

ABSTRACT

Bachelor's Thesis is theoretically described. It pays particular attention to Czech (Czechoslovak) Red Cross from its formation to present. The Thesis aspiration is to map out the International and Czech Red Cross from both historical and present day point and to help it to raise public attention.

The Thesis deals with following questions: How and why was the Red Cross found, by whom and for which reason? How the Czechoslovak Red Cross was found and which were its activities after World War I and during World War II? Which were its activities in the postwar socialistic period and in period after 1989? When the Czech Red Cross was found, which are its activities and who are its collective members?

The Thesis uses qualitative research methods, namely historical method and method of structured interviews and their analysis by the means of grounded theory method. It handles contemporary and current literature, including journals, archival and other documents. It is supplemented by interviews with management of regional associations whose goal is to describe the activities of the six Regional Associations of Czech Red Cross in the Usti region. There have been data identified regarding the formation of the associations and member and volunteer numbers at the time of formation and at the present. The results of the interviews show the activities of the regional associations, not only today, but also in past. The historical research shows how the focus and activities and operations of the Red Cross have changed throughout history. It also shows that its principles are changeless, as well as its mission.

Significance of this thesis consists in mapping the history of the organization and also in charting the activities of the regional associations.

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