## **Restoring Family Links (RFL)**





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# To live or rebuild a dignified life, people need

To be informed of the whereabouts of missing relatives To maintain and restore the family unity



"Whenever people are separated from, or without news of, their loved ones as a result of armed conflict, other situations of violence, natural disaster or other situations requiring a humanitarian response, the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement responds efficiently and effectively by mobilizing its resources to restore family links."

(RFL Strategy for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, 2007)



## It began in Solferino ....



The story of Claudius Mazuet...

"A young Corporal, some twenty years old, with gentle expressive features, had a bullet in the left side. There was no hope for him, and of this he was fully aware. When I had helped him to drink, he thanked me and added with tears in his eyes: 'Oh, Sir, if you could write to my father to comfort my mother!' I noted his parents' address, and a moment later he had ceased to live.

The parents lived [...] in Lyons, and this young man who had joined the army as a volunteer was their only son. The only news they received of him was that which I gave them. Like many others, his name appeared among the 'missing'."

Henry Dunant, A Memory of Solferino, 1862

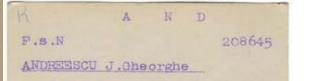


# Serbian soldiers writing to their families





## **Development of the Red Cross Message**



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## **Restoring Family Links Response and Activities**









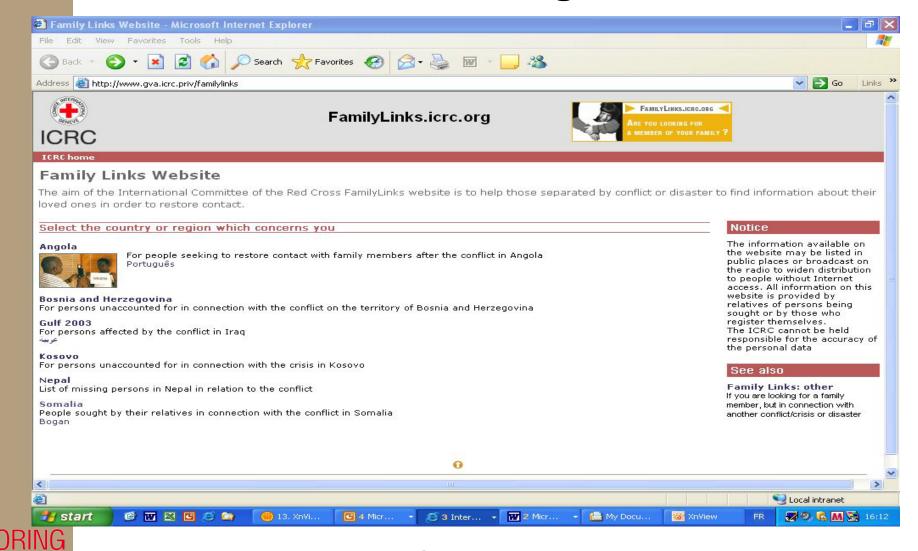


#### Areas of intervention

- 1. Re-establishing communications
- 2. Tracing of persons
- 3. Family reunifications
- 4. Transmission of official documents and issuing of ICRC travel document
- 5. Support to authorities in the creation of an official mechanism for clarifying the fate of missing persons
- 6. Material, legal, psychological and other support to families with missing relatives
- 7. Forensic management and identification of human remains



#### Family links website to publish names or enable self-registration





#### REPONSE AU MESSAGE REPLY TO THE MESSAGE

(Nouvelles de caractère familial et/ou personnel - Family and/or private news)



MESSAGE CROIX- ROUGE RED CROSS MESSAGE



EXPEDITEUR / SENDER	No:
Nom complet (selon l'usage local) Full name (as expressed locally)	
Date et lieu de naissance Date and place of birth	Sexe/Sex : M/F
Nom complet du père Father's full name	
Nom complet de la mère Mother's full name	
Adresse postale complète Full postal address	
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Signature .....

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#### MESSAGE

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Le destinataire est The addressee is	
Date	Signature
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Date .....

#### **Tracing of individuals**



#### TRACING REQUEST / DEMANDE DE RECHERCHE

ERSONNE RECHERCHEE	ICRC No
	Sex/Sexe M / F
Ethi	thnic origin
Place of birth Lieu de naissance	
	Ethi Place of birth

#### 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

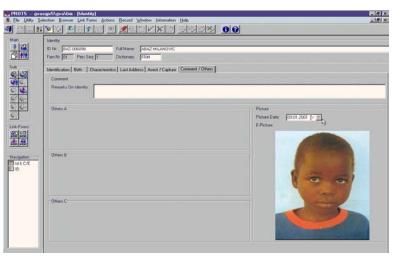
#### 3. DETAILS OF ENQUIRY / EXPOSE DE LA DEMANDE

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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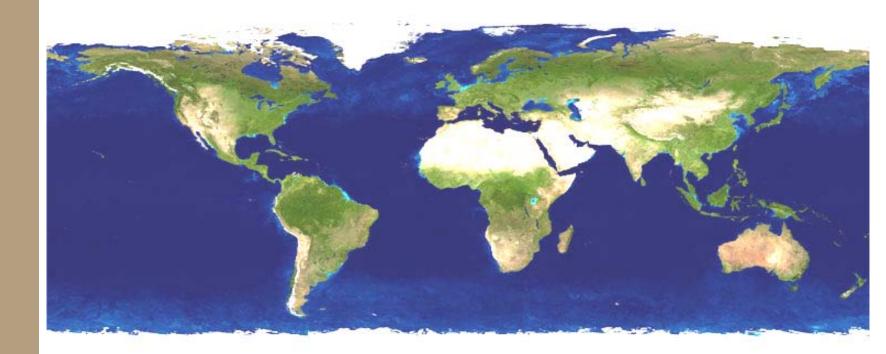
## **Management of mortal remains**

# Persons who die may become missing if death is not recorded





## Restoring Family Links – a worldwide network



**ICRC Geneva & some 65 delegations** 



**188 National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies** 

### **Restoring Family Links Movement and Cooperation**







Thank you for your attention!

