OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE

The work of the International Commission on Missing Persons (ICMP) throughout the world demonstrates that large numbers of missing persons can be found and that the rights of survivors – to truth, to justice, and to reparations – can be met.
**OUR MANDATE**

Our mandate to secure the cooperation of governments and others in locating and identifying missing persons from conflict, human rights abuses, disasters, organized crime, irregular migration and other causes, - and our two-decade track record of deploying successful social, scientific and political strategies with partners around the world have given ICMP an indispensable role in promoting and supporting the global response to the challenge of missing persons.

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- Spearhead an internationally coordinated response to the rising number of Missing Migrants worldwide
- Strengthen our internationally available, standard-setting and cost-effective platform for Disaster Victim Identification (DVI) through which ICMP makes its DNA laboratory standing capacity and data systems capabilities available to respond to major events such as hurricanes, tsunamis and earthquakes
- Expand our country programs beyond Colombia, Mexico, the Middle East and North Africa, and the Balkans to include Bangladesh, the Central African Republic, Cyprus, El Salvador, Myanmar and more

**THE CHALLENGE**

- The majority of missing from conflict are men, which means that there is a disproportionate number of women survivors, who are vulnerable and who may be unable to secure their rights to justice, truth and reparations
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- Natural and man-made disasters are increasing, in frequency and intensity. Four major hurricanes devastated parts of the Caribbean and the Southern United States in just four months in 2017. Conflicts in the Middle East, and sub-Saharan Africa, irregular and forced migration especially, in the Mediterranean, in Central America and in South Asia, have exacerbated the global problem of missing persons

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