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IN SUPPORT OF THE MONGOLIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY



33

National Society branches



192

National Society staff



44,000

National Society volunteers

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OVERALL PROGRESS

Context

In the first half of 2023, Mongolia grappled with intense and multifaceted disasters that tested the nation's resilience and adaptive capacities. From January to June, the country experienced extreme climatic variations, including harsh winter conditions, known locally as "Dzud", which significantly impacted over 115,956 people from the rural and nomadic populations, leading to substantial livestock losses. From December 2022 to May 2023, around two million livestock perished, representing 1.4 per cent of the total livestock in Mongolia. In contrast, some regions faced unusually warm and dry conditions, accelerating desertification and exacerbating water scarcity issues. These adverse weather patterns were further complicated by the increased frequency and intensity of wildfires, ravaging vast expanses of Mongolia's unique ecosystems, and disrupting lives and livelihoods.

The Mongolian Red Cross Society implemented a response programme to address humanitarian needs. A total of 4,800 herder households received cash assistance, food parcels, hygiene, and animal kits with the support of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC).

Amidst these climatic adversities, Mongolia also battled public health challenges. A resurgence in COVID-19 cases placed additional strains on the healthcare system and necessitated stringent public health measures to curb the spread of the virus. Concurrently, Mongolia was also on high alert due to reported cases of infectious livestock diseases, adding another layer of complexity to the disaster situation. The compounded impacts of these disasters have heightened vulnerabilities, particularly among marginalized communities, necessitating urgent humanitarian assistance and robust disaster risk reduction strategies to safeguard lives and livelihoods in the face of an uncertain and tumultuous future.

Key achievements

The Mongolian Red Cross has been implementing a livelihood recovery programme, using livelihood graduation tools with the cooperation of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of Mongolia since July 2022. This programme aims to assist 1,520 households in Bayanzurkh, Songinokhairkhan, and Chingeltei districts, which are affected by the COVID-19 pandemic's socio-economic impacts. Since the beginning of 2023, the National Society has trained 1,520 households on business management and vocational skills and provided the asset sets for their households' businesses.

A seed funding project was implemented in seven mid-level branches to enhance the resource mobilization capacity of the branches, with the support of the Australian Red Cross Society. The resource mobilization team has been providing technical support to mid-level branches, in cooperation with the Development Solutions NGO, and has jointly developed a business plan.

With the support of IFRC, the Mongolian Red Cross finished reviewing and revising its Statutes. This was the third time that the National Society had revised its statutes, contributing to the continued consolidation and improvement of its' position in Mongolia.

Changes and amendments

There have been no changes to the 2023 Unified Plan for Mongolia.

IFRC NETWORK ACTION

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Climate and environment

The Mongolian Red Cross' climate change and disaster management department organized a "Women Leadership on Disaster Risk Reduction" nationwide conference, attended by 80 women from 21 provinces and nine districts on 6 March 2023. The conference provided an opportunity to ensure gender equality in risk reduction activities, enhance women's participation and leadership, support their livelihoods, increase economic opportunities, disseminate ideas and initiatives that bring positive changes to society, contribute to climate change adaptation, and share best practices.

An "Advanced Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment" training course was held from 27–30 March 2023 at the Youth Development Centre. A total of 30 staff members from Mongolian Red Cross branches participated in the training. During the training, sessions were provided on how to ensure the sustainable development indicators of the mid-level branches, how to provide psychological first aid, and how to conduct community-based vulnerability and capacity assessments. After the training, six regions conducted the vulnerability and capacity assessment.

On anticipatory action, the IFRC Asia Pacific regional office and country cluster delegation for East Asia (IFRC delegation) regularly followed up with the Mongolian Red Cross on the progress with the revision of the Dzud Early Action Protocol (EAP). In May 2023, the anticipatory action coordinator at the regional office and the disaster risk management officer at the country cluster delegation had a discussion with the Mongolian Red Cross' disaster management team during the regional Red Ready meeting in Bangkok. IFRC shared information with the National Society regarding the simplified EAP for hazards like heatwaves, epidemics and floods. The potential of establishing a national technical working group on anticipatory action, led/co-led by the National Society to promote the anticipatory action agenda in Mongolia, was also discussed.



Disasters and crises

During the first half of 2023, IFRC supported the Mongolian Red Cross to respond to the humanitarian needs of people affected by the dzud situation of the 2022–2023 winter and the snow and sandstorms in May 2023 through two operations, funded by IFRC's Disaster Re Emergency Fund (DREF). Under the cold wave operation, which was initially approved as an Imminent IFRC-DREF in December 2022, the Mongolian Red Cross decided to scale up the response as the dzud situation continued to worsen through 2023.

IFRC's delegation and its Asia Pacific regional office dispatched an assessment team to Mongolia and assisted the National Society in conducting field visits and monitoring from 04–18 February. Based on the assessment and meetings with stakeholders (including UN agencies and USAID), the Mongolian Red Cross applied for and was approved a top-up for the Imminent DREF. A total number of 11,660 people were targeted by the IFRC-DREF operation, through which the National Society provided support, including livestock care kits, unconditional multi-purpose cash assistance, and psychosocial support, to help the affected population and their livestock survive the extreme winter. In addition, IFRC also supported the National Society in organizing a lessons learned workshop for the Imminent DREF.

The second DREF operation was started in June 2023, in response to snow and sandstorms. The objective was for the Mongolian Red Cross to provide gers (traditional Mongolian dwelling) to 99 herder households who lost their gers due to the strong storms, unconditional multi-purpose cash to around 3,700 people from 1,000 households affected by

the storms to address their immediate needs including food, water, medicine, and house/ger repair, and psychosocial support visits.

A technical working group consisting of the IFRC delegation, IFRC Asia Pacific regional office, and the Mongolian Red Cross, has been set up to support the National Society in developing a long-term framework agreement with a financial service provider in-country, to facilitate faster cash distribution in future IFRC-supported emergency operations.

The Mongolian Red Cross's climate change and disaster management department organized a disaster risk reduction training with the National Emergency Management Agency to train 49 local disaster responders from seven provinces. The trained trainers, together with the local Red Cross branches, will establish volunteer groups of 15 people capable of supporting the activities of the mid-level branch and local emergency management agency in 20 soums of seven provinces during disasters and emergencies. The volunteer groups will train a total of 330 volunteers.

The climate change and disaster management department also conducted a training to train the branch disaster response team. This training was conducted for 26 people from Khuvsgul and Sukhbaatar provinces' mid-level branches. The training topic included the "Be ready" disaster preparedness module and first aid training modules.

The Mongolian Red Cross conducted an academic conference on "Current Status, Scope and Impact of the Disaster Prevention Training" with the National Emergency Management Agency. International experience was studied in determining the content and methodology of disaster

prevention training and practice programmes organized for citizens, communities, and enterprises, to increase accessibility and improve training results. The goal was to analyse the current state of training in Mongolia, identify training needs and improve it, exchange experience, and activate cooperation between relevant parties. Participants included representatives from ministries, national agencies and institutes, universities, non-governmental organizations, scientists, researchers and public representatives who conduct research in the field of disaster prevention.

The Mongolian Red Cross has been implementing a livelihood recovery programme, using livelihood graduation tools with the cooperation of the Asian Development Bank and the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of Mongolia since July 2022. The goal of this programme is to assist 1,520 households in Bayanzurkh, Songinokhairkhan, and Chingeltei districts that were affected by the COVID-19 pandemic's socio-economic impacts. Since the beginning of 2023, the National Society has trained 1,520 households on business management and vocational skills and provided the asset sets for their households' businesses.

Under the Red Ready programme, the Mongolian Red Cross was to increase its' capacity, readiness, and resilience to respond to local disasters. Five local branches of the National Society were assessed on organizational capacity. Further, 30 participants (19 female, 11 male) from six provinces received first-aid training of trainers. In addition, 60 participants (35 female, 25 male), in charge of the disaster management programme, from national and branch disaster response teams and 30 Red Cross units, were trained on enhanced vulnerability and capacity assessment. In May, IFRC supported the Mongolian Red Cross in joining the Red Ready regional meeting in Bangkok and shared the National Society's experience in implementing this programme and enhancing its' capacity with the other eight National Societies under the programme.

IFRC's logistics development delegate, seconded by the Finnish Red Cross Society, helped the Mongolian Red Cross disaster management department in developing its' in-kind donation policy. The delegate also paid assessment visits to five warehouses of the National Society in May and June (Darkhan, Dornot, Gobi-Altai, Arvaikher, Ulaanbaatar/Tov provinces). Assessment reports, along with recommendations, were submitted to the National Society. The delegate facilitated training on basic warehousing principles, IFRC warehousing and safe driving. The training was conducted at a youth camp organised by the Mongolian Red Cross and participants were from the branches across the country.

In May, IFRC supported the Mongolian Red Cross in the national earthquake simulation exercise. The technical working group for East Asia on large-scale disaster preparedness, joined the simulation remotely to test how National Societies in the East Asia region could support the Mongolian Red Cross in terms of coordination, relief items, response personnel, and related matters, in the case of a mega earthquakes. The exercise enabled the Mongolian Red Cross to identify gaps in response and enhance coordination between different actors. The working group consists of members from the Japanese Red Cross Society, the Republic of Korea National Red Cross and the Red Cross Society of China. Over the first six months of 2023, five online meetings of the working group and one face-to-face meeting in June 2023, were organized. On this occasion, a two-year roadmap and related budget was developed for approval at the East Asia Leaders Forum in July.

IFRC's information management team from the Asia Pacific regional office, with the support of the IFRC delegation and the Mongolian Red Cross, undertook a scoping mission to Mongolia from 22–24 May on the Global Crisis Data Bank (GCDB) project. Based on the findings of the mission, IFRC and Mongolian Red Cross signed a project agreement on implementing the GCDB project in Mongolia to provide information needed for the National Society to enhance anticipatory action, preparedness and responses to disasters through the development of a comprehensive crisis data bank with comparable validated data on past natural hazards and their impacts.

IFRC supported the National Society in developing a disaster protection law dissemination programme proposal in 2023 to keep consolidating the promotion of the law following the programmes in 2021 and 2022. Due to time and human resources invested in the DREF operations and other priorities, the Mongolian Red Cross decided to submit the proposal for funding support in 2024.



Health and wellbeing

Mongolian Red Cross' health and social protection department organized the training for 225 volunteers from three eastern provinces through the project on community-based surveillance on zoonotic diseases, funded by the Australian Red Cross. During the training, MONGOLIAN RED CROSS volunteers selected from herders' communities enhanced their capacity to conduct surveillance and prevention of some Zoonotic and communicable diseases and provided peer-to-peer knowledge for other community members based on community case definition tools and by using SMS alert, KoBo digital tool, and Power BI platform.

The National Society trained 66 participants, consisting of 33 mid-level branch staff and 33 specialists from provincial and district health departments, on risk communication during crisis and psychological first aid. This training was funded by UNICEF and co-organized with the Ministry of Health and the National Centre for Communicable Disease.

The Mongolian Red Cross organized training and mobilized 400 youth volunteers, including 50 per cent girls, to support community health promotion activities supported by the Republic of Korea National Red Cross.

The National Society organized first aid training of trainers for 44 participants selected from the railway department and border protection authority's mid-level branches to enhance their first aid training capacity. This was supported and facilitated by the Red Cross Branch of Inner Mongolia and Red Cross Society of China, which is under a four-year cooperation agreement with the branch.

Through the micro-project granted by the Australian Embassy and the direct aid programme by the Australian Government, the Mongolian Red Cross provided IT equipment to three primary health centres to support them in strengthening their capacity to provide immunization and pandemic preparedness.

The detection and treatment of tuberculosis among homeless people of Ulaanbaatar city was implemented with the support of the Global Fund. In total, 663 people were screened by six examinations. Seven cases were detected and treated at the partnering non-governmental organizations.

Coordinated by the IFRC delegation, two representatives from the MONGOLIAN RED CROSS health team participated in a Psychosocial First Aid Training of Trainers and Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) Regional Conference from 27 February to 3 March. The training and conference were co-hosted by IFRC APRO and the Asia Pacific MHPSS Training and Learning Collaborative in Hong Kong, China. During the conference, the Mongolian Red Cross representatives exchanged their experience in implementing MHPSS projects during the COVID-19 pandemic with other National Societies around the region. After the event, the two trained representatives were able to facilitate Psychosocial First Aid training in April for 66 participants from the Mongolian Red Cross mid-level branches and training and communication teams of health departments from 21 provinces and nine districts of Mongolia.

Facilitated by the IFRC delegation and IFRC Asia Pacific MHPSS Collaborative, the second and third East Asia MHPSS meetings were organized on 15 February and 25 May separately, focused on "MHPSS about data management" and "MHPSS approach to support those suffering loss and grief" respectively. Mongolian Red Cross professionals and service providers from the headquarters and branches together with representatives from the Red Cross Society of China, Japanese Red Cross, and the Korean Red Cross participated in the meetings. Simultaneous interpretation services were provided to enhance the participation of National Societies' domestic teams. This initiative helped East

Asia National Societies to learn different MHPSS approaches and strategies, supported the development of their domestic teams, and strengthened the exchanges among East Asia National Societies, and with National Societies from other regions and external stakeholders such as WHO, Austrian Red Cross, Syrian Arab Red Crescent and ICRC. The fourth meeting was scheduled for September.

Organized by the IFRC delegation, the East Asia First Aid Meeting took place on 11 April 2023. The meeting is primarily an orientation for implementing the IFRC First Aid Vision and Policy, adopted in the twenty third session of the IFRC General Assembly. The health focal point of Mongolian Red Cross attended this meeting and shared their plans for First Aid for 2023 to 2024 and their challenges.



Migration and displacement

The Mongolian Red Cross established cooperation with the UN International Organization for Migration (IOM) in 2020. In 2021, five mid-level branches received funding support from UN IOM to implement a pilot project on internal migration issues for their local communities. In 2023, the Gobi-Altai branch of the National Society is implementing the second round of the project, with the support of UN IOM. Within the framework of the project, they have been expanding their cooperation with the local authorities to support newly arriving migrants to their community, provide documentation and livelihood support for migrants as well as provide pre-departure messages to the departing community. Also, during the winter, they have provided animal kits to the migrant community affected by dzud.



Values, power and inclusion

The National Society has taken comprehensive measures to promote the culture of being an inclusive organization at institutional and practical levels. Several policies and guidelines on gender, diversity, and protection were endorsed with concrete action plans to disseminate and implement them with all mid-level branches. Community engagement and accountability approaches were adapted through specific programmes as well as in the operational procedure.

During the reporting period, the Mongolian Red Cross updated the National Society volunteering policy and is focuses on developing rules and procedures based on the updated volunteering policy. The revision categorized volunteering activities and improved the environment of the volunteer management cycle.

The National Society established a working group consisting of 11 members representing programme areas, organizational development and mid-level branches to develop Protection Gender and Inclusion (PGI) and Protection from Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment (PSEAH) guidelines based on Mongolian Red Cross's PGI policy. The following activities were completed during the reporting period:

- Basic PGI training was conducted for the working group members, with the support of Australian Red Cross PGI and PSEAH coordinators.
- IFRC PGI and PSEAH guidelines and related documents were translated into Mongolian language.
- Two working group meetings were held to review the guidelines' translation and develop a framework for context analysis.

PGI context analysis was conducted with the cooperation of gender specialists to assess the National Society's current capacity and work to develop Planning, Monitoring, Evaluation, and Reporting tools to ensure PGI/PSEAH components are integrated into programme planning and implementation.

The PGI policy was presented to 30 mid-level branch managers, a basic session on PGI and PSEAH was organized to improve understanding of the area, and a meeting was held to discuss the currently developed PGI guideline during the regular joint training for mid-level branch managers.

The Mongolian Red Cross began implementation of a project on building trust during the COVID-19 pandemic, supported by USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance and IFRC. The project seeks to improve the National

Society's CEA capacity by improving the quality and consistency of risk communication and community engagement approach. Within the framework of the project, the following activities were conducted during the reporting period:

- Developing the Facebook Chatbot for enhanced feedback mechanism on both headquarters and all mid-level branch Facebook pages.
- Training for the empowerment of volunteers of the mid-level branches was organized on the topic of volunteer participation in community engagement from 17 April to 3 May 2023 in six series. A total of 310 volunteers participated in the training to build the ability to conduct public opinion surveys about the National Society.
- A vaccination perception survey was conducted among 1,544 people (498 males, and 1,046 females) from 15 locations.
- A volunteer survey was conducted and involved 127 volunteers who were mobilized during the COVID-19 response.

A training of trainers on risk communication and psychological first aid was held in April 2023 at the youth development centre. This was conducted in cooperation with the Ministry of Health and attended by 62 participants.

Through the digital CEA (or Digital Engagement Hub) project, representatives of the Netherlands Red Cross and the CEA focal point from IFRC delegation, visited the Mongolian Red Cross in May 2023. The aim was to select innovative support related to CEA and to explore the possibility of implementing a pilot project using digital technologies for scaled-up CEA actions. They also visited the Red Cross branch of Darkhan-Uul province to introduce branch level CEA activities and learn about the capacity of the branch.

On the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the Red Cross Youth movement, a national camp gathering 2023 was organized from 8–15 June 2023 at the International Children's Friendship Complex. A total of 250 participants across Mongolia participated in this event, which provided an opportunity for young people to share experiences and enabled mutual learning.

In February 2023, the Mongolia Red Cross organized the 1,000 children's snow festival with the slogan "Fresh air - Healthy smile" in cooperation with the Sky Resort ski camp. Children of the target group and care centres and children with special needs played in the festival free of charge, and they enjoyed the fresh air and activities which were helpful for their physical development.

During the first half of 2023, IFRC supported the Mongolian Red Cross to improve its CEA capacity. The IFRC delegation coordinated with the IFRC's regional CEA and information management team to monitor the implementation of the Building Trust project funded by USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance. Through the project, IFRC supported the National Society in adapting the vaccination perception survey and volunteer survey, as well as the community feedback channels in generating, analysing, and using evidence from the community for decision-making. In addition, IFRC is supporting the National Society to develop the online CEA training session at its e-learning platform.

The Mongolian Red Cross was selected as one of the three National Societies that are part of the Innovation Norway project. The IFRC and those National Societies, along with the Netherlands Red Cross aim to scale digital CEA within the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. From 15–25 May, the CEA and information management specialists from the Netherlands Red Cross, together with the CEA focal point from the East Asia country cluster delegation visited the Mongolian Red Cross. Through discussions, interviews with the headquarters teams, community members, and field visits, the team is planning a project starting in August that will facilitate two digital CEA solutions for the National Society. One called 'Reach', is a one-way communication through sending mass messages to a large group of community members; the other one called "Connect", is two-way communication via a unified platform. Both products will support reaching communities, especially those who live in remote areas and do not have access to a smartphone. The new digital products will be combined with face-to-face feedback collection, to help the National Society develop a wider, more diverse feedback mechanism.

ENABLING LOCAL ACTORS



Strategic and operational coordination

The Mongolian Red Cross headquarters updated its organizational organogram and expanded the resource mobilization team into the department of partnership and resource development.

“Seed funding” project was implemented at seven mid-level branches to enhance the resource mobilization capacity of the branches with the support of the Australian Red Cross. The resource mobilization team has been providing technical support to mid-level branches in cooperation with the Development Solutions NGO and jointly developed the business plan. Also, the joint team of the National Society and Development Solutions conducted field visits for monitoring and providing technical support.

The Mongolian Red Cross participated in the “King’s Quest 2023” international peacekeeping exercise jointly organized by the US Indo-Pacific Command and the General Staff of the Mongolian Armed Forces. During the training, the National Society team worked as a guide and simulation role at the humanitarian aid point of the International Committee of the Red Cross.

From 9–15 March 2023, the disaster risk management senior officer from the East Asia country cluster delegation, together with representatives from European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Operations (ECHO) visited Mongolia to learn about the situation and impact of dzud in the country. This involved understanding how organizations including the Mongolian Red Cross, World Vision and Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) responded to the disaster and what challenges these organizations faced. The visiting team met with the Mongolian public authorities such as the National Emergency Management Agency, the Deputy Prime Minister’s Office and local public authorities, National Society headquarters and local branches, and World Vision and People In Need. They also visited herder families supported by these organizations. The trip is constructive for understanding the situation, enhancing cooperative mechanisms between organizations and public authorities, and planning ways forward.

The IFRC East Asia country cluster delegation coordinated with IFRC DPRK country delegation and donated a batch of personal protective equipment (PPE) items to the National Society for its local post-pandemic resilience and infectious disease response. These items were procured and handed over to the Mongolian Red Cross warehouse on 18th April.



National Society development

The training for Mongolian Red Cross branch managers and accountants was organized from 6–9 February 2023 at the Youth Development Centre, and 51 people participated. During the training, the 2022 activity report of the National Society and all mid-level branches and the regional development plan for 2023 were discussed, and information about amendments to the Social Security and Tax Laws was presented. The vice-president of the youth movement and top model facilitated the training on leadership ethics, behaviour culture, and leadership.

The meeting of the Red Cross branch managers was held from 29–30 May 2023 at the Youth Development Centre. The decisions of the Governing Board meeting, IFRC’s Strategy 2030, and the draft amendments to the National Society’s statutes were presented and discussed.

The National Society conducted a Branch Organizational Capacity Assessment (BOCA) exercise at 15 mid-level branches. BOCA exercises are planned for three more branches till the end of the year and, based on the results and analysis, further action will be proposed.

With technical support from IFRC, the Mongolian Red Cross revised the National Society statutes.

With funding from IFRC’s Capacity Building Fund and technical support from the IFRC team, the Mongolian Red Cross developed their youth engagement strategy. IFRC’s youth engagement strategy self-assessment tool was introduced

to the National Society. By using this tool, the National Society organized a workshop from 26–27 January 2023 to conduct an assessment, which involved 80 participants including youth programme staff at middle-level branches, Red Cross youth members, teachers, and volunteers of six districts of the capital, Red Cross youth members, teachers and volunteers of six districts of the capital.

To activate the youth members and enhance their capacity, the “Nice Hobby” field tour was conducted from 21–28 June 2023 in Bayan-Olgii, Gobi-Altai,Uvs, and Hovd provinces. A total of eight people including Red Cross youth Governing Board members and volunteer artists were involved in the trip. Four Red Cross Youth members, who have been persistent and active in volunteer work and have a desire to learn, were awarded scholarships at universities. Further, an art concert was organised to activate the members of the youth movement. The event reached 600 people directly, and 1.8 million people through live broadcasts and electronic impact videos. Lectures and presentations were organised for members, reaching 250 people directly and 750 people indirectly. Capacity-building training was organised for 25 to 50 members of the Youth Red Cross in each locality.

Within the framework of the project “Promoting the health of young people” supported by the Korea National Red Cross, the Korea-Mongolia member exchange programme was organized virtually from 13–20 May 2023. Ten participants from Övörhangai, Govsumber, Sukhbaatar, Orkhon province, Khan-Uul, Songinohairkhan, and Bayanzurkh districts participated. The exchange programme provided a platform for young people to exchange the history, culture, traditions, and customs of the two countries, learn about the characteristics and activities of the Red Cross societies and youth movement in other countries, and share their experiences.

The Red Cross Youth Development Centre was renovated to improve its capacity to receive more people. By estimation, after the renovation, the Mongolian Red Cross will be able to reach about 50 per cent more people per year on average, or 2,200 to 2,500 people per year in the centre. The National Society worked with IFRC’s logistics specialist to develop a National Society logistics policy.

A total of 20 staff from National Society headquarters attended a procurement training, which was provided by a certified external training centre, and received the official certificates.

The IFRC deputy head of East Asia country cluster delegation and the membership service manager, together with the membership service director from Geneva, visited Mongolian Red Cross to support the revision of the statutes of the National Society. They held a meeting and discussion with the Governing Board and the Working Group for the Statute Revision to review all the recommendations to the revised Statutes of the Mongolian Red Cross Society, which is an important undertaking to ensure adequate regulations are in place to look at the internal and external factors that may easily compromise the integrity of the National Society. It was the third time that Mongolian Red Cross revised its statutes, which contributed to the continued consolidation and improvement of the National Society’s position in Mongolia. The IFRC team also visited the headquarters, provincial branches, and youth camp of Mongolian Red Cross and had an in-depth understanding of the country context and the National Society’s operations. The visit was helpful for IFRC to present the situation in Mongolia to stakeholders.

- To help Mongolian Red Cross develop its Youth Engagement Strategy, IFRC supported the National Society to apply for the Capacity Building Fund. The grant of CHF 50,000 was used for the self-assessment of youth engagement of the National Society and branch-level training to develop the strategy. IFRC also assisted in reporting for the strategy development process and promoted the experience of Mongolian Red Cross widely as a good case with East Asia youth focal point and Asia Pacific Youth Network to encourage East Asia National Societies to improve their youth engagement strategy.
- Coordinated by IFRC, the youth representative of Mongolian Red Cross attended the Asia Pacific Regional Youth Mobilization Summit from 15 to 18 June in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. At this event, the Mongolian Red Cross participant met with young people from the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), Young Men’s Christian Association (YMCA), World Young Women’s Christian Association (YWCA), World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGS) to share values and priorities and discuss how best to work together to maximize impact. This event was constructive to strengthen Mongolian Red Cross youth exchange and partnership in the Asia Pacific region.
- To strengthen the Mongolian Red Cross’s human resources since their structure and personnel changes in the resource mobilization department in May of 2023, the IFRC introduced the financial sustainability monitoring dashboard and indirect cost recovery to the new Head of Resource Mobilization of the National Society and supported their Resource Mobilization Department to create the job description of Corporate Fundraiser.

- To support Mongolian Red Cross in implementing logistics development initiatives under the Red Ready project to enhance their logistics capacity at national and branch levels, IFRC delegation coordinated to deploy a Logistics Development Delegate from the Finnish Red Cross to Mongolia. The delegate helped to assess the National Society's warehouse capacity (the physical facilities, accessibility, and the organization structure) and develop the strategic guide and action plan for improvement. A process was initiated to improve the National Society's procurement rules to be in line with IFRC's. This will also help the Mongolian Red Cross to use their own procurement rules with other partners. With support from IFRC, Mongolian Red Cross established a Framework Agreement for Financial Service Provider (FSP). The procurement of an FSP will be conducted according to the IFRC standards and enable DREF-funded cash assistance for future disasters. The Framework Agreement would be valid for two years, with a possible extension of two additional years. IFRC also facilitated training for "Basic Warehousing" and "Safe Driving" for Mongolian Red Cross branch representatives.



Humanitarian diplomacy

- State-Red Cross Cooperation workshops were held in the following two regions to strengthen the cooperation between local public authorities and Red Cross branches and share the experience among local State-Red Cross cooperation councils:
 - » The Eastern Regional workshop was held on 4 April 2023 in Sukhbaatar province. A total of 15 members of the State-Red Cross cooperation council from Dornod, Sukhbaatar, and Khentii provinces attended.
 - » The Central Regional workshop was held on 25 May 2023 in Arkhangai province. A total of 25 members of the State-Red Cross cooperation council from Arkhangai, Bayankhongor, Uvurkhangai, Tuv, and Khuvsgul provinces attended.
- "GLOW Red" meeting of women leaders of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement was held from 26 to 30 June 2023 at the Youth Development Centre of the Mongolian Red Cross Society. A total of 16 women leaders from 10 National Societies of five continents attended this meeting. The IFRC head of delegation attended the meeting and delivered an opening speech. The GLOW Red network was born out of the IFRC General Assembly decision and subsequent Council of Delegate resolution passed in 2017. Since its establishment, it has been devoted to identifying, supporting, and promoting women into senior leadership positions in the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. During the meeting, the participants reviewed the strategy, developed an action plan, and discussed skills development and training opportunities. The meeting set up a Glow Red network in the Asia Pacific region. It strengthened relationships and contacts between women leaders in the Asia-Pacific regions, Central Asia, and Caucasus region.
- The nationwide campaign for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Day and Mongolian Humanitarian Day was held on 8 May, and the following events were organized to promote the humanitarian spirits and increase the visibility of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement:
 - » Water Channel Management Department, National Blood Transfusion Research Center, Bayanzurkh District Red Cross branch jointly organized the ninety-eighth "Blood Donation Day" on 3 May 2023. Aimed to recruit new blood donors and contribute to the blood bank, the event promoted the advantage and significance of blood donations to the staff from the channel management department, and approximately 100 people were reached.
 - » The "From the Heart" event was held in the National Amusement Park on 6 May 2023. This public awareness event promoted the values of the Red Cross and Red Crescent movement and introduced the main programmes of Mongolian Red cross through activities such as first aid demonstrations and disaster preparedness through VR.
 - » The content showing a working day of the Mongolian Red Cross, "From the Heart" story, and humanitarian aid information were delivered to the public through televisions, social media, websites, and newspapers.

IFRC Network joint support

- A Mongolian Red Cross representative was supported to attend the IFRC Global Communications Forum 2023. Around 200 participants from National Societies, ICRC, and IFRC attended this event. There were sessions and

discussions around the topic “How to seize opportunities, build trust, and navigate risks and challenges”. During the event, the IFRC Deputy Head of delegation exchanged with representatives from the Red Cross Society of China and Mongolian Red Cross and other counterparts across the Movement. They had in-depth discussions on various topics around building a brand and growing supporters. The sharing and exchange of expertise and experience at the event were helpful for National Societies to develop their communication capacity and enhance the understanding of members of the IFRC network. It enabled the network to factor in different contexts across the globe and make the same voice of the movement. It also provided opportunities for East Asia National Societies to work and improve together.



Accountability and agility (cross-cutting)

Progress by the National Society against objectives

Mongolian Red Cross cooperated with a human resources consulting firm to enhance its human resources mechanism by updating its staff performance indicators and Human Resource Policy.

■ IFRC Network joint support

Facilitated by IFRC delegation, Mongolian Red Cross attended the Brainstorm on Finance Systems: Experiences-sharing with Chinese and Mongolian Red Cross. This event was organized by IFRC Finance Development and Competency Network on 18 April. About ten participants from Mongolian Red Cross, together with 116 people from the Red Cross Society of China, Chinese Disaster Preparedness and Response Centre, and IFRC connected online. The event increased the interest of Mongolian Red Cross in financial development work, provided a platform and opportunity for Red Cross Society of China staff to share their experiences, and enabled IFRC to understand more about National Society finance development, provide better guidance, and build a global finance community for sharing of experience and expertise.

To support the digital transformation of Mongolian Red Cross, IFRC allocated funding of CHF 21,090 from the Capacity Building Fund to the National Society for building digital video conferencing systems.



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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.
- **Missing data and breakdowns:** National Societies have diverse data collection systems and processes that may not align with the standardized indicators. Data may not be available for some indicators, for some National Societies. This may lead to inconsistencies across different reporting tools as well as potential under or over-estimation of the efforts led by all.
- **Reporting bias:** The data informing this Federation-wide overview is self-reported by each National Society (or its designated support entity) and which is the owner and gatekeeper, and responsible for accuracy and updating. IFRC tries to triangulate the data provided by the National Societies with previous data and other data in the public domain.

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- [Live Disaster Response Emergency Fund \(DREF\) data](#)
- Operational information: [IFRC GO platform](#)
- National Society data: [IFRC Federation-wide Databank and Reporting System](#)

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