics and decedent migrants are only one aspect of ICRC work with regards to migrants.



A Humanitarian Approach

Definition of a migrant (based on the International Federation of the Red Cross Policy on Migration, 2009):

A Migrant is a person who leaves or flees their habitual residence to go to new places — usually abroad — to seek opportunities or safer and better prospects. Migration can be voluntary or involuntary, but most of the time a combination of choices and constraints are involved. Thus, this definition includes, among others, labour migrants, stateless migrants, and migrants deemed irregular by public authorities. It also concerns refugees and asylum seekers, notwithstanding the fact that they constitute a special category under international law.





A Humanitarian Approach

- The ICRC pursues a vulnerability-based approach to migration (broad definition, irrespective of legal status or whereabouts)
- Not encouraging or discouraging migration, but respecting rights and dignity when people do migrate
- The ICRC focuses its response
 (assistance and protection) on areas
 where it has an added value, based on its
 experience and expertise



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à Access to primary healthcare to migrants

à FA training for migrants

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Red Cross Red Crescent leaders ask governments to review migration policies

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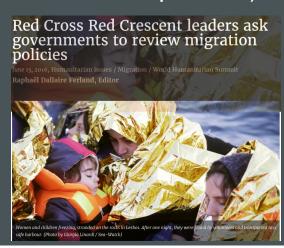
Work with the Movement

à Support (financial, regulatory technical, tools...) to framework National Societies in carrying out their access activities

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Detention

- à Monitoring conditions and treatment
- à Providing assistance

Protection of the Civilian Population (PCP)

- à Raising awareness
- à Supporting relevant training mechanism
- à Non-refoulement
- à Land- and sea-based forces

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