



# NIGERIA

IFRC network mid-year report, January – June 2023

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## IN SUPPORT OF THE NIGERIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY



37

National Society branches



500

National Society staff



800,000

National Society volunteers

## PEOPLE REACHED

Disasters and crises



8,000

Health and wellbeing



107.2M

## FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

in Swiss francs (CHF)

<b>Total</b>	Funding requirements	29.8M
<b>IFRC</b>	Emergency Operations	
	Funding requirements	22M
	Income	3.2M
	Longer-term	
	Funding requirements	7.1M
	Income	2.0M
<b>Participating National Societies</b>	Funding requirements	726,000
	Income	504,000
<b>Host National Society other funding sources</b>	Income	363,000

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Appeal numbers **MAANG002**

## STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

<b>Disasters and crises</b>	People reached per year with support services, in-kind, cash and voucher assistance for emergency response and recovery	8,000
<b>Health and wellbeing</b>	People reached with immunization services	107M
	People reached with contextually appropriate water, sanitation and hygiene services	2M
<b>Migration and displacement</b>	Data collection, research, analysis or other information management initiatives to better assist and protect people on the move are available	Yes

## IFRC NETWORK SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

	Multilateral Support	Bilateral Support					Health and wellbeing
		Climate	Migration and displacement	Values, power and inclusion	Enabling Functions	Disasters and crises	
National Society							
American Red Cross	●						
British Red Cross	●	●				●	
German Red Cross					●		●
Italian Red Cross	●		●	●			
Japanese Red Cross Society	●						
Norwegian Red Cross	●				●	●	●
Red Cross of Monaco	●						
Red Cross Society of China	●						
Saudi Red Crescent Authority			●	●			
Swedish Red Cross	●				●		●
Turkish Red Crescent Society			●	●			

● Planned

● Supported

# OVERALL PROGRESS

## Context

Nigeria is a multi-ethnic and diverse sub-Saharan country, covering an area of 924,000 square kilometres. It borders the Gulf of Guinea to the south, the Republic of Benin to the west, Chad, and Cameroon in the east and Niger in the North. With a population of 211 million in July 2021, it is the most populous country in Africa and the seventh most populous country in the world. Nigeria is made up of 36 autonomous states and a Federal Capital Territory, with its capital in Abuja. Lagos is the largest city, as well as being the second largest in Africa, and one of the largest metropolitan areas in the world. Crude oil still accounts for more than 80 per cent of exports from Nigeria, as well as a third of banking sector credit and half of government revenues.

The Nigerian general elections that cut across all the states including the Federal Capital Territory, was held within the timeframe of February 25 to March 11, 2023. A new president was elected on 25th February, with the former president ineligible to run due to term limits. The general elections created a hurdle for humanitarian programme implementation. In several areas of the country, there was pre-election violence and demonstration activity, which raised serious concerns about how well programmes would be carried out. Prior to the general elections, the Central Bank of Nigeria redesigned the Nigerian currency and issued a policy on the withdrawal of the same by private and corporate organisations that places a limit on withdrawals. The old currency was swapped with the new ones on 10 February 2023. Limited amounts of the new cash were made available to the banks for dispensing. This affected business and economic activities and generated chaos in the country with demonstrations in many places. The implication of this on the Nigerian Red Cross emergency operations was huge as engaged Financial Service Providers (FSPs) could not afford enough cash to support Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA) and other related activities.

There has been an alarming spike of diphtheria cases in Nigeria since early 2023, which intensified in March. The number of reported suspected cases grew from 136 in the first week of its discovery in 2023 to 253 by the fourth week. The Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) noted a new surge in the disease as of 2 March 2023, of which children between the ages of 5 and 18 were the most afflicted. From the early onset, the diphtheria outbreak has been at least 70% concentrated in Kano state, followed by other states including Yobe, Katsina, Sokoto, Enugu, Ogun, Osun, Kaduna, Lagos, and Zamfara. The Federal Capital Territory has now reported cases of diphtheria, and because of its sizable or diverse population, active economic activity, large, clustered communities, sheltered housing areas, and high population, it remains at risk of transmission. If appropriate measures are not taken, the disease's spread or duplication could spiral quickly, threatening vulnerable communities.

The impact of climate change in Nigeria's climate-dependent sectors are becoming a severe threat to the country's socio-economic development. Various manifestations of its impact include food shortage, more public health risks, poverty and migration instigated somewhat by irregularities in rainfall and over flooding.

Nigeria is still in the phase of mitigating the impact of the 2022 Nigeria floods, which is believed to be the worst flood the country has experienced in at least a decade, with a widespread impact in 33 of the country's 36 states. Floods which have receded in most states damaged homes and infrastructure, destroying farmland and displacing people from their communities. According to reports from October 2022, about 2.8 million individuals were impacted by the flood, at least 6,123 lives were lost and more than 2,500 people sustained injuries. An estimated two million people fled while others were evacuated from high-risk locations, ending up in extremely poor conditions with inadequate safeguards, exposing them to further security concerns.

The Nigerian Meteorological Agency's forecast published in January 2023 stated that the country would witness an early onset of rainfall accompanied by flooding.

## Key achievements

**The Nigerian Red Cross Society**, with support from the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), launched an [operation funded by IFRC's Disaster Response Emergency Fund \(DREF\)](#), to support the national vaccination efforts to deliver risk communication and community engagement activities in response to the diphtheria outbreak in the affected states of Nigeria including Lagos, Osun, Kano, Kaduna and Katsina.

The Nigerian Red Cross reached 9,637 households with multi-purpose cash assistance in eight states that include Lagos, Bayelsa, Cross River, Jigawa, Niger, Kogi, Taraba, and Anambra. An additional 8,000 households were registered for cash assistance in the month of August/September 2023. The National Society was able to successfully test run its prepaid cards in Anambra and Niger states. A total of 900 households received jerrycans (20 litres) in Delta state (450 households) and Kogi state (450 households). An additional 6,000 buckets (20 litres) and 6,000 jerrycans (20 litres) were procured for distribution in five states (Anambra, Delta, Kogi, Jigawa and Bayelsa). Further, 900 households (5,400 persons) were assisted with food items in Delta and Kogi states. A water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) surge officer was deployed and trained 16 National Disaster Response Team (NDRT) members (5 females and 11 males) from four branches on WASH facility mapping and technical assessment. IFRC supported the National Society to train 16 NDRTs in shelter assessment.

## Changes and amendments

No changes were made in the strategies highlighted in the initial unified plan for 2023. However, some changes were necessitated for the flood's emergency response, food items were procured and distributed in some states (Delta and Kogi) as against the initially planned cash assistance because markets were not functioning at the onset of the flooding and access to food items was difficult. Also, funds earmarked for shelter activities were channelled into procurement of shelter kits as part of the 2023 floods anticipatory action. Further, electronic payment was introduced via the use of prepaid cards as a solution to the cash crunch situation imposed by the Central Bank of Nigeria policy.

# IFRC NETWORK ACTION

## ONGOING EMERGENCY RESPONSE

### Emergency 1

Emergency Appeal name	Nigeria Hunger Crisis (part of the Africa Regional Hunger Crisis Emergency Appeal)
IFRC Appeal code	Africa Regional Hunger Crisis MGR60001
Duration	Initial start date of the Nigeria Hunger Crisis Appeal: 28 June 2021, duration extended to 31 December 2024 through the Africa Regional Hunger Crisis Appeal
Funding requirements	Funding requirement for Nigeria through the Africa Hunger Crisis Appeal: 27 million Swiss francs
Link to Appeal	<a href="#">Africa Hunger Crisis Emergency Appeal</a>
Link to Operational Strategy	Nigeria <a href="#">Country Plan of Action</a>

In October 2022, the Nigeria Hunger Crisis Emergency Appeal became part of the wider Africa Regional Hunger Crisis Appeal. Built on a foundation of strong national country response plans, the Regional Emergency Appeal has provided an overarching structure for Hunger Crisis responses across the continent.

However, due to conflicting emergency operations, less funding was realized for the Africa Hunger Crisis appeal and the Nigeria appeal did not realize much funding support in 2023. Therefore, most of the major activities could not be carried out. The operation in Nigeria was scaled up from 7 to 11 states, targeting one million beneficiaries. See the [six month operational update](#) for more details.

## SECTORS OF INTERVENTION



### Health & Care

(Mental Health and psychosocial support / Community Health / Medical Services)

**Objective:** *Strengthening holistic individual and community health of the population impacted through community level interventions and health system strengthening*

The mothers clubs continue to operate and engage in income generating activities where the women learn new skills for low-scale income. For example, they engage in the making of liquid soap and mats, methods of baking local cakes and pastries, among other skills. The mothers clubs have created a platform for the general population, men and women, where they carry out healthy cooking demonstrations. A variety of nutritious food items are presented (including for babies from 6 month old), cooking skills are showcased, and recipes are shared. WASH promotion sessions are also conducted during these meetings where the mothers club groups discuss risky hygiene behavior and how to promote good hygiene practices to improve maternal and child health.



### Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

**Objective:** *Ensure safe drinking water, proper sanitation, and adequate hygiene awareness of the communities during relief and recovery phases of the Emergency Operation, through community and organizational interventions*

A WASH capacity assessment was conducted to ascertain the WASH needs and entry points.

As part of the operation, a field visit to Benue state of Nigeria took place between 28 May to 1 June 2023. The purpose of the review field visit was as follows:

- Assess the support provided by IFRC's DREF towards operational and strategic goals of the response to the Nigeria Hunger Crisis, and
- Develop actionable recommendations to inform the strategic and operational directions of the DREF operation, as the mechanisms adapt to the current context of evolving crises and disasters. The field team comprised of relevant personnel from the Nigerian Red Cross and the IFRC.

Communities that were visited included Agan and Abagena (Abagena internally displaced persons camp) in Benue state. Focus group discussions were held with community members and volunteers in both communities. Key informant interviews were also held with relevant volunteers and personnel from the National Society.

## Emergency 2

Emergency Appeal name	Nigeria Floods
IFRC appeal code	MDRNG034
Duration	12 months: 21 October 2022 to 31 October 2023
Funding requirements	Through the IFRC Appeal: 11 million Swiss francs Federation-wide: 13 million Swiss francs
Link to Appeal	<a href="#">Nigeria Floods Emergency Appeal</a>
Link to Operational Strategy	<a href="#">Nigeria Floods Appeal Operational Strategy</a>
Latest Operations Update	<a href="#">Nigeria Floods Appeal 6 month Operations Update</a>

The 2022 floods operation was launched to support 500,000 people (83,333 households) to mitigate the impact of floods that affected basic needs, livelihoods, properties, and infrastructures. The appeal that was launched for CHF 13 million, received funding of approximately CHF 3.2 million (about 28%). With the available funds, the operation achieved part of the planned activities.

## SECTORS OF INTERVENTION

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### Shelter, Housing and Settlements

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**Objective:** *Communities in disaster and crisis affected areas restore and strengthen their safety, wellbeing and longer-term recovery through shelter and settlement solutions*

The Nigerian Red Cross selected six states to benefit from the shelter intervention which will be targeted at two sets of participants. The beneficiaries with severely damaged houses will be assisted with CHF 220 while those with moderately destroyed houses will benefit from shelter materials of CHF 166 based on the level of impact. The selected states include Anambra, Bayelsa, Cross Rivers, Delta, Jigawa and Kogi states.

After a feasibility review was conducted, the National Society resolved to conduct shelter activities in one of the selected states (Delta). It is expected that 100 beneficiaries will be supported to have their damaged shelters rehabilitated. The beneficiaries were identified, and the rehabilitation work will be conducted based on the level of affectedness on the shelters.



### Livelihoods

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**Objective:** *Communities, especially in disaster and crisis affected areas, restore and strengthen their livelihoods*

A total of 900 households in Delta and Kogi states benefited from in-kind food aid. The activity launch was conducted by the president of the Nigerian Red Cross in Delta state, and the secretary general of the Nigerian Red Cross in Kogi state. The ceremony was largely attended by representatives of the national and state emergency management committees, local government officials, media and community members.

All the targeted 900 households were present and received their food parcels, which were a donation from the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). A donation by the Major Oil Marketers Organisation of Nigeria was used to purchase the balance food items to make a full food basket. The Universal Parcel Service also contributed to logistics, and they conveyed the items to the destinations (Delta and Kogi states) for distribution.

The training of volunteers on Village Savings and Loan Association methodology and financial literacy, and the formation of self-help groups will happen as more funding is received and will be reported subsequently.



### Multi-purpose Cash

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**Objective:** *Households are provided with unconditional/multipurpose cash grants to address their basic needs*

A total of 9,637 households were reached with multi-purpose cash grants in the following eight states: Cross River, Bayelsa, Niger, Kogi, Taraba, Anambra, Jigawa, and Lagos. The multi-purpose cash assistance is meant to support households to provide for their daily needs and livelihoods. Community engagement and accountability activities will be done to remind communities of the agreed disbursement and the balance remaining. In some of the states where the actual beneficiaries were not reached during the reporting period, plans were underway to select and register them in preparation to receive cash assistance in August 2023.



## Health & Care

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*(Mental Health and psychosocial support / Community Health / Medical Services)*

**Objective:** *Strengthening holistic individual and community health of the population impacted through community level interventions and health system strengthening*

The Nigerian Red Cross provided first aid to 1,006 persons and psychosocial support to 4,910 affected persons within eight divisions in Cross River state and 12 divisions in Jigawa state.



## Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

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**Objective:** *Ensure safe drinking water, proper sanitation, and adequate hygiene awareness of the communities during relief and recovery phases of the Emergency Operation, through community and organizational interventions*

A total of 900 households each received a 25-litre water storage container in Delta and Kogi states. A WASH assessment was conducted in eight states to ascertain the WASH needs and entry points. The most pressing key findings on WASH from the multisectoral needs assessment are highlighted below:

- Most of the respondents from Anambra, Delta, Kogi and Niger indicated that their main source of drinking water is from a river, stream, and pond while respondents from Bayelsa, Bauchi, Jigawa and Lagos said theirs was from boreholes. A few of the respondents across the eight states indicated that their major source of water is from a well.
- A significant number of the respondent from Anambra, Delta, Kogi and Niger use open defecation as their means of toilet, while in Jigawa and Bauchi they use pit latrines and in Lagos and Bayelsa they use water closet as their means of toilets.
- Most of the respondents across the eight states said that females in their households have not been provided with sanitary pads, with Bayelsa and Delta having the highest with over 90% and Jigawa the lowest with 63%.

WASH activities have been planned for the next reporting period. The WASH surge officer was deployed and has since held a planning meeting with Nigerian Red Cross NDRT team and branch offices in four selected states (Bayelsa, Delta, Kogi, and Jigawa). WASH training was conducted from 20–22 February 2023 for 16 NDRT members who will be expected to cascade the training down in the states.

A comprehensive report on WASH indicators will be presented during the next reporting period.

Procurement of 8,000 WASH non-food items, including 8,000 pieces each of buckets, jerricans and aqua tabs, have been completed. The items are stored in Nigerian Red Cross warehouses in Anambra, Delta, Jigawa, and Kogi state for distribution. A request has been made for the procurement of an additional 4,000 non-food items. Procurement is ongoing and will be distributed along with the 8,000 kits once the process is completed.

As Nigeria commemorated World Water Day on 22 March 2023, the Nigerian Red Cross joined the fight for clean water access for healthy living and the prevention of water-borne diseases. Some of the activities that were conducted in Kogi, Delta, Anambra, Jigawa and Cross River states to mark the world water day included rehabilitation of water points, sensitization on hygiene promotion, and rehabilitation and cleaning of school latrine.



## Protection, Gender, and Inclusion

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**Objective:** *Communities identify the needs of the most at risk and particularly disadvantaged and marginalized groups, due to inequality, discrimination and other non-respect of their human rights and address their distinct needs*

The Nigerian Red Cross held a planning meeting with the Cross River state branch and conducted a training thereafter. A total of 45 volunteers (29 males and 16 females) from the three local government areas - Abi, Etung and Ikom - were trained on -

- Protection, Gender and Inclusion (PGI)
- Sexual and Gender Based Violence
- Child protection in emergencies

The main objectives of these trainings were as follows:

- Refresh volunteers' knowledge on the National Society's code of conduct
- Ensure inclusiveness, especially for persons with disability and other vulnerable groups
- Prioritize vulnerable affected population irrespective of their gender roles
- Sensitize to reduce the risk of flooding and promote hygiene
- Provide recommendations to inform programme decisions and performance
- Build community resilience against flooding in the next rainy season 2023
- Promote and create visibility of Nigerian Red Cross activities

A total of 10 focus group discussion sessions were conducted in each of the three local government areas and consisted of youth, the elderly, market leaders, village heads and religious leaders. A total number of 450 beneficiaries were selected based on the set criteria such as the age group, gender, people with disabilities, widows, child headed households etc.

Key messages related to Protection, Gender and Inclusion and Sexual and Gender Based Violence were developed into a pocket guide for volunteers. The booklet was distributed to each of the trained volunteers to carry along when in the field. A total of 200 copies of the pocket guide was produced and distributed to National Society volunteers and branch staff.

The Nigerian Red Cross is engaging with communities on the creation of safe spaces. This is dependent on the availability of funds and will be reported during the next reporting period.



## Community Engagement and Accountability

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Community Engagement and Accountability activities included meeting with community leaders and training 90 volunteers in Cross Rivers, Delta and Kogi states on how to engage with communities. A three-person community resilience committee was constituted in three communities in each state to mobilize the most vulnerable beneficiaries and inform them about distribution location and time, which was decided jointly with the community members.

The Nigerian Red Cross toll-free lines were announced and shared with community members and beneficiaries so that they could use it for complaints and feedback. This had good press coverage in both the print media as well as by broadcast houses.



## Risk Reduction, climate adaptation and Recovery

**Objective:** *Communities in high-risk areas are prepared for and able to respond to disaster*

- Personal Protective Equipment for volunteers and staff were procured as part of prepositioned items.
- NDRTs have been activated and plans are underway to deploy them to various states to support project implementation in the most affected areas.
- Emergency first aid teams have been deployed in Cross River, Jigawa and Kebbi states.
- The 37 branches of the Nigerian Red Cross have been engaged in rapid needs assessments of affected communities and have created a dashboard that is being updated.
- Planning for training of volunteers in disaster risk reduction approaches that can be cascaded to community members is underway.
- Community Resilience Committees have been developed in all the communities where project implementation is currently ongoing.
- Preparedness and readiness activities since the floods began have started.
- Across Nigeria, the National Society has mobilized over 5,000 volunteers and 514 staff who are actively supporting state emergency management agencies in evacuation, camp management and relief activities.

## STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



### Climate and environment

- The Nigerian Red Cross and IFRC jointly developed a Simplified Early Action Protocol for the floods. This is to cover about 12 out of 36 states and Federal Capital Territory within the country.
- National Society staff was trained on monitoring weather forecast through the Global Flood Awareness System (GloFAS). Trained staff are regularly monitoring the weather forecast ahead of the flooding season in Nigeria.
- Partnerships with Nigerian Meteorological Agency, Nigeria Hydrological Services Agency, and National Emergency Management Agency were strengthened.
- A shock responsive social protection project on floods was implemented in Kaduna state, where 4,912 beneficiaries were supported with cash assistance.
- Anticipatory action and forecast based financing through a locally led adaptation project was expanded.
- Community engagement and protection, gender, and inclusion was mainstreamed in all climate projects.
- Environmental sustainability and climate change adaptation was mainstreamed in all projects.



### Disasters and crises

A staff member from the Nigerian Red Cross, along with two staff members from IFRC's Abuja country cluster delegation, were trained as facilitators for preparedness for effective response (PER) and are now part of the regional pool of PER facilitators. The 5-day workshop was held in Nairobi, Kenya between 13–17 March 2023.

The objectives of the PER sessions were as follows:

- Understanding the PER approach, its foundations, the guiding principles, and the flexibility in implementing it.
- Ability to use and to guide a National Society in using the PER mechanism for short to mid-term objectives, based on the needs.
- Recognizing the fundamentals of PER in operations and its potential application.
- An increased awareness on lessons learned and on how the PER approach has been adapted in different countries so far.
- An informed understanding of the roles of different actors in a National Society's preparedness and response capacity enhancement.

Furthermore, participants were acquainted with the historical background of PER, various key policies and documents that makes up the PER process, the ongoing operations and appeal within the region, the African region PER performance and the strongest and weakest components identified within the region. The session on technical lessons learned across the various phases of assessment, helped participants to appreciate the importance of the learnings collected by facilitators globally over the years to understand the basis on which current methodologies are built.

Three staff from the Abuja country cluster delegation participated in the preparedness and response workshop that took place in Naivasha, Kenya between 16–18 January 2023. The theme of the workshop was centred around the following:

- The role of the unit and each staff in the implementation of the Agenda for Renewal – Africa National Societies at the centre; the IFRC Secretariat's coordination role for strengthened collective impact (collaboration with Participating National Societies from design to implementation) and the operations team role in National Society strengthening.
- Ensuring quality and accountability in preparedness and response operations, the links with key thematic priorities, global flagships, and IFRC pan-Africa initiatives (Food security, cash and voucher assistance, disaster risk reduction, climate/nature-based solutions, protection, gender and inclusion, community engagement and accountability, health and migration).
- The evolution of the preparedness and response tools and the role of disaster management/operations coordinators for improved monitoring, reporting and support to National Societies.



## Health and wellbeing

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According to reports from the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control regarding the Diphtheria outbreak in the country, there were 1,587 confirmed cases and 137 deaths, mostly children aged 0 to 14 years. The Nigerian Red Cross is carrying out an operation, funded by IFRC's DREF, in six states (Kano, Lagos, Kaduna, Federal Capital Territory Abuja, Osun and Katsina). The National Society is supporting the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control and the National Primary Health Care Development Agency with risk communication and community engagement activities, active case search of cases, and outreach support with routine vaccination.

The aim of this emergency response was to support the Nigerian government in lowering suspected and confirmed cases of diphtheria for at least 1.6 million people (direct and indirect) in Kano, Lagos, Katsina, and Osun states of Nigeria, representing roughly 3 percent of the population. In addition, the operation also aimed at reducing the spread and impact of diphtheria on the affected and at-risk communities through risk communication, epidemic control activities, surveillance, referrals, and hygiene promotion. The operation also supported the state government in the early detection and referral of cases to designated treatment centres whilst carrying out its community-based activities.

Another project, funded by UNICEF, involved a vaccination campaign for integrated Non-Polio Supplementary Immunization Activities (NPSIA) for children under 5 years, as well as the COVID-19 vaccination. This project focused on four states: Borno, Sokoto, Yobe and Zamfara.

The Nigerian Red Cross conducted a two-day training of trainers for the health coordinators and a one- training for divisional secretaries, health educators, data managers and Red Cross branch staff. The trained state team coordinators completed the cascading of the training to the branch level where 1,120 volunteers were trained on risk communication and community engagement, along with social mobilization strategies for vaccinations. In the 56 targeted local government areas, 20 volunteers were drawn from each area and trained to provide risk communication messages, mobilize, and refer people for vaccination.

During project implementation, the Nigerian Red Cross reached 3.5 million people through live radio shows. One live and interactive radio show was completed per state to disseminate key COVID-19 vaccination messages. The vaccination teams also reached a total number of 1.3 million eligible people (aged 18 years and above) with COVID-19 vaccines and immunized 173,145 children in 28 local government areas in the four states.

In addition, with UNICEF funding, the National Society supported 10 states during the integrated NPSIA - Zamfara, Akwa Ibom, Delta, Edo, Ekiti, Niger, Osun, Oyo, Rivers and Bayelsa. The National Society conducted focus group discussions and review meetings on vaccination and community engagement in the targeted states. The National Society community volunteers also conducted house-to-house risk communication and community engagement, along with social mobilization activities for COVID-19 vaccination, integrating routine immunization. A total of 2.2 million people were reached through house visits, along with 278,074 households through risk communication and community engagement activities.



## Migration and displacement

The Nigerian Red Cross signed a one-year agreement with the Italian Red Cross Society in April 2023 for a migration project phase-2. Following the agreement, the National Society's focal person attended the West Africa regional focal point workshop in Senegal where the Nigerian Red Cross' migration activity reports for phase-1 were presented in preparation for phase-2.

The Nigerian Red Cross have a plan of action and embarked on advocacy visits to the coordinating agency - the National Commission for refugees, migrants and internally displaced persons. The purpose of the visit was to introduce the migration phase-2 project and inform the various stakeholders of the National Society's intention of inviting them to workshops and field trips that would keep the coordinating body updated on various activities of the Nigerian Red Cross.

## ENABLING LOCAL ACTORS



## Strategic and operational coordination

IFRC pioneered a coordination meeting with the Nigerian Red Cross, along with government agencies including the National Emergency Management Agency, Nigeria Hydrological Services Agency, Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management, and National Orientation Agency. The meeting came up with key action points on sustaining the coordination and developing synergies for effective response.

The National Society, with the support of IFRC, while implementing the "Shock responsive social protection project" for floods, established and strengthened partnership with government institutions such as the Nigerian Meteorological Agency, State Operations Coordinating Unit, National Emergency Management Agency, Social Investment Office, State Cash Transfer Unit, National Social Safety-Nets Coordinating Office, Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency, Nigeria Hydrological Services Agency, Kaduna State Emergency Management Authority, Kaduna Environmental Protection Agency, community groups, non-governmental organizations and civil society organisations. The partnerships established helped in the successful implementation of the project as well as the successful horizontal expansion of the National Social registry to include beneficiaries of the project.

The National Societies in Benin, Nigeria, and Togo, through the support of IFRC, are implementing a climate change adaptation and resilience project titled “Resilience building through multi-stakeholder engagement in anticipatory action for climate induced disasters”. The project has helped to build partnership with local and international universities that would be supporting project implementation.

A Red Cross Red Crescent Movement technical working group was formed to coordinate the flood implementation activities. The working group comprised representatives from the Nigerian Red Cross, IFRC, ICRC, and the British Red Cross. The working group meets monthly to assess progress and collect updates from members.

Synergies were formed with the IFRC Climate Centre and training on forecast monitoring and interpretation of forecasted data was provided to 11 people (7 from the Nigerian Red Cross and 4 from IFRC). IFRC reached out to Global Flood Awareness System (GloFAS) and have included National Society staff on their mailing list for weather forecast alerts on a daily basis to help with the monitoring for the implementation of the simplified early action protocol project.

Strong coordination was also established between IFRC/Nigerian Red Cross and the Ministry of Health, as well as government agencies such as National Primary Health Care Development Authority and Nigeria Centre for Disease Control during the Diphtheria DREF operation.



## National Society Development

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The IFRC also with the partnership from the British Red Cross supported the Nigerian Red Cross BCO's training on Storytelling lab. The objective was to equip trainees with multimedia skills to enable them to tell impactful stories about the Nigerian Red Cross in their communities. The participants were trained on storytelling techniques and equipped with Mobile Journalism (MOJO) kits.

### Capacity development

*UNICEF / Nigerian Red Cross / IFRC Partnership Strengthening and Staff Capacity Building Success*

This partnering initiative started in 2019 to promote collaboration at all levels between IFRC, Nigerian Red Cross, and UNICEF country offices. Project management has been identified as an area of improvement for the Nigerian Red Cross alongside other key relevant areas for development. The training/capacity building was effective in its objectives of strengthening staff capacity on the program and financial management processes and their benefits, increase staff appreciation of the standard program and financial management vocabulary and terminology, support staff in Identifying the characteristics of a successful program and program manager, assist staff to create an initial project plan and explain the major aspects of project initiation, planning, execution, and control.

The training centred on six thematic areas. Responsible staff in the following areas were selected and trained accordingly. The areas include;

- Programme Management
- Program Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning
- Leadership Transformation
- Finance Management
- UN system and Donor Compliance
- Good partnership and Collaboration

Both Nigerian Red Cross headquarters staff, IFRC staff, branch staff and branch governance were identified and selected for the trainings. Each training lasted for 2 days, facilitators were drawn from different expertise-related areas based on the thematic area and topics. Training materials were provided including training certificates for each participant. Two out of the six trainings were conducted in December 2022, while the remaining four trainings were conducted in January 2023.

## Islamic Relief Worldwide Capacity Building Success

Partnership and collaboration with Islamic Relief Worldwide (IRW) began in December 2022. The project has two components; one of which is to support 500 households affected by flood in Niger and Anambra states through the Nigerian Red Cross and the second is to strengthen the capacity of the National Society's staff in key humanitarian and program areas. The goal is to strengthen Nigerian Red Cross's internal operational processes to improve humanitarian services delivery in Nigeria.

Objectives:

- Strengthening of the humanitarian programme design, implementation, and reporting
- Improving humanitarian leadership and organizational management
- Improving financial and resource management for effective humanitarian service delivery

The training was held in FCT in 2 phases between 3 to 6 and 11 to 12 April 2023. Participants were drawn from Programs Monitoring, Evaluation, Reporting and Learning (PMERL), Finance unit, Procurement unit, Internal Audit, Information Management/ICT unit, Health and Care unit, Disaster Management unit, Communication unit, National Society Development Unit (NSD) and Human Resource unit. Each training had 20 participants from both the National Headquarters and the branch focal points.

## Youth Development

With the support of the Movement partners, the Nigerian Red Cross governing board and its management, the Nigerian Red Cross Youth wing held a one-day induction and training for their newly elected youth executive on 3 June 2023. In attendance were the National Youth Executive and some Zonal Youth Executives, one from the South-East and two representatives from North-East.

## Strengthening Governance and Leadership

Governing Board Induction: The Movement partners supported the Nigerian Red Cross in inducting its newly elected board members. During the event, several key topics were discussed. Including Risk Management and Integrity, Good Governance and Leadership and the Distinction between Governance and Management. IFRC's Mandate and Support to Nigerian Red Cross was also touched on, with some focus on the NS constitution and unified plans. Other discussions centred on IFRC's Agenda for Renewal and Strategy 2030, and the Roles and Functions of the Governing Board using a practical approach.



## Humanitarian diplomacy

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No activities reported during this reporting period.



## Accountability and agility (cross-cutting)

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As part of the commitment to safeguarding the well-being of all staff and volunteers, refresher sessions on safeguarding policies and procedures were organized. Part of these training sessions were held during the 2023 staff retreat held in April for all staff of the Abuja country cluster delegation. More in-depth safeguarding trainings are planned during the second half of the year.

As the safety and well-being of staff remains a top priority, staff medical insurance policy coverage was actively reviewed and updated, health talks were organized, a first aid training was conducted and measures to mitigate potential hazards were implemented.

Several training opportunities, workshops, and programmes were organised to enhance skills, fostering leadership, and promoting overall career advancement. These initiatives not only contribute to individual growth but also enhance the collective capabilities of our team. New staff are informed about the availability of the career development fund and regular objectives discussions are encouraged among employees as a way of supporting employees on their career path.

## **Africa Human Resource Training/Workshop**

Two female staff of the Abuja delegation participated in the Africa human resource workshop that took place in Uganda within the time frame of 18 to 24 March, 2023. The training/workshop was conducted with the objective of improving the quality and efficiency of HR Systems and HR advisory support in the Africa region, and to ensure that effective data and analytics foundations of HR Reporting mechanisms are strengthened.

The workshop / training participants were introduced to the advanced D365 Microsoft Dynamics - Basic Navigation which covered essential activities for navigating the D365 Microsoft Dynamics platform. It included understanding the user interface, navigating through modules and areas, managing records, personalizing the experience, accessing help and support, and understanding security and permissions. She showed us how to effectively navigate and personalize our workspace in D365 Microsoft Dynamics. Of particular interest was the Task Recorder on the D365 which serves as a help tool to navigate every activity on the D365 F&O.

The D365 training was practical and hands-on, as the participants were given the opportunity to directly work with the test system platform on D365 Microsoft Dynamic.

The Human Resource (HR) training ended with an evaluation to determine if the training expectations were met at the end of which it was adjudged to have been met. The in-person Human Resource training was also commended as a good initiative that should be sustained to achieve the One -Africa HR strategy.

Digital maturity growth, data and digital literacy, data-driven and digitally enabled humanitarian services, access to infrastructure and digital services. The IFRC Abuja Cluster Office supported in facilitating a 2-day Digital Transformation workshop for the Nigerian Red Cross. The workshop involved all heads of unit and provided an avenue for all to make inputs on how the digital transformation strategy can enhance productivity in the various units. As a result, a draft road map was developed with the hope to obtain funds to support implementation of some of the gaps identified.



## **The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)**

is the world's largest humanitarian network, with 191 National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and around 15 million volunteers. Our volunteers are present in communities before, during and after a crisis or disaster. We work in the most hard to reach and complex settings in the world, saving lives and promoting human dignity. We support communities to become stronger and more resilient places where people can live safe and healthy lives, and have opportunities to thrive.

### **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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