



## FAMILY LINKS

Trying to locate people and put them back into contact with their relatives is a major challenge for the ICRC, the Somali Red Crescent Society (SRCS) and the network of National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and volunteers in the region and across the world.

### SOMALIA: EVERYWHERE FOR EVERYONE



Abdulkadir Hussein (hands raised), branch secretary for SRCS Huddur tours the premises with volunteers during construction of the new SRCS building.



Ongoing construction works at the SRCS branch office in Huddur. The rehabilitation was supported by the ICRC.



ICRC communications coordinator Pedram Yazdi prepares to take a photo of the ongoing rehabilitation works at the SRCS Huddur branch office.

Today marks World Red Cross and Red Crescent day, held on 8th May, an annual celebration of the contribution of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. In Somalia, a country ravaged by decades of civil war, it provides an occasion to reflect on the close partnership history the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the Somali Red Crescent Society (SRCS) share in providing support to people affected by armed conflict and adverse effects of climate.

With support from the ICRC, the SRCS recently completed rehabilitation of its branch office in Huddur, Bakol region. The inauguration of the renovated building on 4th May 2016 signifies an opportunity for the partners to regain a humanitarian foothold in a region that has long been inaccessible.



Daniel O'Malley (left), ICRC's Deputy Head of Delegation and Mohamed Yusuf, SRCS president, officially open the new building.



Group photo of ICRC and SRCS staff together with volunteers during the inauguration of the new SRCS branch in Huddur. Photo:SRCS/



SRCS president, Mr. Yusuf Hassan Mohamed

The mutually beneficial partnership between the ICRC and SRCS dates back to the seventies and is based on the same fundamental principles which guide our humanitarian approach.

The SRCS enjoys a close proximity to communities everywhere in Somalia, having a vast network of 19 branches, with close to 130 sub-branches across the country, and more than 4,600 volunteers. This is key in understanding the needs of the vulnerable families and ensuring a timely response.

SRCS president, Mr. Yusuf Hassan Mohamed "Let's get closer to the community, to

win their support and acceptance." SRCS president, Mr. Yusuf Hassan Mohamed

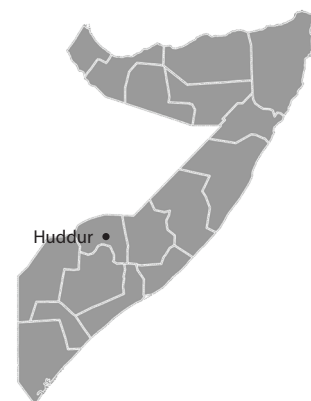
said during the inauguration ceremony of the SRCS Huddur Branch. Adding, "Huddur branch is one of the examples of tangible projects implemented with support of ICRC."

The ICRC brings with it international experience and expertise drawing on 150 years of humanitarian action. This includes material and training support to assist the affected people.

This year's theme of the Red Cross and Red Crescent day: 'Everywhere for Everyone,'

demonstrates our reach as Movement partners in responding to crises in Somalia and the world over, a task beyond the means of any single humanitarian entity.

**Everywhere**  
*for* **everyone.**



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