150 years after the birth of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement (the Movement), we continue to provide relevant and timely humanitarian service to vulnerable communities and are committed to doing so now and into the future. Together and building on each other's strengths, our 187 Red Cross Red Crescent National Societies, the IFRC and the ICRC mobilize the power of humanity – to help people prepare for, respond to and recover from crisis – now and well into the future.

The Movement is at the foundation of international humanitarian action and of modern International Humanitarian Law (IHL). In 1863, Henry Dunant’s ideas, presented in his landmark book *A Memory of Solferino*, were transformed into reality with the creation of the ICRC and the establishment of the first National Societies,
followed in 1864 by the adoption of the First Geneva Convention. Today, his ideas remain pillars for the Movement, giving it strength and purpose.