



YEMEN

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IN SUPPORT OF THE YEMEN RED CRESCENT SOCIETY



22

National Society branches



454

National Society staff



5,355

National Society volunteers

PEOPLE REACHED

Disasters and crises



554,000

Health and wellbeing



170,000

Migration and displacement



126,000

Values, power and inclusion



10,000

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

in Swiss francs (CHF)

Total	Funding requirements	47.7M
IFRC	Emergency Operations Funding requirements	425,000
	Longer-term Funding requirements	6.5M
	Income	4.2M
Participating National Societies	Funding requirements	11.5M
	Income	2.0M
Host National Society other funding sources	Funding requirements	28.9M

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Appeal number **MAAYE001**

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

	People reached per year with support services, in-kind, cash and voucher assistance for emergency response and recovery	554,000
Disasters and crises	People reached with shelter support	118,000
	People reached with livelihoods support	92,000
	People reached with disaster risk reduction	10,000
	People reached with contextually appropriate health services	170,000
Health and wellbeing	People reached with contextually appropriate water, sanitation and hygiene services	109,000
	People reached with immunization services	19,000
	People trained in first aid	490
	People reached with psychosocial and mental health services	450
Migration and displacement	Migrants and displaced persons reached with services for assistance and protection	126,000
	People whose access to education is facilitated through National Society programming	10,000
Values, power and inclusion	People reached by protection, gender and inclusion programming	4,000

ENABLING FUNCTIONS

National Society Development	All volunteers are covered by health, accident and death compensation	Yes
Humanitarian diplomacy	National Society is participating in IFRC-led communication campaigns	Yes
Accountability and agility	National Society has demonstrated progress in digital transformation according to the digital maturity model outlined in the IFRC Digital Transformation Strategy	Yes

IFRC NETWORK SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

National Society	Multilateral Support	Bilateral Support					
		Climate	Migration and displacement	Values, power and inclusion	Enabling Functions	Disasters and crises	Health and wellbeing
British Red Cross	●					●	
Canadian Red Cross Society	●						●
Danish Red Cross	●		●	●	●	●	●
Finnish Red Cross							●
German Red Cross				●	●	●	●
Italian Red Cross	●				●	●	
Japanese Red Cross Society	●						●
Netherlands Red Cross	●						
Norwegian Red Cross	●				●	●	●
Qatar Red Crescent Society						●	●
Swedish Red Cross	●			●		●	●

■ Planned

■ Supported

OVERALL PROGRESS

Context

Yemen is facing one of the worst humanitarian crises in the world due to a combination of prolonged conflict, an economic crisis and recurrent climate-related hazards. These hazards include temperature increases, rising sea levels and changing patterns in rainfall, causing floods, droughts, reduced water availability and soil degradation. Climate change exacerbates vulnerabilities, threatens livelihoods and contributes to increased conflict. The political environment in Yemen and the security situation have somehow changed since April 2022, after the UN-brokered truce. However, essential services and the economic situation continued to deteriorate.

There have been drastic cuts in humanitarian funding for Yemen, impacting the most vulnerable.

In the first six months of 2023, the extent of the rainfall and flooding has caused and continues to cause severe infrastructure damage, including damage to dams, particularly those that are not regularly maintained and located in the mountains surrounding cities and populated areas. It is likely that the risks of flooding will increase during the next rainy season (August–September). In May 2023, the Yemen Red Crescent Society requested support from the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies' (IFRC) Disaster Response Emergency Fund (DREF) to manage and mitigate the consequences of the floods in Sana'a and other governorates.

Key achievements

In the first half of 2023, the Yemen Red Crescent Society continued to make significant progress in disaster management, health and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH), benefiting around 860,320 people. This is an excellent achievement considering overall humanitarian funding constraints for the country.

With regard to evolving crises and disasters, some key achievements include the provision of food baskets and livelihood support activities to 41,759 individuals as well as the provision of unconditional cash assistance to 31,434 individuals. The Yemen Red Crescent Society has also offered assistance to households impacted by the 2023 floods in various governorates as part of its emergency response efforts.

In the area of health and wellbeing, the National Society's key achievements were obtaining two mobile clinics to enhance the Yemen Red Crescent Society's healthcare services and training 450 individuals on first aid. Additionally, the National Society has initiated discussions with the Ministry of Health to be included in its referral system.

Regarding WASH, the Yemen Red Crescent Society's water rehabilitation initiative has benefited 28,270 individuals. The National Society, in collaboration with the IFRC, has improved water quality testing capacity of the Sayoun Local Water Corporation of in the Hadramout governorate by providing chemicals and reagents for their water testing labs. This was implemented through the European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO)'s Pilot Programmatic Partnership (PPP), implemented with support from the German Red Cross, Norwegian Red Cross, and the IFRC country office. GIS training has been provided by the IFRC to the National Society's WASH engineers and IM staff at headquarters.

The Yemen Red Crescent Society is part of the global PPP between the IFRC and the DG ECHO. This partnership benefits from the support of the Danish Red Cross as lead EU National Society, as well the German Red Cross, the Norwegian Red Cross and the IFRC for the implementation of activities in Yemen in the areas of disaster risk management, epidemic and pandemic preparedness and response, and community engagement and accountability. Through the implementation of the PPP, the National Society has increased focus on scaling up and mainstreaming anticipatory action with the aim of ensuring faster, more dignified approach to humanitarian interventions by predicting the onset and trajectory of crises and protecting affected communities with tailored support. The PPP's multi-year humanitarian financing has also provided ambit for longer-term adaptive programming for the National Society's epidemic and pandemic response programming.

Changes and amendments

Due to a decrease in funding, several National Society development activities were not carried out, prioritizing actions in other fields. Further, due to the unstable situation last year in Abyan, the cash assistance programme targeting 500 individuals was delayed and implemented in the first quarter of 2023.

IFRC NETWORK ACTION

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Climate and environment

Communities and Red Cross and Red Crescent staff and volunteers undertake urgent action to adapt to the rising and evolving risks from the climate and environmental crises

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The National Society is a member of both the climate cluster in Middle East and North Africa (MENA) and the UN shelter cluster. In addition, the Yemen Red Crescent Society has put in place an environmental policy that aims to reduce any environmental impact associated with their activities. Recently, the National Society has been working on replacing diesel generators at its headquarters, branches and health facilities with solar systems.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC and the Yemen Red Crescent Society have put in place an environmental policy that aims to reduce any environmental impact associated with their activities. The actions planned and implemented in 2023 did not have a significant impact on the environment in Yemen. However, as related to the disposal of Infection Prevention and Control/Personal Protective Equipment (IPC/PPE) or materials used during community activities, such as first aid dressing materials, they are sent to the nearest hospital for medical burning.

The IFRC and the Yemen Red Crescent Society are looking at the application of measures in line with their environmental policies to reduce the environmental footprint of all activities. Environment and climate-related considerations as cross-cutting themes were incorporated into several programme activities to mitigate environmental degradation and/or improve the environment, such as the transformation of water supply schemes from diesel-based systems to solar or renewable energy.



Disasters and crises

There were two IFRC Disaster Response Emergency Fund (DREF) funded emergency responses active in the reporting period.

NAME OF OPERATION	Yemen floods 2023
MDR-CODE	MDRYE012
DURATION	6 months (28 May 2023 to 30 November 2023)
FUNDING ALLOCATION	CHF 535,562
PEOPLE TARGETED	24,500

NAME OF OPERATION	Yemen: Sanaa Floods
MDR-CODE	MDRYE011
DURATION	6 months (29 July 2022 to 31 January 2023)
FUNDING ALLOCATION	CHF 749,840
LAST OPERATION UPDATE	DREF Operation Final Report Yemen Sanaa Floods DREF Operation Final Report

Communities take action to increase their resilience to evolving and multiple shocks and hazards environmental crises

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Yemen Red Crescent Society has rehabilitated seven schools and constructed two new schools in Sana'a governorate. Furthermore, YRCS is planning to do an assessment in the nine schools and to establish, equip and train school-based disaster risk reduction (DRR) committees, this is with the support of the German Red Cross.

IFRC network joint support

With the support from the IFRC, the funding for enhanced vulnerability and capacity assessment (EVCA) was secured at the end of the first half of 2023. The EVCA activities in three communities in Hadramout, Hajjah and Ibb governorates will be carried out during the second half of 2023, and then community action planning based on the EVCA exercise and execution of action plans, including DRR activities, will be carried out.

Through the support of the ECHO PPP, the National Society is advancing the anticipatory action agenda forward in Yemen. The IFRC supported Yemen Red Crescent Society in developing simplified early action protocols (sEAP) for floods. The sEAP were developed and reviewed by the MENA operations team and the Anticipatory Action (AA) validation committee. The sEAP are under revision and will be finalized and approved during the third quarter of 2023.

People affected by crises and disasters have their needs met through access to assistance and support that is timely, adequate, flexible and strengthens their agency

Progress by the National Society against objectives

A total of 240 households in Lahj were identified as recipients of cash assistance specifically allocated for food support and a total of 850 households in Taiz have received cash assistance aimed at supporting their livelihoods. The implementation of unconditional cash assistance was carried out in seven governorates, reaching a total of 31,434 households. Four hubs have been activated in four governorates: Amran, Dhamar, Mahrah and Shabwah – with an officer being recruited for each hub. Food baskets and non-essential food items have been distributed to people affected by natural disasters in 20 governorates. As part of the economic security and livelihoods project, various activities were conducted in multiple locations. In Abyan, Al Hodeidah, Al-Mahrah, Amran, Hadramout, Hajjah, Marib, Sana'a, Shabwah, Sa'adah and Taiz, food baskets and livelihood kits were distributed.

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) supported the distribution of cash assistance, food baskets, non-food items and livelihood projects.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC has provided support to the National Society in operationalizing the two hubs through technical support and covering the salaries and relevant costs for two disaster management officers. The IFRC equally provided support for the distribution of food baskets and non-food items.

The Danish Red Cross has tested CVA implementation, including building the National Society's capacity, in coordination with the other Movement partners to reach people affected by crises and disaster.

The Danish Red Cross, German Red Cross, Norwegian Red Cross and ICRC provided support for the procurement and stocking of non-food items. The Danish Red Cross participated in the DREF, organized by IFRC, and secured funding for USD 160,00 for non-food items for the response to the floods. The Qatar Red Crescent Society has provided support in the form of procurement and stocking of non-food items. Additionally, they have also provided Ramadan baskets to those in need. Moreover, the Qatar Red Crescent supported the distribution of the 3,472 food baskets to people in two governorates, Al-Hodeida and Marib. The Qatar Red Crescent has also provided support for many livelihoods project such as: training for farmers on beekeeping and providing apiaries, providing productive animals for poor households and training fishermen on fishing, providing the trainees with a set of fishing tools, and purchasing a boat, all these are now in the procurement process.

Yemen Red Crescent Society responds effectively to the wide spectrum of evolving crises and disasters, and their auxiliary role in disaster risk management is well defined and recognized

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The National Society has established and activated the radio and hotline units at its headquarters has commenced with the installation of the necessary equipment. Contingency plans have been prepared for both the headquarters and branches. A stock of 21,336 non-food item kits, 8,500 food baskets, 1,000 emergency shelter kits, 800 camping tools and 9,000 plastic sheets specifically procured for the branches.

The ICRC provided support for the training and awareness sessions on MRE, as well as support for the actions related to restoring family links (RFL).

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC has provided/providing support to the Yemen Red Crescent Society in updating its contingency plan at national level.

Under the emergency response operations, the IFRC supported the National Society in accessing funding through the DREF (MDRYE012), receiving CHF 535,562 to assist 3,500 households affected by the 2023 floods, which was approved in May2023 and will come to an end in November 2023. Under the 2023 floods emergency response, the Yemen Red Crescent Society has distributed 590 non-food items to 590 floods affected households in Al Bayda, Al Jawf Amran, Dhamar, Hajjah, Ibb and Sana'a, governorates which are going to be replenished under the DREF MDRYE012.

Yemen Red Crescent Society expands its leadership in the field of disaster law

Progress by the National Society's against objectives

The training for dead body management was conducted in Amran, Hajjah and Sadaa, and for 20 volunteers in each branch. Red Cross Messages and tracing services were delivered to targeted people in eight branches, targeting 7,936 people. One hundred thirty-seven dead bodies have been transferred to five branches.

Mine Risk Education (MRE) training for fourteen participants has been done at headquarters for eight branches' focal points. 1,114 awareness sessions were held for 33,442 people in nine branches (Al-Dhale'e, Al-Jawf, Amran, Hajjah, Lahj, Marib, Sadah, Shabwa and Taiz).



Yemen Red Crescent Society capitalizes on their auxiliary role to ensure their position on relevant country level public health strategy, advocacy and policy platforms and mechanisms

Progress by the National Society against objectives

Two health response teams were reactivated and trained in Dhamar (20 people) and Sayoun (20 people). Emergency vehicles were activated for the referral system from National Society's public health centres in Dhamar, Hajjah, Ibb and Lahj and targeted 460 people. An assessment was conducted for 25 health centres by a consulting company and there are still some amendments in the report. The medical logistics capacity enhancement by development activity was replaced by using the ICRC's system (IMPREST), and five pharmacists were trained at headquarters, Ibb, Hajjah Lahj and Sana'a governorates.

IFRC network joint support

The Yemen Red Crescent Society and the IFRC started coordination with the Ministry of Health on how to engage the National Society in the general health referral system. The National Society is planning to have another coordination session as well as conduct a workshop to prepare Standard Operating Procedures for the National Society in the referral system with support from the IFRC and Norwegian Red Cross

The IFRC is planning with the Yemen Red Crescent Society to engage the Health Emergencies Teams in branches within community work and to provide the needed training on Community-Based Health and First Aid (CBHFA) to strengthen the role of emergency response at the community level.

The IFRC is collaborating with the National Society to enhance and mobilize its health emergency response team.

In May 2023, the IFRC Yemen delegation and MENA regional office organized a workshop with all Movement partners and hosted the company to review the first outcomes and results from assessment work, and the assessment resumed for the National Society's health centres. By August, the National Society will receive the report of assessment.

The health and wellbeing of communities are protected and improved through access to sustainable, affordable, appropriate, and quality health services across the life course

Progress by the National Society in community-based health

The Yemen Red Crescent Society has taken the initiative to lead the implementation of a community-based health programme. The programme aims to prevent vector-borne diseases by considering the risk profiles of different states. To achieve this, the National Society has collaborated with the Ministry of Health to develop an epidemic response strategy. The funding for this strategy is provided through the ECHO PPP.

Health services have been provided to the third zone by Health Facilities through the utilization of health outreach services and mobile clinics. The following details the provision of these services: a) a successful outreach activity was carried out in the Taiz branch, with a specific focus on reaching out to a total of 6611 people, b) the procurement of mobile clinics, which are being funded by the Norwegian Red Cross, is currently underway, c) the Shabwa branch has successfully secured a mobile clinic from the authorities, and the Norwegian Red Cross has been approached to oversee the operation of this clinic, scheduled to commence in the last quarter of 2023. In the subsequent year, the IFRC will assume responsibility for the clinic with support from the Japanese government.

The initial stage of the National Society's general hospital's rehabilitation involved transforming it into a functioning health centre. The Norwegian Red Cross agreed to assume responsibility for the operational costs associated with this endeavour. The equipment procurement process has been successfully completed, and efforts are currently underway to recruit suitable staff members. A total of 24 primary health centres are currently operational, with support provided by the National Society's partners. These primary health centres have successfully targeted 163,127 people. The Health Information System is currently operating in four branches, namely Al-Dhale'e, Amran, Dhamar, and Hajjah.

The ICRC is providing support for the operation of two of the National Society's primary healthcare centres.

IFRC network joint support

During the first half of 2023, the IFRC supported the rehabilitation of National Society's hospital (phase one) and provided 40 medical items and furniture for the hospital. The IFRC is providing support for two of National Society's public health centres.

The German Red Cross is providing support to the mobile clinic located in Taiz and it is providing support for the operation of six National Society primary health centres. The German Red Cross is also supporting the operation of the Health Information System in four branches.

The Danish Red Cross is providing support for the operation of five primary health centres and it is providing support to vulnerable people and communities' access to primary healthcare service and psychosocial support by enhancing the National Society's capacities.

The Norwegian Red Cross has recently purchased a mobile clinic for the National Society. The Norwegian Red Cross is currently providing support for the operation of eight National Society primary health centres.

The Qatar Red Crescent is providing support to one of the National Society's public health centres, by providing medication, medical supplies, incentives, rehabilitation, furniture, equipment, training for staff, fuel, etc.

Progress by the National Society in first aid

In order to obtain International First Aid Attestation (IFAA) recognition, the following measures are being taken: a) the application form for IFAA recognition has been completed, and feedback has been received, b) as part of the IFAA recognition process, it was necessary to submit a manual assessment, c) the preparation for the first aid booklet workshop is scheduled to take place in July and will be funded by the Norwegian Red Cross.

Based on the outcomes of the first aid booklet workshop, it has been determined that an upgrade and printing of the first aid manuals will be conducted.

The procurement of first aid kits for distribution during training and emergency activities has been completed. The following purchases were made: a total of 500 team kits were purchased; additionally, 6,000 personal kits were also acquired. A total of 450 individuals were selected as the target audience for first aid training across eight governorates. This group consisted of 280 volunteers and 170 members from the community or local authorities.

A total of forty health staff members have successfully completed training in Basic Life Support and Advance Cardiac Life Support.

First aid services were provided to teachers and students in 284 schools' examination centres located in 16 governorates.

Referral services were offered to transfer cases requiring medical interventions to the nearest health centres.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the National Society in applying for accreditation within the IFAA and progressing to receiving certification from the reference centre.

During the second quarter of 2023, the IFRC supported the National Society by providing 550 personal first aid kits.

The Norwegian Red Cross has expressed its support for the reactivation of the emergency health team. The Norwegian Red Cross is currently involved in the task of updating and printing the first aid booklet. The Norwegian Red Cross provided the needed support for the purchase of 6,000 individual kits in addition to the 500 team kits. The Norwegian Red Cross is supporting the first aid training programme which offers both basic and advanced courses at headquarters and branches.

Progress by the National Society in mental health and psychosocial support

Psychological first aid topics are already integrated into first aid trainings, which targeted 450 people in different governorates.

Communities have increased access to affordable, appropriate, and environmentally sustainable water, sanitation and

hygiene services

Progress by the National Society in safe water access

The objective of supporting 270,000 individuals with enhanced, fair and sustainable access to safe water for various domestic purposes, including drinking and cooking, has been achieved through the implementation of water supply system rehabilitation and upgrades.

The rehabilitation of water schemes in the Wadi Bin Ali Shibam district of Hadramout has successfully served a total of 16,470 people, providing them with improved access to clean and safe water.

The project involved the supply and installation of the main water network for Janoob Aljamia'h Phase 2 in Dhamar. The primary target was to provide water access to a total of 11,800 individuals.

IFRC network joint support

The Yemen Red Crescent Society, with support from IFRC, has completed the rehabilitation and upgrade of one water supply scheme in Janoob Al Jamiah Dhamar governorate, which benefited approximately 21,242 people, including internally displaced persons and marginalized host communities.

The Yemen Red Crescent Society, with support from the ECHO PPP, has provided water quality testing chemicals and reagents to Sayoun Local Water Corporation in Hadramout governorate for the water testing labs.

The German Red Cross has provided support for the rehabilitation of water schemes in Dhamar and Hadramout.

Progress by the National Society in access to safe sanitation facilities

To support a population of 20,000 individuals in getting access to sufficient, inclusive and secure sanitation facilities, various measures have been implemented. These efforts have particularly targeted schools and displaced populations.

The rehabilitation of sanitation facilities in schools has been done in the following schools: the Asma School, located in Dhamar city, is providing education to a total of 2,740 students and the Al-Saydah Khadija school, located in Al-Qatn in the Hadramout governorate, serves a total of 1,300 students.

IFRC network joint support

The German Red Cross provided support for the rehabilitation of sanitation facilities in two schools located in Dhamar and Hadramout.

The Danish Red Cross provided support to re-activate and train the National Society's health emergency response team including WASH volunteers to organise community health promotion activities.

Communities at risk from pandemics and epidemics have increased access to affordable, appropriate and environmentally sustainable WASH services

Progress by the National Society in providing WASH services at health facility level

Rehabilitation efforts have been undertaken for the National Society's health facilities and general hospital. The Marib Rawda Health Facility's water network has been rehabilitated, and a water tank has been provided. This infrastructure improvement has successfully served a total of 46,421 people. Rehabilitation for the National Society's hospital: Phase 1 in Sanaa is completed. The hospital aims to provide medical services to approximately one million people in the area.

One thousand (1,000) hygiene kits were prepositioned in the National Society's warehouse at headquarters for epidemic preparedness, supported by ECHO PPP.

The ICRC has provided support in the rehabilitation of the Marib Rawda Health Facility's water network and provided it with a water tank.

IFRC network joint support

As part of the preparedness for epidemic and disease outbreaks, the IFRC have supported the National Society in purchasing and prepositioning 1,000 hygiene kits at the National Society's warehouse at its headquarters.

Yemen Red Crescent Society is prepared to respond to crises and disasters (sudden-onset, slow-onset, time-bound and protracted), with increased capacity to analyse and address the immediate WASH needs of people affected by crises and

disasters to reduce public health risks

Progress by the National Society providing WASH assistance

The distribution of 4,278 hygiene kits to households affected by the recent floods was successful. These distributions took place across 17 governorates, aiming to provide essential hygiene supplies to those in need.

IFRC network joint support

Under the emergency response operation, the IFRC is in process of procuring 3,500 hygiene kits and 7,000 buckets for the National Society. Out of these, 590 hygiene kits and 1,180 buckets are to replenish the hygiene kits distributed in 590 households in Al Bayda, Al Jawf, Amran, Dhamar, Hajjah, Ibb and Sana'a governorates. An additional 2,910 hygiene kits will be distributed in flood affected households.

Yemen Red Crescent Society has enhanced WASH capacities, tools, and equipment in place to provide timely WASH support to people in need in appropriate and efficient manner and in line with the Movement's priorities for Yemen

Progress by the National Society in establishing a WASH department

Two engineers have been hired, one in Hajjah and one in Taiz with the support of the ICRC. ECHO PPP is supporting the ongoing development of the WASH department and the implementation of its 5-year WASH strategy.

Progress by the National Society in WASH capacity development

A total of nine staff members from the National Society have successfully completed GIS Mapping training. This group consists of six engineers, one staff member from the M&E department, one health staff member and one staff member from the IIM department.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC has conducted a GIS in WASH Training for the National Society's WASH engineers and IM staff (Hajjah, Sana'a HQ and Taiz).



Migration and displacement

Yemen Red Crescent Society is able to engage with migrants, displaced persons and host communities to more effectively assess, understand and respond to their priority needs.

Progress by the National Society in coordination

As part of the 2023 plan, there are no standalone migration programmes planned or implemented directly by National Society, but it is providing assistance to internally displaced people. This element is integrated into overall programmes including health, WASH, disasters, crises, etc.

The National Society has participated in Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) coordination meetings and has also coordinated closely with the CCCM cluster and partners during the emergency response to provide assistance to the displaced population living in internally displaced sites.

IFRC network joint support

IFRC Yemen delegation has worked closely with IFRC MENA regional migration team to prepare migration and displacement situational analysis for Yemen which will help IFRC and the National Society in drafting the migration strategy and plan to support migrants inside Yemen.



Values, power and inclusion

Strong, independent, self-sustained, well-functioning, and trusted National Society is key to providing life-saving humanitarian action and supporting community resilience and local development to achieve its ambitions.

Progress by the National Society in improving its finance and account management system

The finance manual and finance procedures guide have been updated and are currently undergoing the endorsement process. The finance software was installed in 2022. Subsequently, at the start of 2023, the software was installed at the Damt sub-branch located in Al-Dhale'e governorate. Additionally, a total of 20 staff members and volunteers from the National Society were trained in the finance system.

IFRC network joint support

The Norwegian Red Cross provided support for updating the finance manual and procedures guide and supported the installation of a finance system in the branches and trained relevant staff.

Yemen Red Crescent Society adopts a comprehensive Protection, Gender, and Inclusion approach across all interventions, programmes, and services

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The preparation for the training of Protection, Gender and Inclusion (PGI) approach has been completed. However, the actual execution of the training has been postponed to August.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC will conduct a PGI Training of Trainers (TOT) for the National Society's staff. Thereafter, the trained National Society staff will conduct two training courses for its staff and volunteers in various branches including Abyan, Aden, Amraan, Dhamar, Dhale, Hadramout, Hajjah, Ibb, Laji, Mariab, Sanaa, Shabwa and Socotra. Taiz

The German Red Cross will provide the support for the Protection, Gender and Inclusion workshop.

Yemen Red Crescent Society is supported in its development to become the trusted partner of choice for local humanitarian action with the capabilities to act in the global network

Progress by the National Society in sexual and gender-based violence

The National Society is a participant in protection clusters at both national and international levels, regularly attending their meetings.

The Yemen Red Crescent Society has a community centre in Amran for internally displaced persons that provides updates on its ongoing activities on a monthly basis.

ENABLING LOCAL ACTORS



Strategic and operational coordination

External coordination

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The National Society effectively collaborates with various local authorities and government ministries, including the Ministry of Public Health and Population, the Ministry of Water and Environment, and the Ministry of Education, etc. The National Society also actively collaborates with UN agencies and is a member of various clusters.

For emergency operations, since the start of the floods and emergency response, Yemen Red Crescent Society has been closely coordinating with Movement partners in Yemen, as well as external partners including UNOCHA, shelter/NFI clusters, CCCM clusters operating in the affected areas, local authorities, e.g., civil defence and metrology departments, the Supreme Council for the Management and Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (SCMCHA) in the north of Yemen, and the internally displaced persons executive unit in the south of Yemen.

The National Society participates in different clusters in almost all thematic areas, including health, WASH, shelter, and NFIs. CCCM advocates for and coordinates support with the various humanitarian agencies in the country, such as UN agencies and local and international NGOs. The IFRC participates regularly as an observer in the Yemen Humanitarian Country Team, where participating organizations share their perspectives and experiences in the overall humanitarian situation in Yemen together with their respective interventions, recommendations, and challenges. IFRC and Yemen Red Crescent Society regularly coordinate with WHO and UNICEF to support risk communication community engagement (RCCE) and community-based activities and emphasize the integration approach to reach the most vulnerable groups. IFRC is also part of the Anticipatory Action working group for Yemen and regularly participates in working group meetings.

IFRC and the Yemen Red Crescent Society are part of the Yemen shelter/NFIs cluster strategic advisory group, and the National Society regularly participates in national and subnational level shelter/NFIs cluster coordination meetings. The National Society is the co-chair for the flood response in Yemen under the national shelter/NFI cluster for Yemen.

Membership Coordination

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The National Society actively engages with Movement components through regular monthly meetings with the Movement Strategic Platform and Technical Working Group.

Movement coordination

Currently, Movement partners in-country include the IFRC, ICRC, Danish Red Cross, German Red Cross, Norwegian Red Cross and Qatar Red Crescent. All Movement partners work closely together with the ICRC as the security lead, given the country context. Under programme work, Movement partners overall support the development of the Yemen Red Crescent Society through their interventions; communicate and share individual progress to ensure alignment of objectives and approaches; and collectively seek solutions to shared challenges and constraints. These are often done via coordination and technical working group meetings as well as continuously through online and direct communications. These forms of cooperation are used across all programme sectors, ensuring all partners benefit from these interactions in their respective programmes and capacity-building objectives.

There is also regular coordination of Movement partners for the implementation of the ECHO PPP. The Yemen Red Crescent Society works with the German Red Cross (as the lead EU National Society), Norwegian Red Cross, and the IFRC Delegation in Yemen to coordinate actions in the areas of disaster risk management, epidemic preparedness and response, and CEA.

At the technical level, the Health Technical Working Group, which the National Society chairs and IFRC co-chairs, discusses and coordinates health management activities among Movement partners. Health technical working group meetings are conducted monthly and sometimes on a quarterly basis. Regular coordination meetings take place under the Yemen Movement Coordination Agreement at strategic level, operational and technical levels.



National Society Development

The ECHO PPP is supporting the capacity strengthening of the National Society, in terms focusing more acutely on technical capacities related to disaster risk management, epidemic and pandemic response and CEA. The ECHO PPP has also further facilitated stronger collaboration and coordination with in the IFRC network in co-designing and co-implementing programming.

National Society development is cross cutting throughout the organization as has been highlighted in the sections above.

The IFRC is assisting and engaging in the Movement study led by the British Red Cross on “National Society Development in Conflict Studies” that will be presented in London later in the year during the “Global Learning Event”. Yemen Red Crescent Society is one of the six National Societies selected globally for this study. The study is focused on the achievements of the Yemen Red Crescent Society in rendering services to the affected communities during conflict.

The National Society organized a resource mobilisation basic orientation workshop targeting its financial sustainability with the support of the IFRC. The Yemen Red Crescent Society governance, managers and branch representatives participated in the training.

Yemen Red Crescent Society becomes the trusted partner of choice for local humanitarian action with the capabilities to act in the global network

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Yemen Red Crescent Society's Annual Report for the year 2022 has been printed and published.

A meeting was held to initiate the development of its National Society Development Policy, focusing on the application of the theory of change. The process of reviewing the National Society's Code of Conduct has begun.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC is providing support in reviewing the National Society's Code of Conduct. Additionally, the IFRC has supported the printing of the National Society's Annual Report.

The Danish Red Cross is supporting the logistics development plan, strengthening fleet management and warehousing systems.

Yemen Red Crescent Society prioritizes volunteer development and youth action as critical catalysts of behavioural change and local action, ensuring access and nurturing trust in all contexts

Progress by the National Society in volunteer management

Two meetings of the Board Members participating in the Steering Committee at headquarters have been conducted. The National Society Development Technical Working Group and Steering Committee meetings are conducted on a quarterly basis. The Movement Operation and Coordination Group meeting is held on a monthly basis at the National Society's headquarters.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC is supporting in the preparation of the Terms of Reference for the National Society Development Steering Committee which will be finalized in the third quarter of 2023.

Progress by the National Society in performance improvement

The development of a database for the learning platform has been completed.

A three-day training and activity program, known as Youth as Agents of Behavioural Change was successfully conducted in the governorates of AL Jawf and Marib. The programme targeted 40 volunteers.

The coordination meeting for the establishment of the Red Cross Youth was held at the headquarters for the four branches: Aden, Hajjah, Lahj and Marib Lahj. For each branch, there were a total of five volunteers.

The establishment of Red Cross Youth in schools has been facilitated through coordination and linkage with the Ministries of Education and Health in the branches of Aden, Hajjah, Lahj and Marib.

A training session on the Youth Leadership Programme was organized in the cities of Amran and Hajjah. The training aimed to engage and educate a total of 60 volunteers.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the National Society's youth and volunteer unit to organize Red Cross Youth trainings Aden, Hajjah, Lahj and Marib.

The IFRC supported the National Society's youth and volunteer unit to organize Youth Leadership Programme trainings in Al Jawf, Amraan, Lahj and Mariab.

The National Society Development training unit, with the support of the IFRC learning platform, provided training to 142 staff and volunteers.



Humanitarian diplomacy

A meeting of Movement partners with the Northern Yemeni humanitarian coordination body took place in January 2023, the authorities were reminded that the National Society still functions as one unified entity throughout Yemen and needs their support to continue as such, and to continue delivering their humanitarian assistance to Yemenis in a principled way.

In preparation for the annual Yemen high-level pledging event hosted in Switzerland during the month of February 2023, the Yemen Movement's Humanitarian Diplomacy Briefing Note was updated and circulated to all National Societies for their use in their bilateral discussions with their authorities and other stakeholders. A Movement speech was co-drafted and delivered during the event by ICRC's Director General.

Online briefings were organized by IFRC and Yemen Red Crescent Society with several government representative to discuss the situation in Yemen and the principled work of the National Society, and to remind them of the humanitarian needs of people in Yemen.

In May, during a meeting of the IFRC Donor Advisory Group (DAG), the IFRC Heads of Delegation briefed the DAG members on the situation in Yemen, the Yemen Red Crescent Society's principled humanitarian work, the humanitarian constraints and challenges and the support from IFRC and the wider Movement.

Several media interventions took place during the period where the humanitarian needs of the Yemeni people were discussed and calls for more support to Yemen and its people were made.

Yemen Red Crescent Society and the IFRC Secretariat have strengthened their engagement with partners within and outside the network in order to work collectively on the key challenges facing communities

Progress by the National Society in annual planning

The Yemen Red Crescent has begun the development of its annual operational plan, beginning with the 2023 plan. This process is being carried out in collaboration with Movement partners.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC is currently offering technical support and guidance to the National Society as it is in the process of developing its operational plan. Furthermore, the IFRC is closely collaborating with National Society to ensure that the plan is aligned with the goals of both IFRC and the participating National Societies.

Progress by the National Society in external engagement

Yemen Red Crescent Society has conducted 200 operational communication dissemination sessions for 3,000 key representatives and stakeholders in its branches

The ICRC has been providing support in conducting the National Society's operational communication dissemination sessions for representatives and stakeholders.

Yemen Red Crescent Society and the IFRC network have a strong public profile and are effective advocates, influencing both public behaviour and policy change at the domestic, regional and global levels

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The National Society is currently working on unifying the visual identity and brand for its 19 health centres.

IFRC network joint support

Yemen Red Crescent Society is supporting the process of unifying the visual identity and brand for the YRCS health centres.



Accountability and agility (cross-cutting)

The National Society's training unit is in the process of finalizing its "Fraud and Corruption Prevention Basic trainings" in eight governorates. The IFRC and Norwegian Red Cross are providing technical assistance in developing the content of the sessions.

The IFRC network undergoes a digital transformation

Progress by the National Society against objectives

As a move toward improving the organization's digital infrastructure, the National Society is in the process of renewing its license for Microsoft 365.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provides support for the renewal of 365 Microsoft licenses.

Yemen Red Crescent Society has renewed partnership with its members and develops a new financing architecture to increase financial resources to the benefit of the National Society

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Planning, Monitoring, Evaluation, and Reporting (PMER) development at headquarters has successfully completed the recruitment for the positions of planning and reporting officer, M&E officer, Community Engagement and Accountability (CEA) officer. A total of 39 individuals, consisting of both staff members and volunteers, have successfully completed training in PMER and CEA. A total of 40 volunteers from Dhamar and Hadramout branches participated in a training of CEA.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC has provided support for the establishment of the PMER department at the National Society's headquarters. The IFRC provided support and conducted training for staff and volunteers in PMER and CEA. This training was carried out in collaboration with the British Red Cross.

The Norwegian Red Cross provided support for the training of volunteers from Dhamar and Hadramout on CEA.



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DATA SCOPE AND LIMITATIONS

- **Timeframe and alignment:** The reporting timeframe for this overview is covering the period from 1 January to 30 June 2023. However, due to the diversity of the IFRC and differences in fiscal years, this coverage may not fully align for some National Societies. Mid-year reporting data may have been based on estimations, with plans to submit more robust numbers at the annual reporting stage.
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