

The Red Cross can give you support

If you are seeking asylum

If you are an asylum seeker and you need support, you can turn to the Red Cross for:

- **information** about the asylum process
- **advice** on your asylum case
- **support** in preparing and clarifying your reasons for seeking asylum

If you are searching for your family

The Red Cross can try to **trace close relatives**, if you have lost contact with them as a result of war, conflict or a natural disaster. The relative or relatives you are looking for must live in a country other than Sweden.

If you want to contact your family

When you cannot contact your family by post, telephone or other forms of communication, the Red Cross can send a **Red Cross message** to re-establish or maintain contact between relatives. The message must contain only family news. Red Cross messages can also be sent between prisoners of war or civil detainees and their families.

If you want to be reunited with your family

According to Swedish law you have the right to be reunited with your close family, in other words your husband/ wife or cohabiting partner and children under 18 years old. In exceptional cases other family members may be given permission to live with the family in Sweden.

If you have been separated from your family by war, conflict or a natural disaster, you have a permanent residence permit in Sweden and you need help in order to be reunited with your family, you can turn to the Red Cross for:

- **information** about Swedish law and how your family can apply to be reunited with you

- **advice** and support to help reunite you with your family
- **financial help** if you cannot afford to pay for your family to travel

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All our services are free of charge.

About the Red Cross

- The Red Cross is an organisation without religious or political affiliations which is represented in 186 countries throughout the world.
- The task of the Red Cross is to prevent and alleviate human suffering wherever it occurs and whomever it affects.

Would you like to support the Red Cross?

- Become a volunteer and give your time, near where you live.
- Become a member by paying SEK 200 into postal giro account no. 900 807-9. Don't forget to give your name and address.
- Make a donation, postal giro account no. 900 800-4.