

Recognition of the Red Cross Society of Tanganyika

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*To the Central Committees of the National Red Cross
(Red Crescent, Red Lion and Sun) Societies*

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

We have the honour to inform you of the official recognition, on August 8, 1963, of the Red Cross Society of Tanganyika by the International Committee of the Red Cross.

This Society applied for recognition in a letter dated July 9, 1963. The application was accompanied by the Government of Tanganyika's Decree of December 7, 1962, recognizing the Society, together with the text of the Society's Statutes and a report of its activities.

The study of these documents has shown that the ten conditions for recognition of a new Society by the International Committee have been duly fulfilled. These documents have also been examined in connection with the Secretariat of the League of Red Cross Societies.

The International Committee has pleasure, therefore, in announcing the recognition of this Society, which brings the number of member Societies of the International Red Cross to ninety-eight. The Red Cross of Tanganyika thus becomes the nineteenth National Society to receive recognition on the African continent.

The work of the Red Cross in Tanganyika was carried out with devotion and competence by the British Red Cross until December 1962, when the powers and the property of the branch of that

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Society were transferred to the new National Society. The latter is recognized as an auxiliary to the army medical services. It consists of several divisions throughout the territory which direct numerous first aid detachments. It gives instruction in hygiene and relief. It assists the sick, refugees and the victims of natural disasters. Its Junior Red Cross already comprises more than 1,000 members.

The Government of Tanganyika confirmed on December 17, 1962, that the State was party to the Geneva Conventions of 1949, by virtue of their ratification by Great Britain in 1957.

The President of the Society is Chief A. S. Fundikira, M.P., and its Director is Mr. L. V. Thompson. The headquarters of the Society are at Dar es Salaam.

The International Committee of the Red Cross has great pleasure in welcoming this new Society into the International Red Cross, accrediting it by this notice to all other National Societies and recommending it to their kind attention. It expresses its best wishes for the Society's future and for the success of its charitable work.

FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
OF THE RED CROSS

Léopold Boissier, President