



Restoring Family Links



Purpose of Tracing Activities

People are separated from his families and relatives and force to go other places for the impact of hostilities/ war, internal violence, conflict or natural disaster. In these circumstances the family members of separated persons is anxiously/eagerly waiting with mental pressure/agony for the news of loved one. The main objective of the tracing activities of Bangladesh Red Crescent Society is to reduce anxiety by re-establishing family links and trace the separated persons.

There is International Tracing Network to run mentioned work properly in the world. These networks are expanded in each of national Red Cross and Red Crescent Society of the world, Central Tracing Agency of the International Committee of the Red Cross in Geneva and through their representatives in different countries. Every Unit of BDRCS is within the territory of the network. There is a Tracing department in national headquarter to mobilize the tracing activities and a tracing team in each Unit. The society is providing this unique humanitarian service without money through 7 basic principles.



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MAKING INTERNATIONAL DISASTER ENQUIRIES

When a disaster occurs, normal lines of communication may be disrupted for some time. Families are anxious to obtain news of their relatives both inside or outside the affected area. Displaced persons who have been evacuated from the affected area and accommodated in the shelters or transferred to hospital need to reassure their families about their status of health and whereabouts.

The natural disaster can cause a large number of deaths. The deceased may be transferred to morgues or buried without informing their families. The tracing service of BDRCS is providing assistance to reestablish family contact to those who remain without news of their relatives and to clarify the fate and whereabouts of missing persons.

Beneficiaries of Tracing Activities

- 1 Victims of natural disaster or conflict and their families,
- 2 Refugees and asylum seekers
- 3 Migrants
- 4 Armed and civilian people affected by political conflict, internal violence, civil war
- 5 War prisoner and their families
- 6 Victims detained abroad and their families

International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement

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

The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement make 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 give priority to the most urgent cases of distress.

Neutrality

In order to continue to enjoy the confidence of all, the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement may not take sides in hostilities or engage at any time in controversies of political, racial, religious or ideological nature.

Independence

The International Red Cross and Red Crescent 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 and 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.

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