



TANZANIA

IFRC network mid-year report, January – June 2023

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IN SUPPORT OF THE TANZANIA RED CROSS NATIONAL SOCIETY



70

National Society branches



338

National Society staff



60,000

National Society volunteers

PEOPLE REACHED

Disasters and crises



110,000

Health and wellbeing



1.3M

Migration and displacement



599,000

Values, power and inclusion



550,000

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

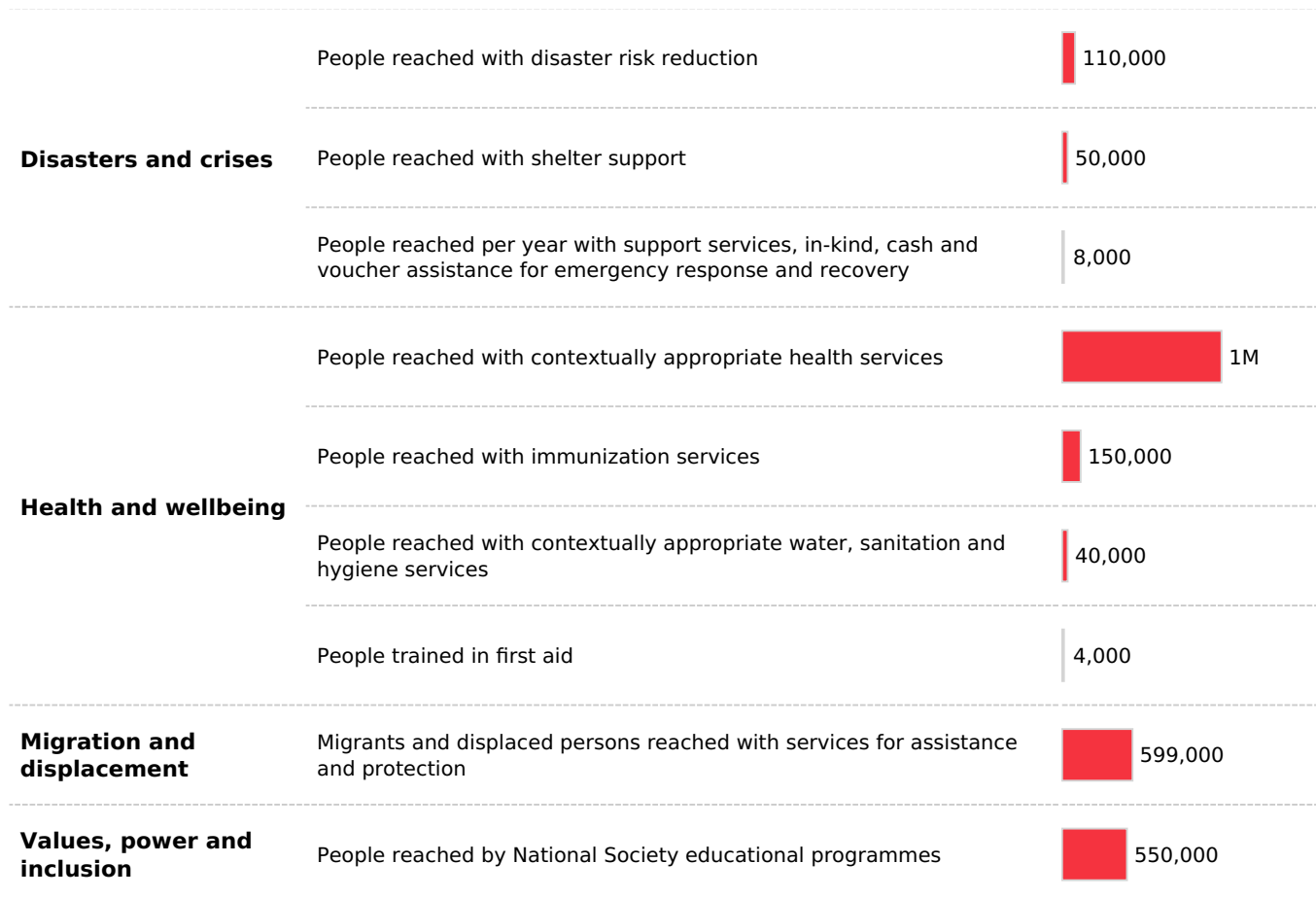
in Swiss francs (CHF)

Total		Funding requirements	33.4M
IFRC	Longer-term	Funding requirements	3.7M
		Income	618,000
Participating National Societies		Funding requirements	1.4M
		Income	3.6M
Host National Society other funding sources		Funding requirements	28.3M

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Appeal number **MAATZ002**

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



IFRC NETWORK SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

	Multilateral Support	Bilateral Support					
		Climate	Migration and displacement	Values, power and inclusion	Enabling Functions	Disasters and crises	Health and wellbeing
National Society							
American Red Cross	Supported						
Belgian Red Cross		Supported	Planned			Supported	Supported
British Red Cross	Supported						
Finnish Red Cross		Planned			Planned		
Kenya Red Cross Society							Planned
Spanish Red Cross							Planned
Swiss Red Cross	Supported						

Planned
 Supported

OVERALL PROGRESS

For the period under review, **Tanzania Red Cross Society** worked in collaboration with the government of the United Republic of Tanzania and received financial and technical support from Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement partners, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), World Food Programme (WFP), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), World Health Organization (WHO), Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Enable, Shell, IFRC, ICRC, Kenya Red Cross Society, Belgium Red Cross, American Red Cross, Spanish Red Cross and Coca-Cola and private institutions.

The implementation of activities reflects the Unified Plan for 2023. For this reporting period, the overall achievements to date are:

- Maintained a strong network of regional/sub-branches with members, volunteers, and youth who can deliver effective humanitarian services.
- Humanitarian values promoted along with the dissemination of the Fundamental Principles and the culture of volunteerism.
- Gender, community engagement, and accountability (CEA), and protection, gender, and inclusion (PGI) mainstreamed in all the National Society's undertakings.
- Health programs implemented, significantly contributing to key public health challenges including but not limited to HIV and AIDS, nutrition, malaria, availability of blood safety, non-communicable diseases, epidemic controls, provision of first aid training and services, supporting people with disabilities, access to safe water, sanitation, and hygiene promotion.
- Disaster risk and management programme build institutional capacity to effectively prepare and respond to emergencies and disasters including the provision of restoring family links services, climate change adaptation, and other hazard risks as well as building community resilience.
- Financial management system, income generation, and resource mobilization strengthened.
- Supporting functions including planning, monitoring, reporting, evaluation and learning, (PMERL), public relations (PR) and communications, ICT, logistics, and legal services strengthened.
- Partnership and networking within and outside the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement strengthened.

Tanzania Red Cross continued to complement the Tanzanian government's mission in combating the COVID-19 pandemic. Tanzania Red Cross supported the government's target of vaccinating 70 per cent of the eligible population in 11 regions (Kilimanjaro, Tanga, Iringa, Rukwa, Kagera, Simiyu, Tabora, Katavi, Mjini Magharibi, Kusini Pemba and Mara) of the Tanzanian mainland and Zanzibar. Tanzania Red Cross played a role in risk communication and community engagement (RCCE) to ensure the community received the vaccination messages and was mobilized to bolster the uptake of the vaccine. The Ministry of Health (MoH) continued to be the lead for COVID-19 operations in the country with all activities implemented under the lead of the government.

On National Society development, Tanzania Red Cross continued to strengthen its branches' capacity by recruiting volunteers and members, disseminating the Fundamental Principles, promoting the culture of volunteerism to volunteers and members, and initiating income-generating activities in branches to reduce their dependence on the headquarters.

Tanzania Red Cross generated a high level of community support during implementation through engaging community leaders, influencers, and community volunteers. Using this approach, Tanzania Red Cross achieved a far greater reach across the country and the level of community complaints was significantly lower compared to previous years.

Tanzania Red Cross Society worked to strengthen the provision of humanitarian services to vulnerable communities as well as the levels of disaster preparedness in the communities.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Climate and environment

In response to global climate change, in 2023, Tanzania Red Cross began the implementation of an annual 'Coastal City Heat Action project' (CoCHAP), with the support of the American Red Cross, that aims to support environmental conservation to reduce the effects of extreme heat along the coast.

The CoCHAP project in Tanga and Unguja Zanzibar aims at building climate resilience of urban communities, particularly to extreme heat and coastal threats through expanding risk knowledge and strengthening local action. This project is being implemented in Southeast Asia, Latin America, and East Africa regions in 14 secondary cities. The project has two main objectives as outlined below.

Objective 1: Build climate resilience in urban communities in coastal zones. The project will work with local governments and underserved urban communities in coastal zones to reduce their vulnerabilities to current and future disaster risks related to hydro-meteorological hazards and compounding risks.

Objective 2: The project will work with local governments, National Meteorological and Hydrological Services, and communities to reduce the impact of extreme heat in cities.

From January – June 2023 the following has been achieved:

- Organized and conducted the design workshop by engaging different stakeholders who are dealing with climate and environmental issues. This has been conducted in two cities Tanga City and Mjini Magharibi with World Vision, local government authorities dealing with disasters, Ardhi University, University of Dar es Salam, Suza university in Zanzibar, Tanzania Meteorological department and local NGOs dealing with climate issues
- Organized and conducted a baseline survey in Tanga City and Mjini Magharibi to assess community capacity on awareness and ability to identify the effects results due to climate changes

A summary of some of the major findings of the baseline are as follows:

- 92 per cent of the respondents participated in environmental activities in the past six months in Tanga city and Mjini Magharibi
- 73 per cent of the respondents are aware of the government's and various organizations' initiatives to reduce climate change impacts
- 51 per cent of the respondents are aware of the environmental policies in the country while the remaining 49 per cent are not aware
- The findings revealed that television is the major platform through which the household gains knowledge/ awareness on climate change as it accounts for 72 per cent, followed by radio which accounts for 64 per cent
- 92 per cent of the respondents reported awareness of the types of diseases that can be caused by the impacts associated with climate change

From January – June 2023, Tanzania Red Cross:

- Through the network of volunteers in branches and sub-branches, Tanzania Red Cross continued to encourage tree planting to increase the green cover as an environmental conservation mechanism. In addition, Tanzania Red Cross encouraged environmental cleanliness by deploying community volunteers, members, and youth platforms countrywide.

- Developed an Early Warning Early Action (EWEA) mechanism in collaboration with the Prime Minister's Office, Disaster Management Department (PMO-DMD) in Lindi Municipality. Finish Red Cross is supporting the EWEA project in Morogoro and American Red Cross is supporting the CoCHAP Project
- Built capacity of communities on DRR in Morogoro region
- Conducted baseline survey on city heat impacts along the coastal regions.
- IFRC provided technical and financial support to Tanzania Red Cross in conducting a baseline survey on city heat impacts along the coastal regions

Based on its priority in the 2023 - 2025 Unified Plan, Tanzania Red Cross achieved the milestones outlined below:

- Participated in in-country coordination meetings with governmental agencies such as the Tanzania Metrological Agency (TMA) to discuss weather forecast information, highlighted its results, and set strategies for actions to reduce the potential harm to humans and the environment in general
- Participated in various meetings organized with Disaster Management Committees at the national and regional level to identify and localize climate change risk mitigation initiatives and utilize community intelligence to inform appropriate activities, such as through vulnerability capacity assessments and community action plans.



Disasters and crises

Tanzania Red Cross maintains its role in strengthening the capacity of communities on disaster preparedness to reduce the disaster-associated risks among the Tanzanian population. In connection to disaster preparedness, Tanzania Red Cross builds the community's capacity to respond to shocks and stress when a disaster happens by capacitating regional branch volunteers with psychosocial knowledge, providing Enhanced Vulnerability Capacity Assessment (EVCA) training at the regional level and sub-branches including identifying risk and safe areas, early warning protocols, anticipation actions to mitigate risks from multi-hazards affecting lives, as well as capacity on conducting impacts assessment during disasters. These activities have been carried out in full in Lindi region, Morogoro region, Mtwara region, and Kagera region with financial and technical support from IFRC and other partners.

Tanzania Red Cross conducted a coalition building workshop in Tanga City and Mjini Magharibi, and training for community volunteers in Lindi Municipality on disseminating early warning messages in the community supported by IFRC and the American Red Cross

Between January to June 2023, Tanzania experienced two disaster crises in two different regions – the flood response and also the Marburg outbreak response (for latter, please see Health and wellbeing section below), receiving support from the IFRC in the response.

Flood Response

On 1 April 2023, the villages around the Ruvuma River experienced severe floods because of heavy downpours from the monsoon rains. Floods affected the village of Kivava, especially in the suburbs of Sokoni and Kivukuni, the villages of Tangazo, and Kilamboma, and resulted in displacements of 1,400 (359 households). The IFRC provided support through an allocation of funds from the IFRC's Disaster Emergency Response Fund (DREF) (MRTZ034). During this response, Tanzania Red Cross did the following:

- Participated in response coordination meetings at all levels
- Conducted a needs assessment of the affected area
- Distributed non-food items to 395 affected households
- Conducted training to 20 branch volunteers on psychosocial support (PSS), CEA, WASH assessment, and PGI

A total of 395 households received non-food items (NFI) in Kivava wards during the flood response with the support of IFRC. Tanzania Red Cross provided this support alongside local authorities' provision of essential household items for the 395 displaced households. The items distributed included 2 blankets, 2 mosquito nets, 1 water bucket, 2 bars of soap, 1 trapline, and 1 kitchen set per kit. In collaboration with the district security committee, Tanzania Red Cross

also facilitated the acquisition of 3 rescue boats ensuring the evacuation of hard-to-reach households with search and rescue services. The number of people reached through this objective is 1,400.

Tanzania Red Cross worked closely with the IFRC Juba cluster delegation in the development of the response plan for the Floods and the Marburg outbreak, and IFRC provided the deployment of four surge profiles (Field coordination, Public health in Emergencies, Community Engagement Accountability, and Safe and Dignified Burials coordinators) who supported the operations.



Health and wellbeing

In strengthening the health system, Tanzania Red Cross worked closely with the Government through the Ministry of Health on various health-related projects. Through interventions in various regions using the network of volunteers and community health workers, the National Society raised community awareness on health issues including awareness of different communicable and non-communicable diseases, vaccination and WASH awareness.

Tanzania Red Cross has been collaborating with the Ministry of Health (MoH) in public health during emergencies and in disaster preparedness to strengthen community-based health uptake to reduce morbidity and mortality rates among marginalized communities or communities with high vulnerabilities or communities living in hard-to-reach areas.

Tanzania Red Cross has also participated in various strategic meetings and workshops organized with the government including risk communication and community engagement (RCCE) coordination meetings, RCCE strategy review workshops, blood recruitment forums, and RCCE stakeholder monthly meetings.

During the reporting period, the Tanzania Red Cross, with the support of the IFRC network, achieved the following:

- Strengthened coordination with the government to support health care works on infection prevention and control (IPC), supported by the Spanish Red Cross; the information received will be disseminated to the communities
- Provided health education to the public on epidemic and pandemics and how the transmission of diseases can be prevented in the community. This task was carried out using Tanzania Red Cross volunteers and community health workers. Tanzania Red Cross helped to mobilize the community on the COVID-19 vaccine, and raised community awareness on outbreaks such as Marburg and cholera
- Dissemination of the Tanzania Red Cross hotline number to the beneficiaries to enhance the collection of community feedback, supported by Kenya Red Cross Society
- Intensification of integrated mobile outreach for health service provision, including to inaccessible areas
- Participation in RCCE review meetings together with other partners in coming up with a community of practice for the benefit of the communities
- Intensification of COVID-19 vaccine mobilization in 10 regions across the country
- Continued to provide health services to the refugee health centre in Nyarugusu camp in Kigoma
- Provided medical services at the health centre in Nyarugusu refugee camp
- Distributed information, education and communication (IEC) materials with infection prevention and control (IPC) messages in strategic areas
- Finalised training on integrated management of acute malnutrition (IMAM)
- Enhanced capacities of front-line healthcare workers on sexual reproductive health
- Sexual and reproductive health messages were disseminated in the Kigoma region to school children
- Provided community-based and commercial first aid training and services in Kagera, Kigoma, Singida, and Dodoma regions
- Sexual and Reproductive Health education in 5 schools of Uvinza district

Marburg Disease Outbreak

On 21 March 2023, the Tanzania government declared a Marburg disease outbreak in the Kagera region. The IFRC provided an allocation of funding from the IFRC's DREF (MDRTZ033). During Marburg's response, Tanzania Red Cross together with other partners did the following:

- Tanzania Red Cross actively participated during the National Task Force (NTF) and also participated in partner meetings conducted weekly from January to June 2023
- A total of five vehicles were deployed in the region to support the response activities
- Mobilized 4 National Society staff and 4 technical volunteers to support the response
- Raised community awareness on infection prevention and control (IPC) using trained Tanzania Red Cross volunteers and community health workers
- Tanzania Red Cross worked very closely with the local government Surveillance teams in sharing the surveillance, contact tracing, and case identification
- Tanzania Red Cross offered safe and dignified burial (SDB) services during response for dead bodies associated with Marburg disease
- 100 Tanzania Red Cross volunteers trained on Epidemic Control
- 46 Tanzania Red Cross volunteers (26 female, 20 male) in the Kagera region were trained on Epidemic Preparedness and Response in Communities (EPiC) in WASH and IPC
- 110 trained Tanzania Red Cross volunteers conducted house-to-house and public place education on the purification of drinking water with chlorination tablets
- Management of Acute Malnutrition (IMAM) conducted for 35 nutrition personnel of all 8 councils of the Kagera region
- Training on Nutrition in Emergencies (NiE) was conducted for 30 nutrition personnel of all 8 councils of the Mwanza region
- Designs and BOQs were developed for the construction and installation of a water scheme for Bujunangoma and Kabyaire Health Centres in Bukoba DC; this took place in collaboration with UNICEF and the RUWASA team

Water sanitation and hygiene

Tanzania Red Cross has implemented various activities to ensure that community members have access to safe drinking water and are aware of hygiene issues in the community. Tanzania Red Cross implemented water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) interventions in the host community of Tanzania with the following activities:

- Raising community awareness of infection prevention and control
- Procurement and distribution of hand washing equipment, supported by the Spanish Red Cross
- Prioritizing needs/gaps that impede household adoption of improved sanitation, based on the household baseline survey and WASH enterprise survey results
- Install handwashing facilities in communities and institutions
- Distribution and installation of handwashing facilities in schools and health units
- Distribution of water treatment tabs
- Guidance for health care workers and community health workers on conducting sanitary surveys, water quality monitoring, and other WASH infection, prevention control (IPC) measures
- Improvement of water supply in schools, by procuring and distributing water tanks
- Rehabilitation of the spring water source for Bujunangoma MTC and installation of a water storage tank and its connection to Bujunangoma MTC water distribution line
- Printing and distributing IEC materials with IPC messages
- Mobilizing the community in constructing and using latrines

- Development of designs and bills of quantities (BOQs) for the construction and installation of a water scheme in the Kagera region.
- Improvement of water supply in 50 schools in Kagera region, and 64 health treatment centers.
- Implemented a WASH intervention in Kigoma, Katavi, and Kagera achieving the following:
- distribution of SaWa bags: Katavi 3,049 pieces, Kigoma 2,989 (cumulative numbers since May/June for both areas)



Migration and displacement

During this reporting period, with the technical support of the IFRC, Tanzania Red Cross accomplished the following:

- Ensured a safe referral network for refugees to access needed services.
- Ensured refugees have access to essential and basic services, including healthcare, Psychosocial Support (PSS), protection, livelihood opportunities, skills training, and education.
- Facilitated the re-contacting of beneficiaries in the two camps of Nyarugusu and Nduta.
- Conducted Restoring Family Links (RFL) training for volunteers and staff.
- Distribution of Red Cross messages to the refugee community.
- Strengthening the provision of family reunification services in the internal environment of refugee camps and the host community.

Tanzania Red Cross, in collaboration with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) supported Restoring Family Links (RFL) in the western corridor and refugee camps.

Tracing services are offered countrywide and in two major refugee camps in the western corridor, Nyarugusu and Nduta. The programme has access to various places of detention in the country where inmates benefit from free telephone calls and Red Cross Message (RCMS). The programme is supported by the International Committee of the Red Cross technically and financially.

Nyarugusu and Nduta refugee camps are administered by the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR). The UNHCR is assisted in its duties by a wide range of organizations, including the World Food Programme, the International Organization for Migration (IOM), International Rescue Committee (IRC), among others. ICRC has continued to be a strong partner to Tanzania Red Cross in the provision of RFL services to the beneficiaries in Tanzania, refugees being the largest beneficiaries. The number of people reached through this objective is 29,604.

Tanzania Red Cross has continued to provide humanitarian services in reuniting families and strengthening communication between separated family members. This service has been provided in the refugee camp to alleviate the mental and psychological suffering of families who have lost contact with their loved ones due to international and internal armed conflicts, internal disturbances and natural disasters by restoring and maintaining the family links.

From January to June 2023, Tanzania Red Cross provided the following services.

- Red Cross Messages service to 1,747 people in the western corridor.
- Telephone call service to 27,857 people in refugee camps.
- Tracing request service to 84 people in the western corridor.



Values, power and inclusion

IFRC supported the National Society to integrate protection, gender and inclusion (PGI) in sectors through the utilization of PGI minimum standards.

In the area of inclusion, Tanzania Red Cross continued to ensure community engagement as the best approach in project implementation at all levels. Community engagement and accountability (CEA) increases the participation of different stakeholders, as well as the efficiency of the implementation, and in general, reduces the number of complaints made during implementation.

During the reporting period, Tanzania Red Cross continued to develop equal opportunities regarding gender and special groups, including strengthening the equality of participation of community members in various community activities.

Tanzania Red Cross has continued to strengthen its CEA approach through its projects, including providing CEA training to staff and volunteers and ensuring the community participates in the implementation of activities. Using this technique, it has become easier to increase the community's participation in activities. Also, the community has been giving advice and opinions concerning the services provided by Tanzania Red Cross and supporting the improvement of the National Society's services to the community.

Tanzania Red Cross mainstreamed CEA approaches for all the projects and operations and engagement of stakeholders and community has been strengthened. With this approach, Tanzania Red Cross has responded to community feedback on the services it provided.

ENABLING LOCAL ACTORS



Strategic and operational coordination

Tanzania Red Cross has maintained a broad partnership base with traditional and non-traditional partners. These include UN agencies UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP and UNFPA, the EU, USAID, CDC, and Pathfinder International. The National Society is well placed within the government and works mostly with the Ministry of Health and the Prime Minister's office that deals with disaster management in the country. The Disaster Management Programme has a strong partnership with the Tanzania Meteorological Agency (TMA) in the Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS) project through which early warning information and rainfall forecasts are disseminated to inform community DRR planning. The cooperation also extends to working with other departments on climate change adaptation strategies and policies. In partnership with IFRC, Tanzania Red Cross has carried out urban assessments of community awareness regarding the impact of climate change in cities. The findings helped to create a benchmark for implementing the coastal city heat action project in Tanga City and Mjini Magharibi – Zanzibar.

Tanzania Red Cross complemented government efforts on humanitarian assistance by supporting the government in the development of disaster contingency plans, and participated in government technical meetings on disaster response.



National Society Development

Tanzania Red Cross began to update its volunteer database.



Humanitarian diplomacy

Tanzania Red Cross continued to improve humanitarian diplomacy through organizing and conducting the dissemination of the Fundamental Principles and the role of the Red Cross Red Crescent to different government institutions and at the community level. The dissemination sessions were organized at the national and branch level under the coordination of the Organization Development Department.

In collaboration with ICRC, Tanzania Red Cross conducted trainings for volunteers on the dissemination of the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement. This helped to increase the number of volunteers in Tanzania Red Cross regional branches.



Accountability and agility (cross-cutting)

In all operations, Tanzania Red Cross has taken into consideration the issue of gender inclusion in the recruitment of staff and volunteers. To ensure awareness about sexual violence among employees and volunteers, the human resources department has continued to provide training on issues that could be indicators of sexual violence in the workplace by ensuring each employee and volunteer is compliant.

The human resources department also ensured that every employee and volunteer engaged in Tanzania Red Cross projects and operations undertook an online course related to PGI and updated the human resources office as an indicator to confirm their understanding of the issues of sexual harassment in the workplace.

The Operational Plan 2023 adopted results-based monitoring to promote a common understanding and reliable practice of monitoring and evaluation by the National Society and humanitarian partners. A monitoring and evaluation framework is put in place to ensure that outcomes and outputs are tracked and achieved as planned and that data is disaggregated appropriately. The implementation of the plan is reviewed based on the evolving context.

Tanzania Red Cross finalized and rolled out the risk management framework, developed a current risk register, trained management staff on risk management, and operationalized the risk management framework, with IFRC support. Risk management is jointly formulated for all operations and a risk monitoring mechanism is established for mitigation.

All operations are supported by CEA, PMER, and operations managers for quality assurance, accountability, and reporting.

Tanzania Red Cross intensified the use of technology in their operations by adopting the digital platform for recruiting members and volunteers, using electronic systems to collect operational data and improving data management systems. The National Society improved the coverage of using digital data collection mechanisms in its projects and operations.

With IFRC support, Tanzania Red Cross optimized the utilization of Navision ERP software by upgrading it to the newest version, rolling it out to branches, licensing additional users, and adding more functionalities, capacity-building staff, and enhancement of its security features.



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.
- **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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