



UGANDA

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IN SUPPORT OF THE UGANDA RED CROSS



51

National Society branches



201

National Society staff



2,980

National Society volunteers

PEOPLE REACHED

Ongoing emergency operations



77,000

Climate and environment



19,000

Disasters and crises



19,000

Health and wellbeing



88,000

Migration and displacement



10,000

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

in Swiss francs (CHF)

Total	Funding requirements	15.5M
IFRC	Emergency Operations	
	Funding requirements	1.5M
	Income	2.9M
	Longer-term	
	Funding requirements	5.2M
	Income	3.5M
Participating National Societies	Funding requirements	3.5M
	Income	5.2M
Host National Society other funding sources	Funding requirements	5.3M

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Appeal number **MAAUG002**

ONGOING EMERGENCY INDICATORS

MDRUG045 / Uganda / Population Movement from DRC

Number of people reached with health promotion as a response to an emergency by community-based volunteers	77,000
People provided with access to safely managed drinking water services or an improved drinking water source (according to context)	16,000
People (and households) offered protection assistance specifically related to displacement and migration	10,000
People reunited with their families through restoring family links (RFL) services	10,000
People reached with shelter support	5,000
People reached by protection, gender and inclusion services	120
Number of constructed communal / shared sanitation facilities by male/female	79
Number of people reached with health promotion activities related to NCD management in emergencies	77,000
e. Number of people provided with sanitation facilities (this is more than excreta disposal)	6,000
Number of girls, female adolescents and women reached by information dissemination sessions on menstrual hygiene management (MHM)	470
RESi. % of targeted population living in basic emergency shelter that is safe and adequately enables essential household and livelihoods activities to be undertaken with dignity.	173
Number and % of volunteers and staff trained on basic SGBV awareness and survivor-centered response, including receiving and managing sensitive safeguarding-related disclosures.	155
Number and % of communal or household toilets that have handwashing stations with evidence of use in the response period	95
Number and % of complaints or feedback about the RCRC operation which receive a response through established community communication	89
% of target population who, during the response phase, state they are satisfied with their access to water and sanitation facilities	83
% of CBS true alerts escalated to health authorities within 24 hours	20
Number of sectoral or PGI assessments conducted using the PGI Minimum Standards	3
Volunteers trained as Red Cross or Red Crescent WASH (community health) Volunteers	175

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



IFRC NETWORK SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

National Society	Multilateral Support	Bilateral Support					
		Climate	Migration and displacement	Values, power and inclusion	Enabling Functions	Disasters and crises	Health and wellbeing
American Red Cross	Supported						
Austrian Red Cross		Supported		Planned		Supported	Supported
Belgian Red Cross						Planned	
British Red Cross	Supported						
Canadian Red Cross Society	Supported						
German Red Cross			Planned				Planned
Japanese Red Cross Society	Supported						
Netherlands Red Cross	Supported	Planned			Planned	Planned	
Red Cross of Monaco	Supported						
Red Cross Society of China	Supported						
Swedish Red Cross	Supported						

Planned

Supported

OVERALL PROGRESS

The reporting period was characterized by significant reductions in funding from the public and private sectors, and traditional and non-traditional donors. The global changes in funding availability resulting from climate-induced crises, and man-made disasters, has also influenced the way the **Uganda Red Cross Society** worked. More emphasis is being placed on strengthening fundraising for Emergency Operations, strategic partnerships, and environmental greening initiatives. Overall, the National Society made progress in the implementation of the 2023 approved work plan and budget with a focus on the 2021-2025 strategic plan objectives.

The Uganda Red Cross Society is implementing the Pilot Programmatic Partnership (PPP) financed by the Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO). The ECHO PPP takes a multi-hazard and multi-sectoral approach to enhance the capacity of communities and the National Society to anticipate, respond and recover from disasters, epidemics, and migration. This is built on and aligned with the National Society's overall strategy and action for the coming years. The ECHO PPP has also acted as a catalyst for wider efforts to enhance coordination within the IFRC Network in-country and has increased National Society's response capacity. The National Society is providing humanitarian assistance in the Nakivale refugee settlement, supporting the construction of pit latrines, communal latrines and communal bathing shelters, providing cash assistance, and developing a mobile health clinic to provide first aid and emergency clinical services.

IFRC NETWORK ACTION

ONGOING EMERGENCY RESPONSE

The Uganda Red Cross Society is implementing two Emergency Appeals:

1. Ebola Operations

Name	Ebola Virus Disease Emergency Appeal
MDR-Code	MDRUG047
Duration	23 Sept 2022 to 31 December 2023
Funding requirement	Funding requirements Through IFRC Appeal: 5 million Swiss francs Federation-wide: 10 million Swiss francs
Link to Appeal	Uganda Ebola Virus Disease Emergency Appeal
Latest Operations Update	Uganda Ebola Virus Disease Appeal Operations Update 4

The Ebola outbreak, which started in September 2022, was declared over on 11 January 2023 by the Ministry of Health of Uganda. The Uganda Red Cross' focus changed from response to recovery and preparedness interventions. The main focus was on community-based surveillance (CBS) in the districts of Mubende, Kassanda, Kagadi, Bunyangabo, Kyegegwa, Masaka, and Jinja, districts that registered the highest number of Ebola cases. A total of 580 volunteers were trained and are conducting community-based surveillance (CBS).

Uganda Red Cross has conducted health promotion sessions reaching 77,030 people in Kisoro, Kasese, and Bundibugyo districts to date. The messages were on malaria, cholera, Ebola, and COVID-19 prevention and hygiene promotion, among others. The Uganda Red Cross has been implementing emergency health services such as first aid and has supported 750 people in Kisoro. With the publishing of the Emergency Appeal operation updates, the plan was adjusted to include community-based surveillance (CBS) with a focus on epidemics and pandemics. Implementation of this action stopped through lack of funding and should be restarted as soon as funds become available again. The targeted number of people under this intervention was one million and as of June 23, 87,772 people have been reached.

2. Population Movement

Name	Population Movement from Democratic Republic of the Congo
MDR-Code	MDRUG045
Duration	29 June 2022 to 31 June 2023
Funding requirement	CHF 3,000,000
Link to Appeal	Population Movement from Democratic Republic of the Congo
Latest Operations Update	Population Movement from DRC documents

During this period, 89 categorized feedback and concerns were received and acted upon. These included WASH concerns across the three sites, appreciation feedback on the recent MHM kits that were distributed in Kisoro, and actions on how to manage open defecation in Bundibugyo, from Kasese and Mpondwe. Concerns that required follow up related to the need for better hygiene practices. The Uganda Red Cross focal person for community engagement and accountability (CEA), with the support of the IFRC Africa regional team, conducted a CEA training targeting the national disaster response teams (NDRTs) and volunteers who were responding in Kisoro, Kasese, and Bundibugyo. This enabled the operations team to ensure that refugees and communities were at the centre of the intervention.

A shelter intervention was supported in Kisoro, Nyakabande holding Centre. The plan is to scale up the shelter, housing, and settlement response to the other locations of Nakivale refugee settlement as well as in the host communities based on the needs assessment conducted. Out of the 10,000 households targeted by the Appeal, the operation targeted 2,000 or 20 percent of people with a transitional shelter that is safe and adequately enables essential household and livelihood activities to be undertaken with dignity in Nakivale.

Of the 95 toilets constructed in Kisoro, Kasese, and Bundibugyo through the Appeal, 95 per cent have handwashing stations with evidence of use in the reporting period. In addition, 83 per cent of the population in the target locations stated that they are satisfied with their access to emergency water and sanitation facilities. This was relayed through the community volunteers in the community sessions.

During the operation at the Nyakabande holding centre, hygiene campaigns, water supply, water treatment, and hygiene promotion at the water supply points reached 19,033 on a daily basis in all the project areas. Access to clean and safe drinking water was improved for 12,838 households during the period under review. Two T95 tanks were installed in Kisoro at Nyakabande holding and 10 T10 tanks (6 in Nyakabande – Kisoro and 03 in Bundibugyo and 01 in Kasese) to increase the water supply to the refugees. Additionally, Uganda Red Cross deployed a water bowser that supported the tracking of water in Kisoro and specifically targeted the host communities. It also procured and installed 60 handwashing facilities (15 in Kisoro at Nyakabande holding centre, 15 in Bundibugyo, and 30 in Kasese) and 25 waste bins at the shelters in Nyakabande to enhance waste management and hygiene.

Uganda Red Cross also distributed 470 MHM kits to 470 girls and women of adolescent age in Kisoro and Bundibugyo to ensure their dignity.

Training was delivered on protection, gender and inclusion (PGI) and prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA), and Code of Conduct for the operations team members in the three locations of Kisoro (40 participants), Bundibugyo (40 participants), and Kasese (40 participants). The main objective of this training was to ensure the integration of PGI into WASH, health, and shelter interventions. The training was facilitated by the PGI focal person for Uganda Red Cross supported by the Human Resources Officer, and the Organization Development Manager. Branch Managers of the three Branches of Bundibugyo, Kasese, and Kisoro were engaged in the training to ensure adherence and application to the Code of Conduct and PSEA policy.

To create awareness of gender-based violence (GBV) and to increase access to services for the rehabilitation of the affected populations, all engaged project volunteers have been trained and made aware of protection, gender, and inclusion as well as gender-based violence. Awareness of the issues is a key part of maintaining compliance with the Volunteer Code of Conduct.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Climate and environment

During this period, Uganda Red Cross developed the first drafts of the Uganda Red Cross Going Green Policy 2023 and the Climate and Environment Strategy/ Action Plan 2023-2027. This was developed through two joint meetings with the Ministry of Water and Environment, Climate Change Department, UNDP, and other in-country stakeholders.

This organizational capacity strengthening will ensure both national and local commitment to the greening of response. DDMCs were trained on innovative approaches, such as Forecast-based Financing (FbF) and cash and voucher assistance (CVA) for anticipatory action and response.

Uganda Red Cross commemorated World Environment Day on the 5th of June 2023 and among other activities, planted 5,000 tree seedlings in the districts of Mbale, Sironko, and Namisindwa along the riverbanks and community open spaces. Uganda Red Cross entered a long-term public-private partnership with Kakira Sugar Works, which will donate up to 50,000 tree seedlings for 3 years to be planted in environmentally degraded areas.

Uganda Red Cross co-hosts the thematic group on adaptation and loss and damage, which is leading the development of Uganda's position paper for COP 28. A total of 4 thematic group meetings have been held with the Ministry of Water and Environment and other stakeholders. The key tasks of the group include the preparation of a position paper and concept papers and case studies on adaptation, loss and damage, development of materials for exhibition e.g., documentaries, mapping of critical actors and pre-scheduling of meetings, and developing a post-COP 28 roadmap and domestication of COP 28 adaptation, loss and damage decisions.

Uganda Red Cross participated in the Climate Champions meeting organized by IFRC, in Geneva, in June 2023 and among the outputs included the development of a work plan for the next steps that Uganda Red Cross will undertake to expand its climate action agenda. Uganda Red Cross participated in the monthly IFRC climate champions meetings to share experiences and to benefit from good practices from other National Societies.

A total of 3,758 youth were involved in programmes, such as IFRC Red TV climate change, and Solferino Academy. Furthermore, a total of 3,439 households with a population of 15,473 individuals were reached with key awareness messages on WASH promotion and climate change.

Two new projects have emerged from engagement with partners: Austrian Red Cross (Nakivale Operation), Netherlands Red Cross (Water at the Heart of Climate Action), and FAO (Community Early Warning System). As of now, the projects are waiting for Memorandum of Understandings before beginning.



Disasters and crises

In this reporting period, the focus changed from providing "Individual Shelters" to population-focused shelters in line with shelter standards in Uganda set by the Government of Uganda and the Shelter Working Group led by UNHCR. As a result, five 200-seater mobile shelter tents were procured under IOM and Uganda Red Cross collaboration and prepositioned in Fort Portal Regional Warehouse. Five 200-seater mobile shelter tents were procured under OPM and Uganda Red Cross collaboration and prepositioned in Kampala Warehouse. Five 200-seater mobile shelter tents were procured under the ECHO PPP and will be prepositioned in Soroti Regional Warehouse.

Additionally, the WASH infrastructure at Bunagana and Busunga border entry points has been strengthened through the construction of eight rainwater harvesting tanks. In Busunga, 3 blocks of emergency latrines with 5-stances each have been constructed, with provisions for people living with disability

The Food Security and Livelihoods Strategy has been finalized. The Partnership established through the Resource Mobilisation Department has enabled the provision and planting of 10,000 agroforestry trees for young people in

Mbale and Bududa. Also planned are the establishment of value chain centres for food security and livelihoods in Parolinya and Bidi Bidi refugee settlements.

Through funding from the Netherlands Red Cross, the IKEA project documented key practices in forecast-based financing, cash transfer programming, data visualization, and CEA. The HP1 project also provided multi-purpose cash for 3,000 refugees in Imvepi.

Uganda Red Cross has conducted community engagement for cash distribution under the Uganda Cash Consortium Project: Education in Emergencies and Multi-purpose Cash in Kyaka, Nakivale, Kyagwali, Imvepi, and Lamweo refugee settings.

The ECHO Cash Consortium project provided multi-purpose cash for 20,000 refugees in Kyaka, Imvepi, Palabek, Nakivale, and Kyangwali. This includes cash for education.

Through the ECHO PPP, the District Disaster Management teams (DDMCs) were activated in the Lake Kyoga region (Amolatar, Kaberamaido, and Kayunga) and District Contingency Plans (DCPs) were developed. A shelter and cash simulation exercise were conducted in Kasese to pretest 5 mobile shelter units and cash for work.

A procurement process was completed to pre-position stock for the Disaster Posts and Warehouse, as well as response materials around Lake Kyoga region in Soroti. This will ensure sufficient capacities and stocks are available during emergencies. The National Society has also procured environmentally friendly shelter start-up kits for 100 most vulnerable refugees in the country, stocked at the Mbarara regional warehouse. Shelter training has been conducted.

In addition, one television was procured at HQ to compile and disseminate all the disasters, health epidemics, climate, and weather information. This is part of the operationalization of the Uganda Red Cross Society Emergency Operations Centre. The number of people reached under this objective is 19,231.



Health and wellbeing

The focus of the National Society is still on mobilization for COVID-19 vaccine uptake. This is currently active in the communities of Kampala, Wakiso, Mukono, Mpigi, Butambala, Buikwe, Gomba, and Kayunga. The Uganda Red Cross is partnering with the MasterCard Foundation, Africa Centre for Disease Control (CDC), and Kenya Red Cross Society in this operation.

The ECHO PPP has a pillar on epidemic and pandemic preparedness and response. The Uganda Red Cross has carried out health and hygiene promotion activities with village health teams, including messages on Ebola prevention. Field data collection was carried out for a knowledge, attitudes, and practice baseline (KAP) survey. A WASH Kit 5 training was delivered for 25 personnel with a focus on the Elgon & Teso region.

Uganda Red Cross Society along with the Austrian Development Agency and Light for the World reached a total of 914 households and 4,129 individuals with disease prevention and health promotion messages and trained a total of 720 volunteers in community-based surveillance.

Through the ECHO PPP, the development of the mobile health clinic in Nakivale Health Centre has resumed. The clinic will be able to reach patients within 25 kilometres of the clinic. The mobile clinic will periodically be deployed to the Rubondo zone, the area allocated to Uganda Red Cross by the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) to provide mobile first aid and emergency clinical services.

Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) activities have been implemented in Nakivale refugee settlement. The excavation of 649 pits was completed through the provision of 11 sanitation toolkits to the participatory hygiene and sanitation group (PHAST) group community members. The National Society supported the construction of 112 pit latrines with 112 dome-shaped slabs and constructed 10 blocks of 2 stances of communal latrines and 10 communal bathing shelters. For water supply, 4.4 km of distribution network and 5 public tap stands have been completed. 2,200 menstrual health management (MHM) kits have been distributed to women and girls in Nakivale and the post disaster monitoring (PDM) has been conducted.

Additionally, the WASH infrastructure at Bunagana and Busunga border entry points has been strengthened through the construction of 8 rainwater harvesting tanks. In Busunga 3 blocks of emergency latrines with 5-stances each have been constructed, with provisions for people living with disabilities. Lastly, the planned procurement of the standardized WASH kit 5 and faecal sludge management (FSM) equipment has been completed. Volunteer trainings have been completed.

Uganda Red Cross intensified blood donor recruitment at the community level through forming partnerships with cultural and religious institutions, including the Masaza drives, Bugwere chiefdom, and Ankole Archdiocese. Uganda Red Cross's direct contribution was 59.8 per cent of all the units of blood collected (104,926 out of 175,533) during the current reporting period. Out of the 104,926 units collected by Uganda Red Cross, 60,657 (57.8 per cent) were from the community while 44,269 (42.2 per cent) were from schools/institutions.

A total of 224 road safety awareness sessions were conducted by ambulance teams to the communities along the highways reaching 5,359 individuals and 155 occupational health and safety sessions were conducted by the ambulance teams reaching 3,100 individuals. The sessions mainly targeted boda-boda riders, street vendors, traffic police officers, and taxi drivers. Furthermore, 811 casualties of road traffic injuries received on-scene care and ambulance services. Also, 382 cases of other health emergencies, including maternal and medical emergencies, were handled.

A total of 4,129 individuals from 914 households were reached with disease prevention and health promotion messages and 7,202 households with 36,030 individuals were reached with disease prevention messages.

Through the Chronic Crisis 2 project, a total of 3,439 households with a population of 15,473 individuals were reached with key awareness messages on WASH promotion and climate change. Uganda Red Cross is also currently collaborating with African Population and Health Research Programme (APHRC) to conduct a research project with a focus on the effectiveness of the Jengu Handwashing Facility to increase handwashing with soap among crisis-affected populations in the Kyangwali refugee settlement.

Through the ECHO Humanitarian Implementation Plans (HIP) Netherlands, a Red Cross-led consortium, Disaster Response Teams were trained in Emergency WASH in the areas of Kasese, Kanungu, Kisoro, and Kabarole. Uganda Red Cross through the HP1 project has also provided latrines and WASH kits for 5,000 refugees in Nakivale.

Through ECHO PPP, to increase WASH capacity, a Mobile Faecal Sludge Treatment (FSM) Plant was developed, and testing is underway. WASH Kit 5 was procured, tested and prepositioned in the Soroti regional warehouse.

WASH intervention is ongoing in all the operational areas including the host communities in Bundibugyo and Bunagana in Kisoro. If more resources are obtained, Uganda Red Cross plans to scale up the intervention in Nakivale and do more in the host communities through the ECHO PPP Project.

Through the Saving Lives and Livelihood project, Uganda Red Cross has managed to reach 9,026,298 people through the risk communication and community engagement (RCCE) activities at community and household levels and through trusted media communication channels.



Migration and displacement

Through the ECHO PPP, the Uganda Red Cross is providing humanitarian Assistance and protection for people on the move. Cash and voucher assistance has been provided in Nakivale refugee settlement to 2,300 households, and 200 households in Nakasongola.

Uganda Red Cross Society procured four mobile shelter tents of 200-person capacity and prepositioned them in the Fort Portal region. Standard operating procedures (SOPs) for mobile shelter tents were also finalized. A shelter and cash simulation exercise were conducted in Kasese to pretest 5 mobile shelter units and cash for work was supported by the ECHO PPP.



Values, power and inclusion

Through the IKEA project, Uganda Red Cross documented key practices in forecast-based financing, cash transfer programming, data visualization, and community engagement and accountability (CEA). Uganda Red Cross has also conducted community engagement for cash distribution under the Uganda Cash Consortium Project-Education in Emergencies and Multipurpose Cash in Kyaka, Nakivale, Kyagwali, Imvepi, and Lamweo refugee settings.

Three training sessions were conducted in Kasese reaching 30 volunteers (22 male, 8 female), Kisoro reaching 31 volunteers (10 female, 21 male), and in Bundibugyo reaching 37 volunteers on 1 July 2022 and 31 more on 2 September 2022. CEA kiosks and help desks were installed to ensure that community members and refugees were allowed to forward their complaints and feedback. A timely response was prioritized. Unresolved issues were forwarded for further management guided by the URCS reporting protocols. Sensitive feedback was channelled to the Director, HR, and Digital Transformation through the CEA officer. The RCATS also disseminated the Uganda Red Cross Toll-free line (08002110888) for reporting: road traffic accidents, feedback, complaints, and PSEA. Uganda Red Cross engaged with the community leaders of the refugees in the host communities in planning for the intervention, for example in Bundibugyo. The construction of the latrines was done jointly by the community members and the Uganda Red Cross volunteers. The transit and host communities have community leaders with whom the Uganda Red Cross operations team does consultations during the planning and execution of activities.

Through the ICRC, the Uganda Red Cross has managed to unite 9,992 people (this includes the unaccompanied minors and elderly) back with their families mainly in Bundibugyo and Kisoro. This was carried out by the Restoring Family Links (RFL) team through phone calls and physical tracing action, including cross-border tracing. Under the RFL program, the teams were able to support new arrivals in all the destination locations. In addition, the field teams noted the changes in population movement and migration of the refugees from the settlements in the southwest to Kenya and those who later returned to Uganda. The number of people targeted under this objective is 500,000.

Overall, there appeared to be a reduction in the number of beneficiaries who sought the RFL services compared to the previous quarter. A total of 60,454 phone calls were received, out of which 39,568 were dealt with successfully compared to the 70,859 calls in the previous quarter.

The ECHO Danish Refugee Council Cash Consortium project provided multi-purpose cash for 20,000 refugees in Kyaka, Imvepi, Palabek, Nakivale, and Kyangwali. This includes cash for education.

ENABLING LOCAL ACTORS



Strategic and operational coordination

Uganda Red Cross is following up on the enactment of the National Disaster Risk Management Bill, which is intended to regulate disaster response initiatives. It also represents a policy shift from disaster response to disaster preparedness.

Uganda Red Cross, together with the Road Safety Coalition of Uganda has been advocating for the reduction of the speed limit in school zones from 50kph to 30kph.

Uganda Red Cross is working together with the Africa Population and Health Research Centre (APRHC) to implement a research project aimed at reducing the spread of waterborne diseases among the households in the Kyangwali refugee settlement by installing Jengu hand washing facilities. The Jengu handwashing facility is the result of a co-creation process involving academia, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM), the private sector (Arup), and the British Red Cross. The distribution of 150 Jengu hand-washing facilities is underway and will be completed in the fourth quarter of the year.

The ECHO PPP has improved IFRC membership coordination. It is implemented with support from the Netherlands Red Cross as the lead EU National Society, the Austrian Red Cross, and the IFRC Juba Country Cluster delegation. There is regular meeting and monitoring of advances and finding complementarity with other initiatives supported by the participating National Societies. The CVA component is coordinated with the Uganda Cash Consortium led by the Danish Red Cross, as well as the Cash Working Group headed by the World Food Programme.



National Society Development

All the 51 branches supported their national council representatives to attend the National Council that was held in February 2023 at Golf Courses Hotel. This meeting resulted in the election of the central Governing Board as well as an update on the strategic direction of the Uganda Red Cross, the approval of the 2023 institutional work plan and budget and strategies for scaling up membership recruitment, engagement, motivation and retention at branch level.

Following the completion of the development of the Volunteer and Member Registration and Management Systems, this has now been integrated into the MIS. For the other systems under development, exploration is still being done to determine if this can be achieved in the current MIS or if a separate portal will be required. and these include the other systems that are currently under development include.

A digital Volunteer Management System has already been developed and was piloted in April 2023 in 9 out of 51 branches. This number reflects the number of branches that are connected to the national (government) internet backbone.



Humanitarian diplomacy

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Accountability and agility (cross-cutting)

Ten workshops for staff and volunteers were conducted on prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA), harassment, sexual harassment and discrimination, and child safeguarding policies were disseminated. In total, 610 staff and volunteers were trained. Externally, 164 stakeholders in the districts of Mubende, Kabarole, Masaka, Gulu, Hoima, Nebbi, Arua, Luwero, and Ntungamo were trained specifically on PSEA.

Following these trainings, management, staff, and volunteers have an understanding and are aware of the PSEA, Harassment, Sexual Harassment & Discrimination, and Child Safeguarding policies. Also, Program Managers, understand better how to integrate protection, gender and inclusion considerations in the National Society programs, operations, and emergency response.

A Digital Transformation Strategy has been developed based on a consultative approach, internally with the Uganda Red Cross Society staff at different levels resulting in assessment at Branch and Headquarters levels and externally with other partners such as the Netherlands Red Cross 510 Team and National Information Technology Authority.

Also, 15 per cent of branches are now connected to the internet. Uganda Red Cross engaged with NITA-U to reduce the internet price from USD70 per Mbps to USD35. A general subsidy is set to begin in July 2023 at USD35 per Mbps. Uganda Red Cross is finalizing the modalities for signing the internet MoU with NITA and engaging with them to extend the internet for all its branches under in 2023/ 2024.

Uganda Red Cross has been in the process of developing an information, communication and technology (ICT) system that will integrate data analytics and digital technology, capabilities, and digital culture. Uganda Red Cross is also implementing the IFRC Digital Maturity framework within the National Society.

The Uganda Red Cross Management Information System (MIS) has been developed and is in place. However, to complete the integration of Uganda Red Cross platforms and ICT resources management, an Active Directory which is necessary for the integration needs to be established.

Uganda Red Cross has also conducted a few activities for staff including, cybersecurity training and awareness campaigns, capacity building, professional certification in data management, and data protection awareness and training.

Performance Monitoring Evaluation & Reporting (PMER) system. The acquisition of a vendor for the upgrade of PMER has been completed and the upgrade is underway. Once completed, it too will be integrated into the MIS.

Microsoft Dynamics 365 Business Central (Finance System). The acquisition of a vendor for the deployment of Microsoft Dynamics 365 Business Central has been completed and deployment is underway. Once completed, it too will be integrated into the MIS if the system is compatible with 510 dashboards, MD365BC, and all other modules.



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DATA SCOPE AND LIMITATIONS

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