



## Restoring family links

*Disaster and emergency management*





**The role of the Kuwait Red Crescent Society is to promote the restoration of family links:**

- First: its statute, which provides the general framework for the formulation of policies, strategies and standards contained in Ministerial Decision No. (112) of 2009
- Second, as stipulated in the Statute of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, with National Societies playing an important role in providing assistance to victims of armed conflict, natural disasters and other emergencies
- Third, Resolution 16 of the 25th International Conference, where National Societies, as a component of the international network, play an important role in the search for missing persons and family reunification.



## Objectives of the Restoring Family Links Program:

- Restore and maintain contact between families.
- Disclose the fate of people who have gone missing as a result of natural disasters.
- Or through other cases requiring a humanitarian response as stipulated in the Statutes of the Movement.
- Improve the capacity and performance of staff and volunteers in the field of restoring family links.
- Strengthen cooperation with National Societies and the ICRC in restoring family links





## KRCS Experiences and Practices on Developing Family Links:

- First: the experience of the Kuwaiti Red Crescent Society in restoring family links «file of the Philippines».
- Second: the experience of the Kuwaiti Red Crescent Society in restoring family links «prison file».
- Third: the experience of the Kuwait Red Crescent Society in restoring family links «file of migrant workers.»
- Fourth: Tracing requests





## **First: the experience of the Kuwait Red Crescent Society in restoring family links during natural disasters:**

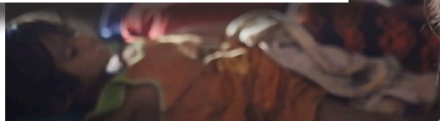
- Natural Disasters: Due to the devastating and devastating typhoons of the Republic of the Philippines, including Typhoon Haiyan (November 2013), which caused damage to more than one hundred thousand people and the loss of thousands
- The Kuwait Red Crescent Society (KRCS) has strengthened the work of the family links file due to the presence of approximately one hundred and twenty thousand people from the Filipino community residing in Kuwait.
- Establishing a permanent network to provide services related to restoring family links for the benefit of this community
- Cooperation with the Philippine Embassy to the State of Kuwait, the ICRC's Regional Delegation for the Arab Gulf States and the Philippine Red Cross Society





**The association has published a declaration in arabic, English and Filipino to invite the Filipino community to submit search requests.**

- The Kuwait Red Crescent Society, in cooperation with the International Committee of the Red Cross, participated in the celebration held by the Philippine Embassy in Kuwait to raise funds for those affected by the hurricane.
- The association allocated a week over two morning and evening periods, in preparation for receiving requests for research, investigation and the provision of related services, in which disaster and emergency management staff participated in as well as a number of the association's volunteers who received advanced training in restoring family ties.
- The link has been added to the above-mentioned website of the Kuwaiti Red Crescent Society in Arabic and English, so that the families of the missing can investigate the news of their relatives.





## **Second: The Kuwaiti Red Crescent Society's experience in restoring family ties « prison file »**

**The Kuwaiti Red Crescent Society has established a permanent special office for it, in cooperation with the General Directorate of Correctional Institutions - The Kuwaiti Ministry of Interior, with the aim of:**

- Providing basic humanitarian services to guests
- The annual guest week event
- Activities to restore family ties and provide in-kind support to their families
- Other social welfare services
- The video call project
- Provide international pre-shipment card service
- • Provide group breakfast tables for guests with their families





### Third: The Kuwaiti Red Crescent Society's experience in restoring family ties « «Expat Employment File» »

- Within the framework of promoting and providing family ties activities, cooperation is under way between the Kuwait Red Crescent Society and the Center for The Accommodation of Migrant Workers of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor in Kuwait, which aims to find humanitarian solutions for migrant workers in preparation for their return to their countries.
- Providing tickets for deportees and this is the ultimate goal of restoring family ties



#### Fourth: Search requests for missing persons

- The Kuwaiti Red Crescent Society receives requests for the search for missing persons in cooperation with the Red Cross and Red Crescent societies around the world
- • The Association provides a service to track missing family members in Kuwait in cooperation with local authorities
- • The association provides a search service for the family who lost one of its members abroad
- • During the provision of the search service, the Association is committed to following the criteria set for this purpose.
- • The association is continuously cooperating with those responsible for restoring family ties to the ICRC.





1. The Sri Lankan Lost Query File, called Surya, was opened on August 2018 ,30 September
2. 5 September 2018 was successful in reaching the lost and writing a letter of contentment to her family
3. 18 September 2018 Family reunification in Sri Lanka.



### **Data on the applicant:**

- Personal identity
- Means of communication (mobile/landline/email)
- The relationship between him and the person to be sought

### **Data on what to look for:**

- Full name
- A copy of the passport or employment contract
- Selfie
- Phone number if any

### **In case of death:**

- Detailed description of the person.
- Any distinctive marks in the body, length and selfie showing the teeth.
- Analysis of the DNA
- Male Family Tree