

Swedish Red Cross - Restoring Family Links (RFL)



Prevent separation and disappearance

Restore and maintain contact

Clarify the fate

The Battle of Solferino 1859 – the origins of the RFL Service

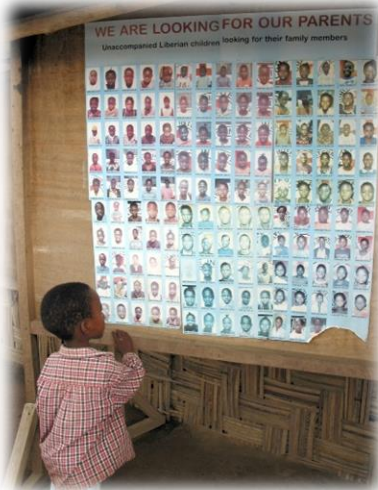


International Committee of the Red Cross (1863)

Geneva Conventions (1864)

Swedish Red Cross (1865)

Looking for family members



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Floods in Peru
The Peruvian Red Cross is in the affected areas and is helping safe and well people to contact their families.

Are you looking for a family member?
Where are you now? [Dropdown]
Where do you think your family member is? [Dropdown]
[REQUEST INFORMATION](#)

Restoring Family Links
Every year, thousands of family members are separated by conflicts, disasters or migration. People suffer terribly when they lose contact with their loved ones and don't know where they are or whether they are safe.
The ICRC and National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies work together around the world to locate people and put them back into contact with their relatives. This work includes looking for family members, restoring contact, reuniting families and seeking to clarify the fate of those who remain missing.

Trace the Face
The ICRC and Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies help refugees and migrants in Europe find missing family members.
[See the website](#)

Online Tracing

- Bosnia and Herzegovina Conflict
- Cote d'Ivoire
- Croatia Conflict
- Rwanda Crisis
- Nepal Conflict
- Rwanda Conflict
- South Sudan
- Trace the Face - Migrants in Europe

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Restoring Family Links news

- Nicaragua: After eight years of uncertainty, family gets in touch again | 3/7/2017 | ARTICLE
- Ukraine crisis: Uncertainty on both sides of the contact line | 2/16/2017 | ARTICLE
- Georgia / Abkhazia: More work being done to solve cases of missing people | 2/8/2017 | ARTICLE
- Nigeria: Luka sees mother after two-year separation; thousands remain separated | 3/22/2017 | ARTICLE
- Seven stranded Palestinian repatriated from Yemen | 3/3/2017 | ARTICLE



The importance of RFL

"There used to be a saying around here that the worst thing that can happen to someone is to bury their own child. It seems nowadays that there is something far worse - not knowing what happened to him at all."



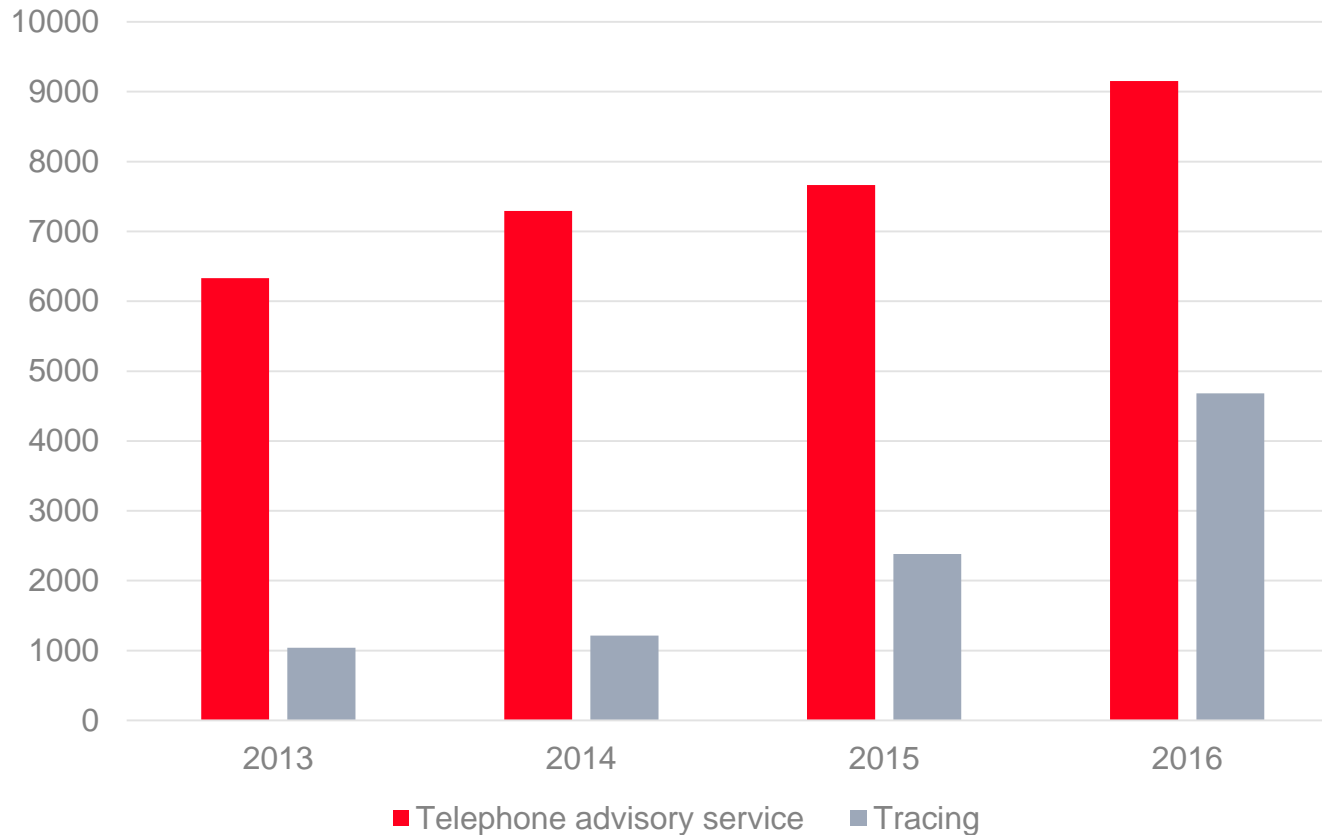
"The most difficult thing to overcome is this constant state of nervousness that does not leave you, that at any moment, he could be knocking on the door. During the night, I listen with all my ears and each time I hear a small noise, the first thing that comes to my mind is that my son is back."

Thank you

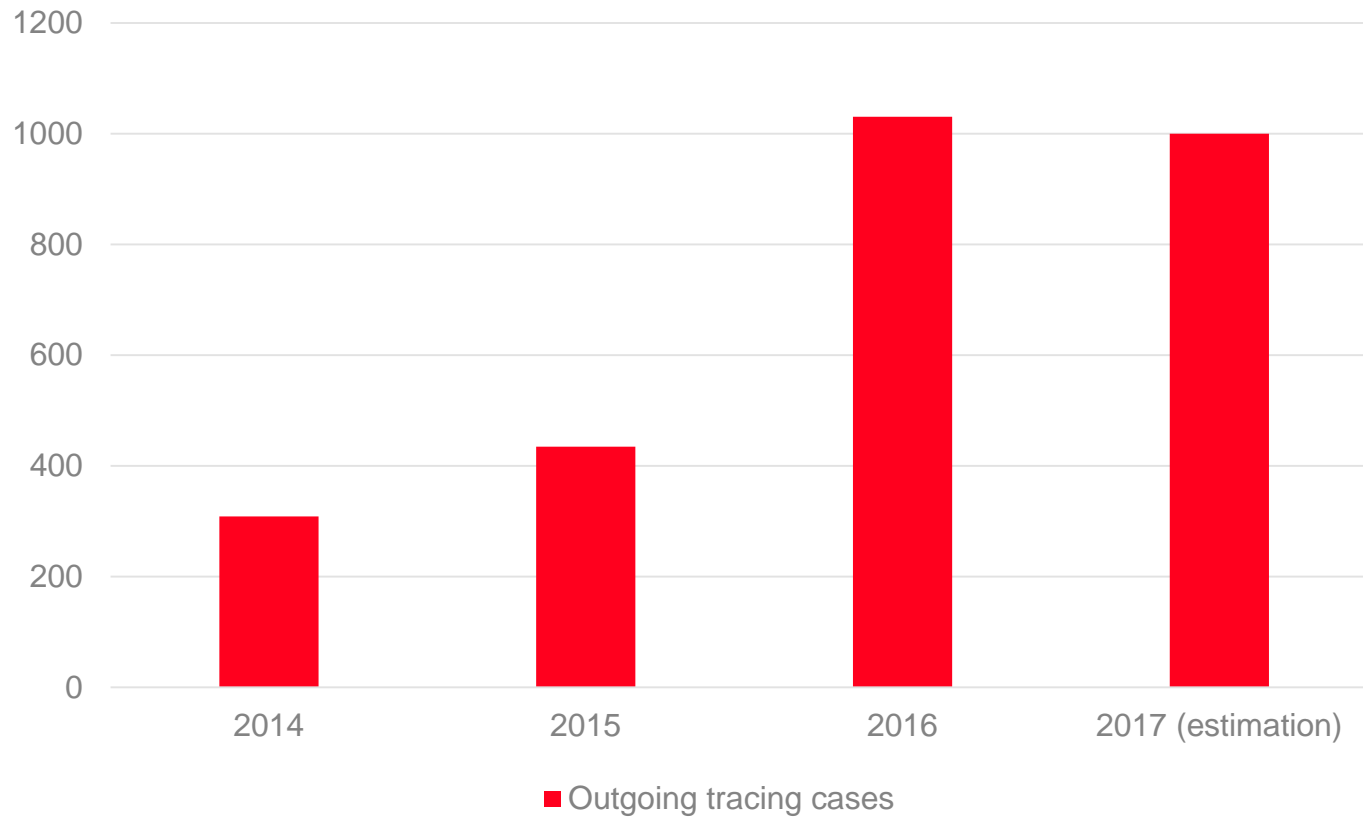
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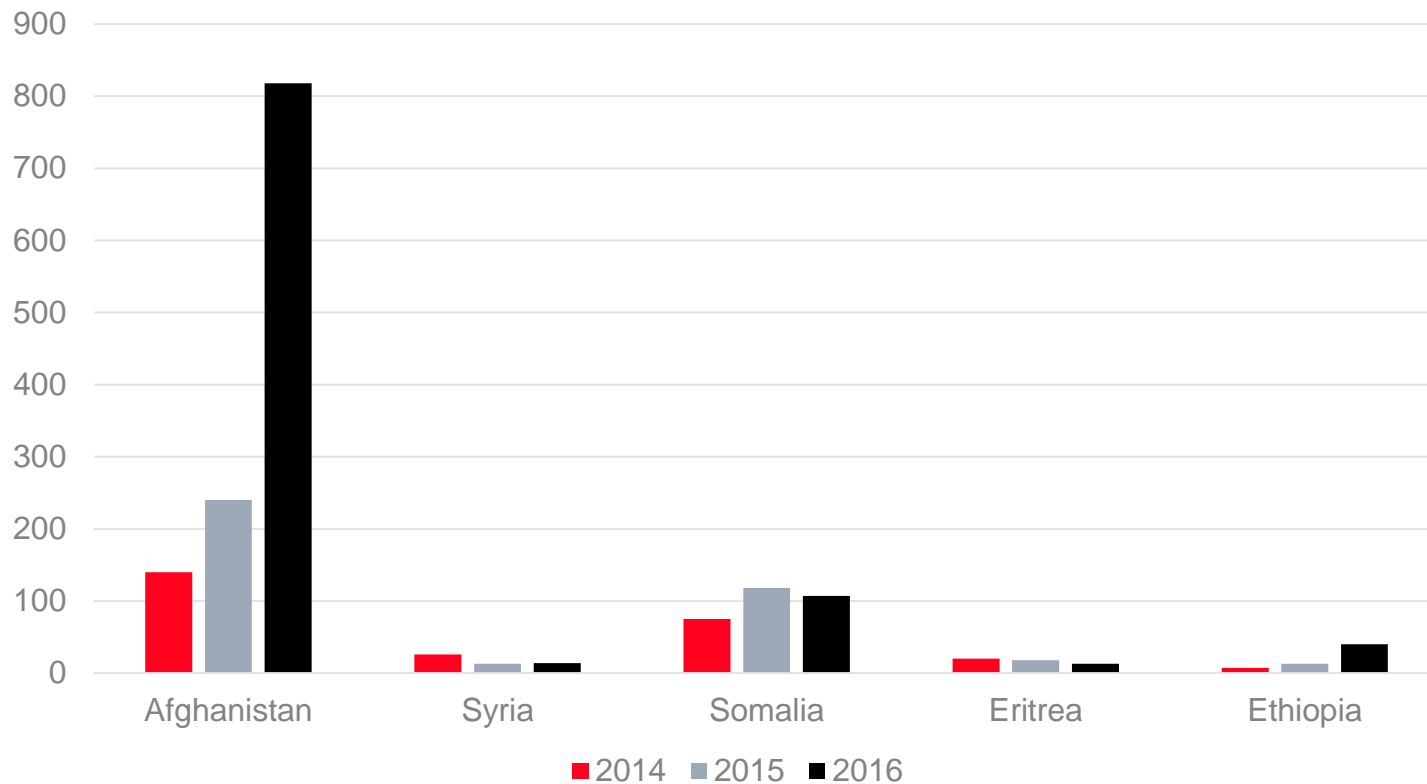
Number of calls to telephone advisory service



Outgoing tracing cases



Nationalities and number of tracing cases



ICRC RFL Statistics 2015

1 041 893 people contacted ICRC offices around the world for advice or services related to protection and restoring family links.

Together with the Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies, the ICRC :

- distributed 106,108 Red Cross Messages
- facilitated 479,358 phone calls between relatives
- reunited 968 children with their families

