



ICRC

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Dear Mr Tsotskolauri,

On behalf of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Georgia we would like to present our compliments to the MoH and Social Services Agency.

As a neutral, impartial and independent humanitarian organization, the ICRC has a mandate to support and assist people affected by armed conflicts and other situations of violence. In light of the ongoing crisis with regard to COVID-19, the ICRC along with the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement have significantly adapted their operations so as to contribute to the prevention and mitigation of consequences related to the spreading of the virus.

In Tskhinvali region/South Ossetia, where no other component of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement is present, the ICRC provides an essential humanitarian assistance to the most vulnerable. The ICRC has been expanding the food and hygienic assistance it provides, in order to include persons aged 70 years and over, living without family support and whose income falls below a certain threshold. In covering their basic needs and enhancing their kit of hygienic items, this assistance aims to prevent the exposure of this category of persons to the virus, as their age and socio-economic conditions make them particularly vulnerable. Information about the risks of COVID-19 and precautionary measures to be taken is also provided within this assistance.

Those who currently cannot access their pension and who meet the above criteria may therefore be eligible for the ICRC assistance during these difficult times. In the absence of an accessible pension or any family support, this assistance will prove vital for the well-being of its beneficiaries.

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To best ensure the most comprehensive coverage of this assistance, the ICRC cordially requests the support of the Social Service Agency in providing specific information on persons living in Tskhinvali region/South Ossetia registered with a Georgian pension, notably full names, date of birth and contact information. This information will be treated with the utmost confidentiality and be used for the only purpose of this humanitarian programme.

We would like to take this opportunity to once again extend our gratitude for your understanding and support of our humanitarian action.

Sincerely yours,

Severine Chappaz
Head of Delegation

