

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS

RECOGNITION OF THE UPPER VOLTA RED CROSS SOCIETY

GENEVA, November 1, 1962

438th Circular
To the Central Committees of the Red Cross
(Red Crescent, Red Lion and Sun)
Societies

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

We have the honour to inform you of the official recognition, on November 1, 1962, of the Upper Volta Red Cross Society by the International Committee of the Red Cross.

This Society applied for recognition in a letter dated August 20, 1962. The application was accompanied by the Upper Volta Government's Decree of July 9, 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.

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 eighty-nine. The Upper Volta Red Cross thus becomes the twelfth National Society to receive recognition on the African continent.

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The work of the Red Cross in Upper Volta was carried out with devotion and competence by the French Red Cross until July 31, 1961, on which date the powers and the property of the Volta Branch of this Society were transferred to the new National Society. The latter is recognized as an auxiliary to the army medical services in all the fields specified by the Geneva Conventions and is continuing the work begun by the French Red Cross. It has nine local Committees, which are responsible for the management of dispensaries, orphanages and first aid schools. They take part in the fight against tuberculosis and they contribute to the dissemination of the Geneva Conventions in the schools. The Upper Volta Red Cross possesses a Junior Red Cross.

The Republic of Upper Volta acceded to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 on November 7, 1961.

The Honorary President of the Upper Volta Red Cross is the President of the Republic. The Society is presided over by Dr. Joseph Conombo and the Secretary-General is Mr. Savadogo. Its headquarters are in Ouagadougou.

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