



MYANMAR

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IN SUPPORT OF THE MYANMAR RED CROSS SOCIETY



330

National Society branches



679

National Society staff



40,000

National Society volunteers

PEOPLE REACHED

Climate and environment



2,000

Disasters and crises



5,000

Health and wellbeing



16,000

Values, power and inclusion



3,000

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

in Swiss francs (CHF)

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| Total | Funding requirements | 32.4M |
| IFRC | Emergency Operations Funding requirements | 4M |
| | Emergency Operations Income | 556,000 |
| | Longer-term Funding requirements | 6.8M |
| | Longer-term Income | 3.4M |
| Participating National Societies | Funding requirements | 7.5M |
| | Income | 967,000 |
| Host National Society other funding sources | Funding requirements | 14M |

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Appeal numbers **MAAMM002, MDRMM018, MDRMM016**

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

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| Climate | People reached with activities to address rising climate risks | 2,000 |
| | National Society is implementing nature-based solutions (including those with a particular focus on the planting of trees and mangroves) | Yes |
| Disasters and crises | People reached per year with support services, in-kind, cash and voucher assistance for emergency response and recovery | 5,000 |
| | People reached with disaster risk reduction | 4,000 |
| | People reached with shelter support | 596 |
| | People reached with livelihoods support | 31 |
| | People reached with contextually appropriate water, sanitation and hygiene services | 16,000 |
| Health and wellbeing | People trained in first aid | 5,000 |
| | People donating blood | 3,000 |
| | People reached with psychosocial and mental health services | 68 |
| | People reached by National Society educational programmes | 3,000 |
| Values, power and inclusion | People reached by protection, gender and inclusion programming | 169 |

ENABLING FUNCTIONS

National Society Development One National Society Development plan is in place Yes

Humanitarian diplomacy National Society is participating in IFRC-led communication campaigns Yes

Accountability and agility National Society has functioning data management systems that inform decision making and support monitoring and reporting on the impact and evidence of the IFRC network's contributions Yes

IFRC NETWORK SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

| National Society | Multilateral Support | Bilateral Support | | | | | |
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| | | Climate | Migration and displacement | Values, power and inclusion | Enabling Functions | Disasters and crises | Health and wellbeing |
| American Red Cross | ● | | | | | | |
| Australian Red Cross | ● | | | ● | | ● | ● |
| British Red Cross | ● | ● | ● | | | ● | |
| Canadian Red Cross Society | ● | | | | | | |
| Danish Red Cross | ● | | ● | ● | | ● | ● |
| Finnish Red Cross | ● | ● | | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| German Red Cross | ● | ● | | | ● | ● | ● |
| Italian Red Cross | ● | | | | | | |
| Japanese Red Cross Society | ● | | | | | | |
| Korean Red Cross | ● | | | | | | |
| Netherlands Red Cross | ● | | | | | | |
| Norwegian Red Cross | ● | | | | ● | | ● |
| Red Cross of Monaco | ● | | | | | | |
| Red Cross Society of China | ● | | | | | ● | |
| Singapore Red Cross Society | ● | | ● | ● | | ● | |
| Swedish Red Cross | ● | ● | | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| Swiss Red Cross | ● | | | | | | |
| The Thai Red Cross Society | | | | | | ● | ● |
| Turkish Red Crescent Society | | | | | | ● | |

■ Planned ■ Supported

OVERALL PROGRESS

Context

In the first half of 2023, the **Myanmar Red Cross Society** continued to implement its principled humanitarian actions within the context of a protracted crisis in which nearly one third of the population is in humanitarian need. With the humanitarian needs already large, on 14 May 2023, a Category 5 cyclone made landfall in the country's coastal Rakhine State in the northwest and moved inland.

There are a range of factors that contribute to the situation of vulnerability faced by large sectors of the population. The 1 February 2021 military intervention, and subsequent decisions, have generated an escalation in the number of the people who require humanitarian support. At the start of 2023, OCHA projected that there would be 17.6 million people in need in 2023. As of mid- July 2023, there are over 1.88 million internally displaced people (IDPs), of which 1.55 million were and remain displaced since 1 February 2021 (UNHCR, [Myanmar Operational Data Portal](#), consulted 19.07.23). The economic situation exacerbates humanitarian needs even for those not directly affected by situations of violence. People in Myanmar continue to be affected by currency devaluation, import restrictions, transportation challenges, decreased production and increased prices for goods in a demand-driven market. The World Bank recently reported that “almost half of Myanmar households as of the end of 2022/early 2023 reported a decrease in incomes over the past year”.

Humanitarian access continues to be challenging for all humanitarian actors in the country. The [ACAPS Humanitarian Access Overview \(July 2023\)](#) placed Myanmar as 1 of 7 countries in the “extreme access constraints” category for humanitarian access, just as it had ranked in 2022. Likewise, the Inform Risk Index mid-2023 categorized Myanmar as a very high risk country, ranking 15 out of 191 countries. .

Key Achievements

The focus has been on the dissemination of the Fundamental Principles of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and its policies as well as the safety and security of staff, volunteers, and communities. The Myanmar Red Cross Society ensures that volunteers and staff are well educated on safety and security alongside the programme implementation and emergency operations. It ensures this through first aid support and mine risk education, which is being conducted for both the local community as well as for dedicated volunteers across the country.

Myanmar Red Cross Society has actively supported the integration of vulnerable people including returnees, internally displaced persons (IDPs), and migrants in the communities by assisting their emergency needs. The National Society provides first aid and also disseminates essential information regarding health issues such as non-communicable diseases, acute respiratory infections (ARI), dengue fever, diarrhoea, hypertension, malaria, and the seasonal flu.

Myanmar Red Cross Society has conducted several actions in the areas of Community Engagement and Accountability (CEA) and Protection, Gender and Inclusion (PGI). During the reporting period, Myanmar Red Cross Society printed the translated CEA minimum standards and ensured the standards are accessible to all the stakeholders. It also carried out mainstreaming of Protection, Gender and Inclusion and Psychosocial Support (PSS) into its operations and programmes and carried out capacity building for the staff and volunteers.

The Myanmar Red Cross Society worked to strengthen youth engagement to enhance its organizational dynamism and to empower to the youth generation to actively contribute to humanitarian efforts.

Changes and amendments

The most significant modifications to this plan during Quarters 1 and 2 are related to changes in the timeframe of planned actions. Within a context in which international fund transfers are not working efficiently, frequently extensions are required to be able to complete planned programming. As a generalized issue, it is not be solved by one-off modifications to calendars, but rather has required flexibility in the implementation period. Partners who are aware of this challenge have granted no cost extensions.

The Myanmar Red Cross Society, through its country-wide network of township branches, has good access to communities in need. However, like all humanitarian actors, the National Society also faces some challenges to obtain access to people with humanitarian needs. Part of these challenges also stem from obtaining financial resources that are efficiently transferred and received in country, and thus enable timelier responses. Humanitarian diplomacy efforts continue to be needed to obtain the required travel authorizations.

Myanmar Red Cross Society also makes adjustments in light of these challenges to continue its principled humanitarian actions. Agility and flexibility are to be incorporated in the 2024 Unified Plan. Myanmar Red Cross Society is in the process of creating a more agile and effective monitoring system that combines technology from the digital transformation with planning, monitoring, evaluation and reporting (PMER) actions to foster standard monitoring and reporting tools for projects, programmes and operations.

IFRC NETWORK ACTION

ONGOING EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Emergency 1

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| Emergency operation | Myanmar Cyclone Mocha |
| Appeal number | MDRMM018 |
| Duration | 12 months (17 May 2023 to 31 May 2024) |
| Funding requirement | 3.5 million Swiss francs through the IFRC Appeal 5 million Swiss francs Federation-wide |
| Link to Appeal | Myanmar Cyclone Mocha Emergency Appeal |

Cyclone Mocha, which hit land in Rakhine state on 14 May 2023, had an impact on 1.23 million people. An official report indicates 148 deaths, 276,709 buildings damaged, (of which 262,488 are houses and 476 are medical centres) (National Natural Disaster Management Committee figures cited by [AHA Centre Situation Update, 30 May 2023](#)). In May, an IFRC Emergency Appeal was launched to assist 37,500 people, (7,500 households) over a 12-month period. This Federation-wide operation aims to enable Myanmar Red Cross Society to provide a humanitarian response in shelter, health, including mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS); water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH); and cash and voucher assistance (CVA) support; and during the recovery phase, livelihoods and disaster risk reduction (DRR). As this operation is ongoing and was launched during 2023, progress on the operation will continue to be reported via Operation Updates. (N.B. this data is not included below). The most recent update was published on 23 June 2023, and can be found here, [IFRC GO](#).

Emergency 2

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| Emergency Operation | Myanmar Complex Emergency |
| Appeal Number | MDRMM016 |
| Duration | 26 months (1 February 2021 to 31 March 2023) |
| Funding Requirement | 4.5 million Swiss francs through the IFRC Appeal 6.3 million Swiss francs Federation-wide |
| Link to Appeal | Myanmar Complex Emergency |

On 31 March 2023, the Myanmar Red Cross Society finalized the implementation of the IFRC Emergency Appeal Myanmar: Complex Emergency. Through this two-year operation and with bilateral contributions from the IFRC network, the International Committee of the Red Cross, the UN and corporate partners, the Myanmar Red Cross Society reached 837,385 people with livelihood support, multi-purpose cash grants, first aid and clinical services, household items and capacity building. With the IFRC Emergency Appeal, MRCS reached 107,026 people through provision of emergency first aid services, basic health care services (including ambulance and mobile clinics), food, essential household items, cash distributions and psychosocial support, mainly in Magway, Yangon Regions, Chin, Southern Shan and Kayah States.

Due to challenges that impacted the planned actions within this Emergency Appeal operation, the final report has been delayed. [Operations Update 4](#) provides information until December 2022. The IFRC provided programmatic support to the Myanmar Red Cross Society for the finalization of its planned response actions in April 2023 and identify external consultants for the evaluation of the operation.

SECTORS OF INTERVENTION

This section provides summarized information from the preliminary final report of the Myanmar: Complex Emergency (MDRMM016), which is pending publication.



Livelihoods

Objective: *The livelihoods of most affected households are restored and strengthened.*

Myanmar Red Cross Society targeted 30,000 people with food, cash and income support to meet their survival threshold.

The National Society distributed food relief to 20,537 people, in Chin, Kayin, Kayah and Southern Shan States, and in Magway, Sagaing and Mandalay regions. .



Multi-purpose Cash

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

Myanmar Red Cross Society provided multi-purpose cash grants to affected communities in different regions. The amount of cash transfers varied based on the recommendations from local authorities, the cash working group, and the availability of cash in hand at times when the bank services were not fully functioning.

Myanmar Red Cross Society targeted 20,000 people (in representation of households) with multi-purpose cash grants, out of which they managed to reach 16,895 people in Chin, Southern Shan and Kayah states..



Health & Care

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

Objective: *Health risks of targeted communities are reduced, and communities' health and wellbeing are improved.*

Myanmar Red Cross Society targeted 41,000 people in health and care. By the end of the operation, the National Society had reached 51,179 people. Of these, it reached 23,188 people with emergency first aid from March 2021 to

March 2023, mobilized 174 ambulances and reached 12,441 people with mobile clinic services in Chin and Southern Shan states and Magway region. The appeal also covered the purchase of six new ambulances.

A total of 15,550 people were reached with psychosocial support. Psychosocial support (PSS) was provided alongside non-food items distributions, particularly to internally displaced person. National Society staff and volunteers also provided psychosocial support to community members during the provision of first aid and clinical services.



Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

Objective: *To reduce risk of water-borne disease and improve dignity through provision of WASH assistance to communities, especially, those in displacement sites, through community and organizational interventions.*

Myanmar Red Cross Society targeted 15,000 people and reached 24,354 with Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) related assistance. This included distributions of WASH non-food items, such as emergency hygiene parcels, individual hygiene kits, water filters. National Society volunteers and staff also conducted hygiene promotion activities.



Protection, Gender and Inclusion

Objective: *Targeted communities, including members in all their diversity and in particular those most vulnerable, are supported with information and services enhancing dignity, access, participating and protection.*

Myanmar Red Cross Society targeted 3,000 people with Protection, Gender and Inclusion (PGI) activities. From July 2021 to November 2022, with Emergency Appeal funds, Myanmar Red Cross Society distributed 8,754 dignity kits to women in Magway region, and Chin, Kayah, Kayin and Southern Shan states.



Community Engagement and Accountability

Objective: *Targeted communities are consulted and are able to share their views about assistance and programmes and operations are planned and adapted accordingly.*

The Myanmar Red Cross Society Community Engagement and Accountability (CEA) coordinator, with technical support from the IFRC CEA's regional manager and IFRC's Planning, Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting (PMER) senior officer, facilitated three CEA trainings: one for headquarters staff, one online with volunteers from 15 states/ regions (85 people), one with Myanmar Red Cross Society leadership and senior management (36 people). Volunteers learned CEA basic concepts and CEA minimum standards for emergency operations.



National Society Strengthening

Objective: *To develop the organisational and operational capacity of Myanmar Red Cross and ensure that the necessary legal, ethical and financial foundations, systems and structures are established and sustained.*

In this period, the Myanmar Red Cross Society helped to ensure volunteers' safety and wellbeing (through insurance, protective/ visibility items) and institutional strengthening of the organisation. The Corporate Infrastructure and Systems component was fulfilled through training staff and volunteers in communications, information management (IM), PMER and data management.



Coordination and Partnerships

Objective: *To strengthen coordination and partnership within the Movement and with relevant external actors to maximise response capabilities, including assistance to prepare the consolidated Myanmar Red Cross Emergency Plan of Action that facilitates coordinated partner support.*

Aligned with one of its core mandates, the IFRC country delegation fostered actions to enhance Membership Coordination with in country and remote National Society partners. These included encouraging and supporting Myanmar Red Cross Society-led response activities, but also issues that involved the IFRC network members who support the Myanmar Red Cross. The Myanmar Red Cross Society, as well as the IFRC, liaised with non-Movement humanitarian actors, including members of the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT). The National Society is a co-lead in a technical working group and participates in some clusters.



Secretariat Services

Objective: *To strengthen Secretariat services for continued support to Myanmar Red Cross Society*

Human Resources

The IFRC Emergency Appeal operation supported Myanmar Red Cross Society to establish an operational structure for the response operation, which included the 19 operational staff, including the Operations Manager. The IFRC country delegation additionally provided technical support for human resource issues, which also include safety and security for staff and volunteers.

PMER and IM

PMER and IM worked together on data management and monitoring tools. The IM team designed an operation dashboard. IFRC support included a PMER surge position with human resources and funding from Australian Red Cross, as well as country delegation specialists. Finnish Red Cross is also provided in-country technical support for PMER and IM products.

Logistics

The Myanmar Red Cross Society logistics team supported the operational team on procurement, storage and transport, among other areas. The IFRC Asia Pacific Regional Office (APRO) global humanitarian and supply chain management (GHS&SCM) unit provided assistance with international procurement, particularly those that remained important as the operation was winding down.

Communications and Advocacy

IFRC supported Myanmar Red Cross Society's communications products, as well as in strategic input for improved humanitarian diplomacy. The IFRC communications senior officer supported the Myanmar Red Cross Society with several communications products to highlight its principled humanitarian actions.

Security

In the first half of 2023, the IFRC and the ICRC supported trainings for staff and volunteers in security-related issues. Through a tripartite mechanism, Myanmar Red Cross Society, IFRC and ICRC held coordination meetings, shared information and conducted joint trainings.

Finance and Administration

The IFRC country delegation supported the Myanmar Red Cross Society finance team with technical input that improved Myanmar Red Cross' financial accountability. The Norwegian Red Cross also provides support through an ongoing finance capacity development project.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Climate and environment

The main achievements against objectives in this period have been:

- Engagement in advocacy on climate change issues - participating in Climate Action Myanmar Week and Climate Action Network in Myanmar
- Implementing environmental conservation actions, such as logistics green response with support from IFRC and Swedish Red Cross
- Strengthen branches' capacity to act on climate change issues through awareness-raising and community-based activities - Enhanced Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment (eVCA) in communities (Urban Risk Resilience project) in Mandalay and Sagaing, and campaign on plastic use, tree planting. Supported by IFRC with Finnish Red Cross and German Red Cross
- Developing capacities to implement early actions nationwide, based on local capacities and impact forecasts. Early actions include for heatwave: awareness messages training, simulation, post distribution monitoring, lessons learned. Myanmar Red Cross is a member of Anticipation Hub since 2022 and is a representative on the Early Action Protocol (EAP) Validation Committee. Supported by German Red Cross, Finnish Red Cross, Norwegian Red Cross and IFRC
- Developing Early Action Protocols (EAPs) for main hazards in country (floods, cyclones, heatwaves, droughts). A simplified EAP for heatwave has been developed and submitted in July 2023 for review. Supported by German Red Cross, Finnish Red Cross and IFRC
- Supporting the development of technical tools such as trigger and risk mapping. Trigger systems for heatwave and floods developed with Myanmar Red Cross consultant and Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre with the German Red Cross, Finnish Red Cross and IFRC
- Participating in Technical Working Group for Anticipation Actions (with UN agencies, civil society organisations- CSOs, INGOs and authorities). Discussions with anticipation practitioners in country to start a national anticipation technical working group that would be organised by Myanmar Red Cross Society .



Disasters and crises

The main achievements against objectives in this period have been:

- Implement Preparedness Plan 2022-2025, which aligns with Preparedness for Effective Response (PER) prioritization. A report was drafted and presented for approval prior to dissemination and findings will be incorporated into 2024 Unified Plan. Supported by IFRC and Finnish Red Cross
- Strengthen the existing Emergency Operations Centres (EOCs) and expand to additional states and regions. Of the 12 EOCs planned, 3 have been implemented, 3 are in the implementation process and 6 are partially implemented. Myanmar Red Cross plans to fully implement 10 EOCs in 2023. Supported by German Red Cross, Danish Red Cross, IFRC and Finnish Red Cross
- Develop contingency plans for the complex emergency in states and regions. This action is part of the planned implementation of the EOCs in different locations throughout the country
- Logistics and supply chain capacity development plan, including the construction and reconstruction of Myanmar Red Cross Society warehouses, training (in country, internationally and peer to peer), and the launch of new software (Logic). With the support of Australian Red Cross, Danish Red Cross and IFRC, the National Society has

been strengthening its logistics and supply chain capacity. Construction of the warehouse in Magway is ongoing, and warehouse renovation and extensions are planned for Q3 in Taunggyi, Shan, Kayah, Kayin. On-the-job training has been carried out in Myitkyina and Keng Tung. The Myanmar Red Cross Society Procurement Manual and annexes have also been updated and presented to the National Society's leadership for approval

- Adjusted the stock management system, shifting from departments' ownership of stock to an integrated institutional stock management approach. Insurance for warehouses and stock remain pending discussions with all departments
- Establish framework agreements for non-food items (NFI's) (tarps, long lasting insecticidal nets, blankets) fuel, and financial service providers. Framework Agreement with a Financial Service Provider was established in Q1. Other Framework Agreements are pending
- Coordination and oversight of nationwide fleet management system. A fleet management training will take place in Q3, with the support of the Danish Red Cross and IFRC
- Food Security and Livelihood (FSL) strengthening: A FSL staff person was recruited. A call for a consultant to develop a Food Security and Livelihoods strategy will need to be relaunched as no suitable person has been identified
- Provision of livelihoods and basic needs, technical, in-kind and/or cash and voucher assistance has been provided (CVA) to the affected population. During a heavy windstorm in April in Naypyitaw, the Myanmar Red Cross provided basic food as well as ambulance service, first aid and Restoring Family Links (RFL) for 236 households (967 people). Myanmar Red Cross Society also received approximately 20 tonnes of hand-knit and hand-sewn clothing items for children, which were donated by Danish volunteers through Danish Red Cross. In the first half of the year, Myanmar Red Cross Society distributed and/or planned to distribute these items in seven states/regions
- Myanmar Red Cross Society provided livestock training to 31 people (M-7, F-24) in Kachin as well as basic needs support as part of Cyclone Mocha (MDRMM018) response (reported in Operation Updates 1 and 2). Through its regular programmes in Rakhine, supported by the IFRC with British Red Cross support, and Norwegian Red Cross, the Myanmar Red Cross Society carried out cash distributions. As part of the Community Resilience Programme (CRP) actions, a cash distribution was held in April to support WASH and community based DRR. The National Society conducted cash distributions in April. Support provided by the IFRC, Danish Red Cross and Norwegian Red Cross
- Review and revision of cash and voucher (CVA) standard operating procedures (SOPs) and guidelines. A cash and voucher review workshop took place in Q2. A discussion was held to support Myanmar Red Cross Society's long-term cash transfer strategy as part of cash preparedness. A review of assessments, feasibility studies, recovery programme design and identification and evaluation of learning in CVA are in progress
- Myanmar Red Cross Society reached at least 5,688 people (M-2,440, F-3,288) with Expanded Mine Risk Education (MRE). Some partners have expressed interest in incorporating MRE, supported by ICRC, into ongoing project support to Myanmar Red Cross Society



The main achievements against objectives in this period have been:

- Update health policy and strategy. In Q1, Myanmar Red Cross Society convened its partners to a Health Technical working group to review its health policy. It was found to be more relevant to establish a health framework with technical support from Danish Red Cross, Finnish Red Cross, Swedish Red Cross and Norwegian Red Cross
- Develop and expand first aid services (commercial First Aid, First Aid and Psychological First Aid/ Psychosocial support). In combination with decentralized resource mobilization for state/ region branches, Myanmar Red Cross Society completed its Commercial First Aid (CFA) project, funded by the National Society Investment Alliance (NSIA) bridge funds. NSIA is a joint fund supported by IFRC and ICRC globally. The National Society conducted a market survey and developed a business model for the systematization and decentralization of CFA that will involve 10 states and regions in a pilot study and a workshop to plan the scaling-up of this initiative. Myanmar Red Cross Society has submitted a proposal to continue this work with a National Society Investment Alliance (NSIA) accelerator fund. The Myanmar Red Cross Society Secretary General is on the global technical working group for Commercial First Aid (First Aid Vision 2030) with IFRC, German Red Cross and ICRC. Myanmar Red Cross branches collaborated with educational institutions, especially to provide First Aid training to graduating students who will work as primary school teachers
- Enhance ambulance services (service mapping, standardisation: manual, updated guidelines, curriculum, medical emergency ambulance system and crew training, also focused on safety and security awareness, command/ control centre, ambulance procurement). Myanmar Red Cross started planning for a Standardisation of Ambulance Services pilot project, funded by the Japanese Red Cross Society. The launch and roll out is planned for Q3 and beyond. This project will include manual, guidelines and curriculum for ambulances and the emergency medical services. Support from Japanese Red Cross and IFRC
- Primary Health care (reproductive, maternal, newborn, child health- RMNCH, mobile clinic). These activities are central components of several health projects in Southern Shan, Northern Shan, Rakhine and emergency response locations. Support from Norwegian Red Cross, Danish Red Cross, Finnish Red Cross and IFRC (operations)
- Provide community-based health (public health in emergencies, reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health (RMNCH), community-based health and resilience, among others), Myanmar Red Cross Society provided health awareness actions: first aid, non-communicable diseases (NCDs), Acute respiratory infections (ARI), Dengue haemorrhagic fever (DHF), Diarrhoea, hypertension, malaria and seasonal flu to 24,354 people (M-14,252, F-24,354) in Shan, Rakhine, Kayin. Support from Norwegian Red Cross, Danish Red Cross, Finnish Red Cross and IFRC (operations)
- Epidemic preparedness and control including ongoing COVID-19 prevention and response. Follow-up activities (transportation, salaries and future oxygen initiative actions) subsequent to the closure of the COVID-19 Emergency Appeal operation. In Shan, Myanmar Red Cross Society provided malaria blood tests as part of the community-based health and resilience (CBHR) programme supported by Finnish Red Cross, Norwegian Red Cross and IFRC
- Incorporate psychosocial support with First Aid and Protection, Gender, Inclusion (PGI). Myanmar Red Cross presented its Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MPHSS) multi-year plan with Protection, Gender and Inclusion (PGI) in Q1. The first ever internal Myanmar Red Cross Society Psychological First Aid (PFA) training of trainers was held in Quarter 2 of 2023
- Myanmar Red Cross Society provided Psychosocial support (PSS) in several locations including during emergency response operations. Planning is ongoing for a Danish Red Cross MPHSS delegate's mission to Myanmar in support of several planned trainings on basic psychological first aid (PFA) Support to Teams and Child Friendly Space in Q3
- Roll-out WASH in emergency, namely repositioning of WASH equipment, capacity building, among others. Myanmar Red Cross Society implemented WASH in emergency actions (clean water distribution, hygiene promotion) during the Cyclone Mocha response in Rakhine. Support from Swedish Red Cross and IFRC (operations)
- Community-based WASH programmes (standalone and integrated with other sectors). Myanmar Red Cross Society provides WASH in its long-term programming in Rakhine (Community Resilience Programme- CRP) and in Shan. In the CRP, this included distribution of sanitary materials (hygiene kits, materials to support latrine building and cleaning of ponds). Myanmar Red Cross Society also provided mosquito nets and booklets. In Shan, WASH

support included but was not limited to provision of latrines, water filters, and hygiene promotion and is included in the long-term community-based health and resilience program. With the IFRC, British Red Cross, Swedish Red Cross, Finnish Red Cross

- Creation and revision of WASH guiding documents (SOP, training curriculum, guidelines). Myanmar Red Cross Society updated its WASH Strategy in Q2, with support from the Swedish Red Cross
- Maintain physical rehabilitation services (supported by ICRC). Myanmar Red Cross Society and ICRC run orthopaedic rehabilitation centres in Kayin, Magway and Mon. These centres provide prostheses, orthoses, wheelchairs, physiotherapy, among others
- Voluntary Non-Remunerated Blood Donation (VNRBD). Myanmar Red Cross engages in VNRBD in several branches through the country. In this period, VNRBD actions were implemented in Magway, Kayin, Mon, Ayeyarwady, Yangon and Shan. This will continue in 2023 and beyond.



Migration and displacement

The main achievements against objectives in this period have been:

- The migration and displacement services and programmes are being scaled up. The migration and displacement policy and strategy (M&D) have been disseminated through capacity building training for both staff and volunteers and advanced M&D training has been carried out in Q2. The M&D training manual is in process of design and printing along with the M&D pamphlet. Further capacity building will continue to depend on the area and contexts (e.g., mobile clinics and food assistance). Myanmar Red Cross Society provided assistance to obtain birth certificates and distributed non-food item (NFIs) to returnees in the Southeast with UNHCR funding support. Myanmar Red Cross Society's Secretary General participated in the Global Migration Leadership Group meeting (April 2023) in Geneva. Support from IFRC (programmes), Italian Red Cross and UNHCR
- Integrated assessments on IDPs and migrants' needs are being conducted and a needs assessment is planned for the Southeast border in Q3, including complex emergency operational assessments with IDPs. Support from the IFRC (operations), Italian Red Cross, Danish Red Cross and Norwegian Red Cross
- Response actions to integrate and support migrants and IDPs in existing programmes (preparedness and DRR) and operations (complex emergency) are ongoing. Myanmar Red Cross Society has made progress in integrating its M&D Strategy and Policy into the response to the complex emergency and works continues to include this approach in preparedness and DRR actions. Support from IFRC (operations), Italian Red Cross, Danish Red Cross and Norwegian Red Cross
- Implementing community-based actions in communities of origin, transit and destination (safe referral networks, awareness sessions on family separation, RFL, support to families of migrants). Holding of community-level awareness sessions, community peer to peer resilience building trainings. Support from IFRC, Italian Red Cross and UNHCR
- Restoring Family Links support is being provided along migrant routes and in detention centres with the ICRC. This is one of Myanmar Red Cross Society's standard actions in the Southeast
- There is work to engage in advocacy for non-discriminatory access to essential services by migrants and IDPs. Two missions (Keng Tong- Eastern Shan and Tachileik) took place in January with Myanmar Red Cross Society headquarters staff and 1 part-time Executive Committee member. Myanmar Red Cross Society, with State Supervisory Committees, to identify humanitarian needs of migrants (including needs related to the vulnerabilities of forced labour, human trafficking, smuggling, as well as migrants with special needs such as people with disabilities). Support from the IFRC and Italian Red Cross
- Provide information for example, on services, risks, rights and entitlements, to migrants and prospective migrants. Myanmar Red Cross Society provides such information as aid to migrants, returnees and communities in the Southeast. Support from IFRC, Italian Red Cross and UNHCR
- Strengthen communication with neighbouring National Societies. While no protocols have been established, Myanmar Red Cross Society maintains good communication with Thai Red Cross Society and several Southeast

Asia National Societies (SEANSs) around M&D issues. In the 2022 SEANS Leadership meeting, a collective agreement was taken to fund a Myanmar Red Cross Society M&D project. The Singapore Red Cross Society, with support from the IFRC Country Cluster Delegation in Bangkok as coordination for the SEANSs' network, hosted an online meeting to respond to questions about the project proposal and some SEANSs confirmed resources

- Myanmar Red Cross Society participate in humanitarian coordination mechanisms on migration and displacement, including local-level coordination in the Southeast and Rakhine. Support from IFRC, Italian Red Cross and UNHCR



Values, power and inclusion

The main achievements against objectives in this period have been:

- The prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) Policy has been drafted and is pending approval by the Central Council in 2023. The Child Protection policy is being revised with a safeguarding focus. Support from IFRC, Australian Red Cross and Swedish Red Cross
- The translating, printing and dissemination of PGI Minimum Standards is pending. With support from IFRC, Australian Red Cross and Swedish Red Cross
- A PGI and CEA network at the headquarters with focal points from each department has been set up, contributing to an institutional task force
- PGI and CEA continue to work together on a feedback mechanism to receive suggestions, complaints, and inputs from the people reached through all its services. A terms of reference has been drafted with plans to carry out this work in Q3-Q4. A series of CEA sharing sessions for emergency operations staff have been held as well as a CEA and PGI refresher training for branch volunteers (Yangon Region) with support of German Red Cross and CEA Introduction sessions for new staff and branch leaders. CEA is also being integrated in health programmes evaluation processes. Support from the Swedish Red Cross, German Red Cross, IFRC, Australian Red Cross, direct country delegation and regional support
- PGI is being mainstreamed in all operations and programmes and linked to Psychosocial support. This is an ongoing action to achieve this objective. Myanmar Red Cross Society presented a three-year PGI plan in Q1. Support from Swedish Red Cross, IFRC, Australian Red Cross and direct CD and regional support
- Strengthening youth engagement in Myanmar Red Cross Society and at community level. A Life Skills Training for youth volunteers from 3 states and regions was carried out in May 2023 with a focus on inclusion, respect for diversity and personal resilience, which was supported by Danish Red Cross. Plans are underway for the incorporation with other youth-focused actions, Youth as Agents of Behavioural Change (YABC)
- The Youth for Humanity youth-led project continued in Mandalay, funded by IFRC South East Asia Youth Network (SEAYN)

Dissemination of Red Cross Principles, Humanitarian Values and Auxiliary Role

The main achievements against objectives in this period have been:

- Dissemination and conduct of advocacy at the national, State/ Regional and township levels on Myanmar Red Cross Society's auxiliary role. IFRC supported the creation of reactive lines that Myanmar Red Cross Society and other Movement components could use on specific emerging issues. Support from the IFRC and ICRC
- Engagement in advocacy to obtain humanitarian access to affected populations. Myanmar Red Cross Society's senior management and operational leads regularly conduct advocacy with different actors to obtain access and provide principled humanitarian assistance to populations in need. Support from IFRC and Danish Red Cross
- Four trainings on operational communications conducted for Myanmar Red Cross headquarters staff, Mine Risk Education staff, Kachin Special Operations staff and supporting officers. The Myanmar Red Cross Society Deputy Director for Communications and IFRC Senior communications officer participated in the Red Cross Red Crescent Global Communications Forum (GCF) in June in Amman, Jordan. Support from IFRC, Australian Red Cross and ICRC

- Production of audio-visual communication materials. Myanmar Red Cross Society regularly updates its institutional social media accounts, which include audiovisual materials of the National Society's humanitarian actions and dissemination. Photo stories on IFRC's Exposure platform were published: [Low on Oxygen, High on Love](#) (February 2023) and [Lucky Boy](#) (January 2023)
- Perception Study to identify findings that will support Myanmar Red Cross Society's dissemination with stakeholders, other humanitarian actors and local authorities, among others. This "new" High-Level Activity is linked to this Strategic Priority since the eventual dissemination and messaging are related to Humanitarian Values and Communications. Myanmar Red Cross Society designed a planned perception study in 2022 that the National Society presented to the Myanmar Internal Review Board (IRB) in February 2023. Based on the IRB feedback, Myanmar Red Cross will revise the terms of reference in Q3 and Q4 2023 with the support of an external consultant. Support from IFRC country and regional delegations, Australian Red Cross, Danish Red Cross, Finnish Red Cross and ICRC

ENABLING LOCAL ACTORS



Strategic and operational coordination

External Coordination

Myanmar Red Cross Society and the IFRC maintain the observer status in the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT). During the first half of the year, IFRC participated in a working group related to the 2022 Peer-2-Peer (P2P) review recommendation on localisation. Through this HCT working group, the IFRC contributed to an HCT strategy and work plan on localisation that focuses on greater localisation of the humanitarian response in Myanmar, including capacity transfers with local actors.

In the working groups convened by OCHA, Myanmar Red Cross Society co-chairs the emergency response preparedness working group (ERP WG). Myanmar Red Cross Society also remained the co-chair in the cash technical working group, Myanmar Red Cross Society contributes to the creation of a cash preparedness and readiness package that includes risk assessments and information sharing.

IFRC, Danish Red Cross and Swedish Red Cross are observers in the INGO Forum, which allows for information sharing and coordination with INGOs.

The IFRC supports the Myanmar Red Cross Society in advocacy efforts at the international, national, and local levels for increased humanitarian access and acceptance.

From the onset of the Cyclone Mocha emergency, the IFRC assumed its role as convener of the Shelter Cluster in case of natural hazards, by supporting the Myanmar Shelter/Non-Food items (NFI)/Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) Cluster in complementarity with the existing structure led by UNHCR. Two roles have been deployed as surge support to the Shelter Cluster, Shelter Cluster Deputy Coordinator, supported by the German Red Cross, and Shelter Cluster Information Management Coordinator, supported by the American Red Cross. (Starting in Q3, the Netherlands Red Cross supported the second rotation in this role.) More information on the Shelter Cluster convener actions is included in Operation Updates for the IFRC Emergency Appeal Myanmar: Cyclone Mocha (MDRMM018) operation. .

Membership services

Myanmar Red Cross Society has been providing continuous support to the IFRC network in terms of facilitating official administrative procedures to support IFRC network partners, e.g., visa for new international delegates and shorter-term human resources support to enter Myanmar, travel authorisations and recommendation letters for international colleagues to engage in official domestic travels. In the current complex situation in Myanmar, the procedures for accessing and moving in the country require lengthy approval procedures and constant follow-up and advocacy with authorities.

The IFRC network supports resource mobilization for the Myanmar Red Cross Society's actions and sustainability. In the first half of 2023, MRCS programmes and operations have received bilateral and multilateral support (through the IFRC) from the following National Societies: American Red Cross, Australian Red Cross, British Red Cross, The Canadian Red Cross Society, Red Cross Society of China, Danish Red Cross, Finnish Red Cross, German Red Cross, Italian Red Cross, Japanese Red Cross Society, The Republic of Korea National Red Cross, Red Cross of Monaco, The Netherlands Red Cross, New Zealand Red Cross, Norwegian Red Cross, Singapore Red Cross Society, Swedish Red Cross, Swiss Red Cross and Thai Red Cross Society. Along with this valuable support, the IFRC through its country delegation and Asia Pacific Regional Office provide strategic, operational and programmatic support to the MRCS, as well as to IFRC network members who support the Myanmar Red Cross Society.

The IFRC Secretariat holds weekly IFRC network meetings to facilitate coordination among all members (in-country and out-of-country), allowing for a space to discuss common challenges, areas requiring support and better alignment. .

Movement cooperation

Myanmar Red Cross Society held its 14th General Assembly at the end of March 2023, where the election of the new Governing Board (Executive Committee) took place. The Myanmar Red Cross Society Assembly was preceded by elections at State/Regional level, in which new Supervisory Committees of the 17 Myanmar Red Cross Society State and Region branches were renewed. The IFRC Secretariat and the ICRC provided a short Movement induction to the new Executive Committee members in May 2023 and an induction workshop for the States/Region Supervisory Committee members in June 2023.

Myanmar Red Cross Society convenes regular Tripartite Meetings with the IFRC Secretariat and the ICRC at the strategic level with senior leadership. Tripartite meetings are also held for security issues.

Myanmar Red Cross Society convenes monthly Movement Coordination meetings with the National Society leadership and senior management, IFRC, participating National Societies and ICRC to maintain constant and effective information sharing, coordination, and cooperation on respective activities.

Myanmar Red Cross Society, supported by the IFRC network, convenes technical working group (TWG) meetings. During this period, Myanmar Red Cross held meetings of one Disaster Management TWG, two (one per quarter) Organisational Development TWG, and one health TWG in which all Movement partners participated.

During the first six months of 2023, with support from multiple partners, Myanmar Red Cross Society representatives participated in several international events (trainings, meetings and forums).

| Event | # of MRCS participants | Month | Location | Partner(s) Supporting |
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| Youth as Agents of Behavioural Change or (YABC) Training of Trainer (ToT) Training | 1 | January | Cambodia | IFRC |
| Myanmar Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) Retreat 2023 | 1 | February | Thailand | OCHA Myanmar |
| Psychological First Aid (ToT) Training | 1 | April | Singapore | Swedish Red Cross |
| Migration Leadership Group Meeting | 1 | April | Switzerland | IFRC |
| Asia Pacific Surge Training: Hygiene Promotion in Emergencies | 3 | April | Malaysia | Norwegian Red Cross |
| Global Planning, Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting (PMER) meeting | 2 | April | Switzerland | IFRC |
| Danish Red Cross Annual Youth Leadership Academy | 2 | May | Denmark | Danish Red Cross |
| Regional Red Ready project team meeting | 2 | May | Thailand | IFRC |
| Red Cross Red Crescent Global Communications Forum | 1 | June | Jordan | IFRC |
| Coordination, Assessment and Planning in Red Cross Red Crescent Operations (CAP) Training | 1 | June | Nepal | IFRC |

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| 7th Asia Pacific Dialogue Platform on Anticipatory Humanitarian Action | 5 | June | Nepal | German Red Cross (3) IFRC (2) |
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The development of job descriptions related to Partners Relations unit’s objectives included in 2023 Unified Plan under “Partnership” was substituted by the Myanmar Red Cross Society’s plan revise the overall organizational structure (Q3 and Q4 2023).

External Partners

As mentioned above, the Myanmar Red Cross Society has initiated actions to decentralize commercial first aid to support branch sustainability. Myanmar Red Cross’s resource mobilization unit is active in securing domestic donations. During this period, the Myanmar Red Cross Society continued to channel ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance (AHA) Centre resources to support the COVID-19 ASEAN support to the people of Myanmar.



National Society Development (NSD)

AAs a result of the institutional and thematic assessments as well as situational analyses performed by Myanmar Red Cross Society in recent years and often with support of Movement partners, several plans of action and priority activities lists were drafted. In Q1 2023, Myanmar Red Cross Society started a comprehensive NSD process to provide for systematization and a cohesive NSD framework to foster complementarity and ensure that the National Society addresses the highest priorities.

With the support of IFRC Secretariat, Myanmar Red Cross Society’s Secretary General Office organized a NSD Workshop in March 2023 with all Myanmar Red Cross Society’s Directors/Heads of Units/Thematic Leads and Movement partners, with the aim of promoting a common understanding of National Society Development for and within the National Society. The inputs collected have been used by Myanmar Red Cross Society’s NSD Core Team, (representatives from Movement partners and co-organised by IFRC Country Delegation) for the validation of Myanmar Red Cross Society NSD Priority Areas for 2023-2025: Branch development, legal base and humanitarian diplomacy, financial sustainability, people management, services management. The revision of Myanmar Red Cross’ core structure is at the base of these.

These areas were identified following a function-based vision of Myanmar Red Cross Society services and of its development needs. During Q2, the Myanmar Red Cross Society started to work on a NSD Mapping to identify and systematize the main NSD initiatives under each priority action. This ongoing process contributes also to the operationalization of a unified Myanmar Red Cross Society monitoring framework (with standard indicators) linked to Myanmar Red Cross Society’s Strategic Plan, 2021-2025 and will be integrated under the Unified Plan 2024 and the Myanmar Red Cross Society multi-year country plan 2024-2025.

Myanmar Red Cross Society and its partners have identified branch development as an overarching theme for NSD. The National Society has continued fostering the implementation of its Branch Development Model with support from IFRC network members, in particular through the implementation of action plans at township branch level, based on Branch Organizational Capacity Assessments (BOCA) assessments and subsequent revisions.

Volunteer Management and Youth Engagement have been identified as a central component of the NSD Process. Myanmar Red Cross Society is proceeding with the rolling-out of its Information Management System (IMS) Module 2 for digital registration of volunteers. The process is ongoing with trained administrators in each State and Region who transmit challenges and best practices to the headquarters for system improvement. For 2023, Myanmar Red Cross Society is focused on having the current volunteers registered in the digital system that can provide also a tracking of training records. Myanmar Red Cross Society initiated a process for the systematization of training pathways, with specific focus on developing a Standard Induction Training for Myanmar Red Cross Society volunteers. A Myanmar Red Cross Society-led ad-hoc working group, co-led by IFRC country delegation and participated in by several Movement partners including ICRC, has been working on developing this training with the aim of addressing some of the most urgent issues that emerged from several assessments. Myanmar Red Cross Society is also continuing to focus on

building the capacity of branch leaders, through capacity building activities delivered by headquarters to branches with support from Movement partners.

Myanmar Red Cross Society is also working on digitalizing four online courses for staff and volunteers (e.g. World of Red Cross and Red Crescent- WORC, Live the Code, Stay Safe 2.0., 101. Corruption Prevention), a process that started in Q2 2023 and that will continue throughout the year.

Myanmar Red Cross Society also initiated a process for revitalizing its Youth Network(s) at several levels and performed an Assessment of Youth Engagement in Myanmar Red Cross Society in June 2023. This involved both young and adult leaders in analysing the current policies, practices and potential of each of the State/Region to develop contextualized yet aligned Youth Engagement Action Plans.

Financial Sustainability is one of Myanmar Red Cross Society's NSD priority areas.

Myanmar Red Cross Society has experienced challenges with international fund transfers, which caused delays in implementation and strongly impacted on Myanmar Red Cross Society services and its indirect cost recovery. The National Society maintains fluid communication with the relevant stakeholders to address these challenges and the overall situation partially improved in Q2 2023.

The Myanmar Red Cross Society's Resource Mobilisation Strategy was officially approved at the Myanmar Red Cross Society Central Council Meeting in January 2023. This was a significant step towards its institutionalisation and underlining the centrality of the National Society's resource mobilization efforts. Myanmar Red Cross Society has been performing its regular income generation activities and it is increasingly reinforcing its capacity. Examples of such developments are the increase of property rental fees according to market prices and the development of a QR code system linked to its digital donation platform (launched in May 2023).

As previously mentioned, with support from the NSIA, Myanmar Red Cross Society also worked on strengthening the resource mobilization capacity of the State and Region branches, in particular in the area of Commercial First Aid (CFA). Myanmar Red Cross Society conducted a market survey and developed a business model for the systematization and decentralization of CFA. Ten states and regions will be involved in a pilot and the workshop dedicated to a planned scaling-up of this initiative. .



Humanitarian diplomacy

In the first half of 2023, Myanmar Red Cross Society continued working on promoting external dissemination of its mandate and auxiliary role. Myanmar Red Cross Society distributes Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials in its operations, projects and programmes. Movement partners supported several National Society communications trainings, including in operational communications, in Q1 and Q2 2023.

IFRC and Danish Red Cross provided a briefing to the Myanmar Humanitarian Donor Group on the work of the IFRC network in Myanmar, in June 2023.

In April, the IFRC Asia Pacific Regional Director conducted a mission to Myanmar to meet with and support the Myanmar Red Cross Society and IFRC network members. The IFRC met with relevant ministers, alongside the Myanmar Red Cross Society, to disseminate the mission of the IFRC and its humanitarian concerns. Further meetings were held with humanitarian stakeholders in Myanmar. The IFRC continues to communicate with relevant international stakeholders to promote the humanitarian mission of the Myanmar Red Cross Society and the IFRC network.

As mentioned above in the section on Humanitarian Values and Communication, the IFRC supported the Myanmar Red Cross Society with proactive and reactive communication products to disseminate Myanmar Red Cross Society's principled humanitarian actions.



Accountability and agility (cross-cutting)

Myanmar Red Cross Society has identified the need to revise its core structure and improve the National Society's sustainability. As part of the NSD process, progress towards this objective was made in Q1 and Q2 2023. The preparation work that took place in the first half of the year will see full implementation in Q3 and Q4, coupled with a revision of Myanmar Red Cross Society's compensation system, with support of the IFRC Country Delegation and Australian Red Cross. In the first half of the 2023, Myanmar Red Cross Society also developed its Human Resources Development Guidelines and conducted induction trainings for newly recruited staff and human resource procedure trainings for the current staff.

Myanmar Red Cross Society is working on improving the structure and capacity of its network of Security Focal Points throughout the country and two tailored training were delivered in Yangon and Naypyidaw in Q1 2023 with support from the IFRC Country Delegation. The safety and security of staff and volunteers is also at the centre of several focus group discussions conducted by Myanmar Red Cross Society with ICRC support, and often in collaboration with IFRC network members. Myanmar Red Cross Society has also continued providing identification items (such as waistcoats, polo shirts, raincoats) to volunteers, in addition to promoting the image of the National Society, helping to ensure the volunteers safety and security. Myanmar Red Cross Society, with ICRC and IFRC Secretariat support, conducted Safety and Security (S&S) focal person training once, S&S management training twice, and one S&S guideline review during this reporting period.

Myanmar Red Cross Society has been working on strengthening its Planning, Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting (PMER) systems and processes. The process for finalizing the standard organizational-wide indicators to be used by the Myanmar Red Cross Society and all its partners has been moving forward integrated in the broader NSD Mapping exercise and will continue to proceed as part of the upcoming 2024 Unified Plan process and a potential mid-term review of the Myanmar Red Cross Society Strategic Plan, 2021-2025. In Q1 2023, Myanmar Red Cross Society also produced a 3-year report (2020-2022) that was presented to its 14th General Assembly.

At the beginning of 2023, Myanmar Red Cross Society also presented a comprehensive three-year Digital Transformation Plan. The main objectives include: the development of organization-wide policy and guidelines related to IMT, including a Data Protection Policy; the establishment of an Information Management System (IMS) and culture at all levels of Myanmar Red Cross Society; the deployment of a modernized IT infrastructure throughout the National Society to enable seamless access to information resources and the enhancement of Myanmar Red Cross Society staff and volunteers IT and IM capacities.

In the first half of the year, Myanmar Red Cross Society started the process of developing the Data Protection Policy, supported by the IFRC country delegation, which will be continued in Q3 and Q4. The IMS Module 2 for volunteers' registration is under constant monitoring during the current rolling-out phase. In the first half of 2023, Myanmar Red Cross Society finalized the IMS Module 3 dedicated to Logistics and Supply-Chain Management, and training of staff and volunteers will start in the second half of the year. In Q1 and Q2 2023, Myanmar Red Cross Society conducted Digital & Data Literacy capacity building training to staff and volunteers and developed the framework to start on-the-job training for volunteers that will become focal points for IMT needs of Myanmar Red Cross Society Emergency Operation Centres managed by States and Regions.



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- **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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- [Live Disaster Response Emergency Fund \(DREF\)](#) data
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- National Society data: [IFRC Federation-wide Databank and Reporting System](#)
- [Evaluations database](#)

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