

IN SUPPORT OF THE RED CRESCENT SOCIETY OF TAJIKISTAN



4

National Society branches



69

National Society local units



10,388

National Society volunteers



151

National Society staff

PEOPLE REACHED

Climate and environment



1

Disasters and crises



96,075

Health and wellbeing



1,530,901

Values, power and inclusion



462

Migration and displacement



14,840

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

in Swiss francs (CHF)

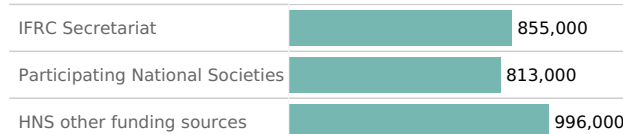
Country	Funding Requirement	3.2M
IFRC Secretariat	Emergency Operations	Funding: 558,000
		Expenditure: 152,000
	Longer-term	Funding Requirement: 1.7M
		Funding: 4.8M
		Expenditure: 3.4M
Participating National Societies	Funding Requirement	320,000
	Expenditure	329,000
HNS other funding sources	Funding Requirement	1.2M
	Funding	996,000

Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan

Overview



Funding Sources



Appeal number **MAATJ003**

In addition to: CHF 1M DREF Funding

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Climate and environment	Implementing nature-based solutions (including those with a particular focus on the planting of trees and mangroves)?	Yes
Disasters and crises	People reached with disaster risk reduction	96,000
	People reached per year with support services, in-kind, cash and voucher assistance for emergency response and recovery	15,000
	People reached with shelter support	4,000
	Number of staff and volunteers trained on COVID-19 vaccine introduction	345
	Percentage of humanitarian assistance delivered using cash and vouchers	67%
Health and wellbeing	People reached with immunization services	1.5M
	People reached by National Societies with contextually appropriate health services	246,000
	People reached, assisted by National Societies, with immunisation campaigns (not routine services)	216,000
	People reached by National Societies with contextually appropriate water, sanitation and hygiene services	74,000
	People reached with psychosocial and mental health services	2,000
	People trained by National Societies in first aid	360
Migration and displacement	Migrants and displaced persons reached with services for assistance and protection	15,000
	Data collection, research, analysis or other information management initiatives to better assist and protect people on the move?	Yes
Values, power and inclusion	People reached by RCRC educational programmes	462
	Percentage of people surveyed who report receiving useful and actionable information	70%

ENABLING FUNCTIONS

Accountability and agility	National Society is showing progress in digital transformation according to the digital maturity model outlined in IFRC Digital Transformation Strategy	Yes
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IFRC NETWORK SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

National Society	Multilateral Support	Climate and environment	Disasters and crises	Health and wellbeing	Migration and displacement	Values, power and inclusion	Enabling Functions
British Red Cross	●						
Canadian Red Cross Society	●						
Finnish Red Cross				●			
German Red Cross		●	●				
Italian Red Cross	●				●		
Japanese Red Cross Society	●						
Norwegian Red Cross	●						
Qatar Red Crescent Society		●					
Swedish Red Cross	●						
Swiss Red Cross							●
United Arab Emirates Red Crescent						●	

■ Supported

OVERALL PROGRESS

Context

In 2023, Tajikistan witnessed several significant events that have had a multi-sector impact on the country. Due to the [Russian-Ukraine international armed conflict](#), Tajikistan's economy has been directly impacted as a result. One-third of the country's [Gross Domestic Product](#) (GDP) consists of remittances from Tajik labour migrants in Russia and the country is also dependent on Russia regarding imports of its food products and energy resources. Due to the conflict, many Russian citizens avoiding military mobilization have moved to Tajikistan which has impacted domestic food price and the price of rented accommodations.

Following the protests which began in the [Gorno-Badakhshan Autonomous Region](#) (GBAO) in November 2021, the conflict has resurged since May 2022 and has resulted in at least 40 casualties as reported by media and state institutions. Access to the region remains limited. Additionally, border disputes between Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan continue to remain unresolved and negotiations are still unstable. Territorial demarcation and delimitation have not been concluded, resulting in issues related to water resources and smuggling. These challenges often escalate into border tensions, which result in armed conflicts, as with the most recent occurrence taking place in September 2022.

Tajikistan also witnessed an earthquake of [magnitude 6](#) on the Richter scale in May 2023. The assessment of damage from the earthquake included more than 300 houses in the Kuhistoni Mashoh of Sughd province. On top of the earthquake, a surge of measles and rubella cases swept Central Asian countries, including Tajikistan. Government data also showcase the extent of humanitarian needs in the country. According to the official data of the [Committee for Emergency Situations](#) (CoES) and Civil Defence under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, in 2023, 557 cases of natural hazards and emergencies of natural character were recorded on the territory of the country, including 47 earthquakes, 335 avalanches, 26 cases of rock formation, 22 landslides, ten strong winds, 12 increases in precipitation, three thunderstorms, 79 landslides, and two severe frosts. Out of these 557 registered cases, 48 have caused damage to the economy of cities and districts of the country.

Key achievements

Climate and environment

In 2023, the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan made progress in climate and disaster resilience by enhancing preparedness and adaptation planning, and promoting [anticipatory action](#). The National Society reinforced infrastructure and improved early warning systems, while also advocating for climate-smart laws and integrated risk management. Additionally, it addressed the intersection of climate change and health by supporting healthcare infrastructure, clean water access and sanitation, thereby reducing health-related climate impacts and strengthening community resilience.

Disasters and crises

The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan in 2023 enhanced [disaster risk reduction](#), preparedness and response coordination through a variety of initiatives. These efforts included strengthening local and national capacities, focusing on community-based and child-centred disaster preparedness, and integrating climate change adaptation into its programming. The National Society engaged young volunteers and adolescents in disaster-prone areas, implemented cash-based interventions, and supported regional disaster management collaboration. Additionally, the National Society, with the support of the [IFRC Disaster Response Emergency Fund](#) (IFRC-DREF), assisted families affected by the Tajikistan-Kyrgyzstan border conflict, provided essential training, and established emergency operation centres and community early warning systems.

Health and wellbeing

In 2023, the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan expanded its healthcare initiatives, focusing on increasing access to medical and social services, enhancing community resilience and providing extensive training for staff. The National Society improved access to safe drinking water in targeted villages, conducted tailored COVID-19 vaccination campaigns and implemented [community-based surveillance](#). These efforts strengthened health services and preparedness, particularly in vulnerable communities.

Migration and displacement

Under the Refugee Response in Tajikistan programme, in 2023, the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan provided crucial support to Afghan refugees, including distributing [cash](#) to 1,150 households. The National Society also focused on providing [shelter](#), and psychological first aid, and established operation centres. The National Society further strengthened its capacity to respond to potential population influxes from Afghanistan, ensuring readiness and effective support for those in need.

Values, power, and inclusion

In 2023, the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan focused on [protection, gender and inclusion \(PGI\)](#) training for targeted communities and promoting [Community Engagement and Accountability \(CEA\)](#). It distributed informational materials and utilized feedback mechanisms, including exit surveys, to monitor community perception and improve interventions. The National Society also developed brochures and used mass media to raise public awareness on disaster preparedness, climate change adaptation, [early warning systems](#); water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), and health-related issues, enhancing overall community resilience and understanding.

Enabling local actors

In 2023, the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan focused on its development by enhancing planning, monitoring, evaluation and reporting (PMER), digitalization and organizational capacity. The National Society conducted a PMER training session in Romit and received a grant from the [IFRC Capacity Building Fund \(CBF\)](#) to improve fundraising capabilities and digitalize membership fees. The [Organization Capacity Assessment and Certification \(OCAC\)](#) exercise was completed, and its findings were integrated into a unified development plan. Additionally, the National Society conducted [Branch Organizational Capacity Assessments \(BOCA\)](#) to further strengthen its branches.

In reference to humanitarian diplomacy, the National Society engaged at international, regional and national levels. Internationally, it participated in the United Nations Water Conference and participated in global forums on climate change, disaster risk reduction and refugee issues. Regionally, it shared knowledge at a Central Asian workshop on emergency preparedness and advocated for International Disaster Response Law (IDRL). Nationally, the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan played a key role in launching the Early Warnings for All initiative in Tajikistan, approved a humanitarian diplomacy strategic action plan, and participated in key meetings with government officials and international partners. The National Society also focused on operationalizing [community engagement and accountability \(CEA\)](#) by integrating CEA into training and capacity-building exercises, and enhancing real-time communication with the communities it serves.

IFRC NETWORK ACTION

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Climate and environment

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2023, the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan undertook several initiatives under climate and environment which included support for disaster risk reduction, preparedness and adaptation planning, scaling up action on resilience building, implementing and scaling up [anticipatory action](#), promoting coherent and integrated risk management, supporting climate-smart disaster law and planning, and reducing health-related climate impacts.

The National Society undertook proactive steps to mitigate the impact of disasters by supporting disaster risk reduction initiatives. These efforts involved both local and national strategies aimed at minimizing the vulnerabilities of communities to various hazards. The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan took measures such as reinforcing infrastructure, promoting [early warning systems](#), and raising awareness about disaster preparedness. The National

Society also implemented preparedness and adaptation planning, which encompassed a spectrum of actions aimed at enhancing resilience, from creating emergency response protocols to developing strategies that anticipate and address the consequences of environmental shifts.

The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan promoted education, training, and resource allocation, to empower individuals and groups to withstand and recover from climate-related shocks. It engaged in capacity-building initiatives to ensure that communities are better equipped to navigate environmental crises. The National Society adopted an anticipatory approach to disaster management which involves closely monitoring climate and environmental indicators and initiating timely responses to reduce risks.

The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan also advocated for coherence and integrated risk management in its climate and environment efforts. This involved harmonizing various stakeholders' actions and strategies to create a unified response to crises. Strong emphasis was also placed on climate-smart disaster law and planning, including environmental sustainability, [climate-smart programming](#), anticipatory actions, and legal frameworks. The National Society aligned legal frameworks with climate considerations and developing comprehensive disaster response plans that account for changing environmental dynamics.

The National Society also acknowledges the intersection of climate change and health, and therefore is actively involved in initiatives aimed at reducing health-related climate impacts. This includes providing support for healthcare infrastructure, access to clean water, and sanitation facilities to mitigate health risks exacerbated by environmental crises.

IFRC network joint support

Under the global [Pilot Programmatic Partnership](#) between the Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (DG ECHO) and IFRC, the National Society is supported in its efforts under climate and environment.

Under the [anticipatory pillar of the IFRC Disaster Response Emergency Fund \(DREF\)](#), two early action protocols (EAPs) have been provided for the National Society: [heatwave](#) for the amount of CHF 249,971, with validity for the next five years that was approved on 3 November 2021, and [cold wave](#) for the amount of CHF 274,969, with validity for the next five years which was approved on 24 November 2021.



Disasters and crises

For real-time information on emergencies, visit [IFRC GO page Tajikistan](#).

In 2023, an [IFRC Disaster Response Emergency Fund \(IFRC-DREF\)](#) was activated for an emergency comprising earthquake in Tajikistan.

NAME OF OPERATION	Tajikistan Earthquake 2023
MDR-CODE	MDRTJ035
DURATION	4 months (07/04/23 to 31/08/2023)
FUNDING ALLOCATION	CHF 188,888
PEOPLE TARGETED	1,908
LATEST OPERATION UPDATE	Tajikistan Earthquake DREF final report

The DREF allocation of CHF 188,188 in April 2023 supported the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan to assist approximately 1,900 people affected by earthquake in the districts of Republican Subordination in the Sughd province. The National Society supported the targeted people over a four-month period with assistance such as essential household item

distribution, multipurpose cash assistance, targeted WASH interventions, PGI efforts, and community engagement and accountability. The National Society focused providing support to families who were heavily affected by the earthquake, including those who had experienced partial or full destruction of their homes, as well as those who had lost cattle or income-generating property.

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2023, the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan undertook a list of initiatives to enhance disaster risk reduction, preparedness, and response coordination. These multifaceted efforts encompass a wide spectrum of activities and actions aimed at fortifying the resilience of communities and ensuring an effective response to crises.

In the USAID BHA Central Asian programme on prevention of natural hazards, the National Society reinforced both local and national capacities for emergency preparedness and response in the country throughout the period of 2021-2023 and within the framework of the IFRC Central Asian programme.

The National Society worked on strengthening community-based and child-centred emergency preparedness and response. Additionally, the National Society integrated programming that is sensitive to climate change adaptation (CCA). Its efforts towards enhancing children-centred community-based disaster risk reduction interventions and school safety measures have led to heightened preparedness among children and their communities in the face of potential disasters, thereby minimizing their impact. The National Society involved young volunteers, as well as adolescent girls and boys, in disaster-prone areas to partake in community disaster preparedness efforts and comprehensive school safety initiatives. It also worked on enhancing its preparedness for cash-based interventions.

The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan's engagement policy frameworks extend beyond the national level to encompass the Central Asian regional context. National Societies from Central Asian countries, in collaboration with IFRC, convened a meeting with the Centre for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction in Almaty on 19 June 2023. The focus of this meeting was to foster a partnership and discuss the potential outcomes of the upcoming IDRL regional consultation and research. These collective endeavours are aimed at enhancing both the operational and legal dimensions of disaster management and response within the Central Asian region. The first DREF operation, allocated for the response to the border conflict that erupted in September 2022 between Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan, amounted to CHF 188,882. This vital assistance was extended to 414 affected families, with particular focus on those who had lost their food stocks and seeds for sowing. Priority was given to families that had tragically lost their homes and breadwinners in the conflict. The DREF's operational timeline spanned from October 2022 through the end of January 2023, ensuring timely support to the affected populations. (The DREF operation launched in 2023 has been mentioned above on the table).

In addition to these core activities, the National Society has also implemented a number of programmes and projects which include annual refresher training, guideline development, development of training modules, providing cash in emergencies, local disaster management committees transformation, enhanced vulnerability and capacity assessment (eVCA), training for health and education workers, strengthening technical capacity, establishment of emergency operation centres, integration of nature-based solutions, establishment of community early warning systems, forecast-based financing, among others.

IFRC network joint support

Under the global Pilot Programmatic Partnership between the Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (DG ECHO) and IFRC, the German Red Cross, serving as the lead National Society for the European Union, and other National Societies such as the Finnish Red Cross and the Italian Red Cross, supported the National Society in implementing activities and enhancing its capacity. Efforts were directed towards enhancing the legal framework for smoother engagement in disaster management and response. The National Society also participated in the 'Regional Workshop on Strengthening Engagement with Disaster Risk Management Systems.'

The **German Red Cross** has cultivated long-standing collaboration with the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan. These collaborations have facilitated the successful execution of numerous cross-border initiatives related to community-based disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation, and development projects. The German Red Cross currently implements a disaster risk management in Central Asia project in Tajikistan.

The **ICRC** provides funding to the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan for the emergency preparedness and International Humanitarian Law (IHL) promotion project. It is aimed at bolstering the disaster preparedness and response capabilities

within Tajikistan while concurrently promoting the principles of IHL. By synergizing emergency preparedness efforts with IHL promotion, this project not only enhances Tajikistan's ability to respond effectively to crises but also reinforces a culture of respect for humanitarian norms and values, thereby contributing to the protection of human dignity and the alleviation of suffering in times of adversity.



Volunteers of Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan planting trees to help prevent mudslides. (Photo: IFRC).



Health and wellbeing

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2023, the National Society worked towards expanding its healthcare sector's activities to ensure that the population gains broader access to both medical and social services. It also provided comprehensive training programmes for headquarters and regional staff. The National Society also worked to strengthen community resilience by fostering a deeper understanding of health problems and equipping individuals with the tools to prevent and address them.

The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan has focused on three main projects in 2023 under health and wellbeing which are water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) promotion, COVID-19 vaccination activities, and accelerating local actions in humanitarian crises programme.

To improve access of communities in two targeted villages to safe drinking water, the National Society held a number of meetings with leadership of the pilot district in Hisor. After the meetings and based on the recommendations received, monitoring of water supply sources (natural springs) was carried out with participation of established initiative groups of community volunteers in several villages in the Hisor city. Based on the data obtained and assessment conducted on water flow and quality of water, two natural springs were selected in the villages of Nilu and Sangchashma. The National Society also developed a training plan on WASH for representatives of the selected villages.

The National Society designed and conducted communication campaigns to promote COVID-19 vaccination, with messages tailored to specific groups with low vaccination uptake or people left out by mainstream communication, such as mobile population, returning migrants, and non-Tajik speaking communities. As part of this activities, information materials were developed and adapted to the local context for the population as the National Society stressed vaccination in the Tajik and Uzbek languages in partnership with the Republican Healthy Lifestyle Centres. Other efforts under this objective also included the development of information tracking system with local health services and coordinating with the Ministry of Health (MoH) and other ministries to bolster the National Society's readiness and engagement under health.

Under the global [Pilot Programmatic Partnership](#) between the Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (DG ECHO) and IFRC, the National Society completed the community-based surveillance through meetings and discussions with government officials and community members in the pilot districts. This initiative was necessary, given the fact that in several communities' activities similar to the [CBS](#) approach are being carried out, in particular, informing representatives of the health sector and veterinary control in cases of bites from domestic and stray animals, unusual loss of livestock. The National Society also conducted training on community-based surveillance, at the same time focusing on epidemic and pandemic control initiatives. The National Society also monitored the epidemiological situation in all selected districts by sanitary instructors.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided financial and technical support to Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan in areas of health interventions such as vaccination promotion activities, conducting information sessions, and in supporting the National Society's efforts in developing strategies. In 2023, the IFRC provided assistance in strategizing the transition of COVID-19-related activities and conducting a comprehensive review of projects and activities slated for 2023 and beyond. Under the [IFRC DG-ECHO PPP](#) programme, the IFRC extended support for the implementation of community-based surveillance.

The IFRC also supported the National Society's efforts in carrying out specific capacity building activities. This included targeted training to build capacity in key areas such as [MHPSS](#) and psychological first aid.

The **Finnish Red Cross** supported the National Society in areas such as the enhancing [community-based health and first aid](#) (CBFHA) training, epidemic control for volunteers, water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) training in emergencies, and [mental health and psychosocial support](#) (MHPSS).

The **Italian Red Cross** supported the National Society in promoting community-based health, focusing on critical areas such as HIV prevention, testing, and harm reduction, particularly among youth and in addressing drug abuse challenges.



Migration and displacement

Progress by National Society against objectives

Under the Refugee Response in Tajikistan programme, the National Society made progress in supporting Afghan refugees and enhancing the National Society's capacities. The National Society successfully distributed cash to 1,150 Afghan refugee households and undertook initiatives on humanitarian shelter, settlements, psychological first aid, and the establishment of operation centres.

Under the [IFRC DG-ECHO PPP](#) framework, the National Society deployed a cash assistance component to offer support to Afghan refugees within the country. Simultaneously, efforts were directed towards enhancing the National Society's capacity to respond effectively to potential population influxes from Afghanistan.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supports the National Society's efforts under migration and displacement through financial and technical assistance aimed at enhancing its capacity to respond to migrants' needs.

The **Italian Red Cross** conducted training session on migration for National Society staff, contributing to their preparedness in handling migration-related challenges and scenarios.

The ICRC has been supporting the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan through a series of restoring family links ([RFL](#)) programmes. These initiatives are designed to facilitate the reconnection of separated family members who have been affected by various humanitarian crises, including armed conflicts, displacement, or natural disasters.



Values, power and inclusion

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2023, the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan conducted training on Protection, Gender and Inclusion (PGI) in 21 target communities. Community engagement and accountability (CEA) concepts were disseminated in communities through training. The National Society distributed flyers, contact cards, banners, QR codes, advertising feedback channels and selection criteria for cash and voucher assistance (CVA). Through feedback mechanisms, the National Society was able to keep track of and monitor community insights and perceptions of National Society activities and interventions. Exit surveys were also conducted after each distribution, and results—which focused on CEA and PGI components—shared and discussed during lessons learned workshop.

The National Society worked on development of informational brochures and through mass media (local TV and radio) to improve public understanding of issues related to disaster preparedness, climate change adaptation measures, early warning systems, environmental protection and WASH, epidemic/pandemic preparedness and response, and healthy lifestyles.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan through a workshop for designing a feedback mechanism within the National Society structure. This involved brainstorming and planning various approaches, such as the implementation of distinct strategies such as affixing durable promotional stickers in public spaces, featuring responsible phone numbers for inquiries, and setting up suggestion boxes. The IFRC also supported the National Society an institutionalization workshop, including self-assessment of community engagement and accountability. This strategic initiative aimed to embed CEA practices into the core functions of the organization, fostering a systematic and organization-wide approach to community engagement across various programmes.

The **Red Crescent Society of the United Arab Emirates** supported orphans in Tajikistan through its partnership with the National Society. This collaborative effort aims to improve the lives of vulnerable children, ensuring that they receive the care and assistance they need for a brighter future.

ENABLING LOCAL ACTORS



Strategic and operational coordination

Progress by National Society against objectives

IFRC membership coordination

IFRC membership coordination involves working with member National Societies to assess the humanitarian context, humanitarian situations and needs; agreeing on common priorities; jointly developing common strategies to address issues such as obtaining greater humanitarian access, acceptance and space; mobilizing funding and other resources; clarifying consistent public messaging; and monitoring progress. This also means ensuring that strategies and programmes in support of people in need, incorporate clarity of humanitarian action, links with development assistance, and efforts to reinforce National Societies in their respective countries, including through their auxiliary role.

The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan is part of the global Pilot Programmatic Partnership between the European Commission's Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (DG ECHO) and the IFRC. This partnership benefits from the implementation support of the German Red Cross as the lead EU National Society, as well as the Italian Red Cross and the Finnish Red Cross, and coordination support from the IFRC, in the areas of disaster risk management, epidemic and pandemic preparedness and response, and community engagement and accountability.

IFRC network partners in Tajikistan include the **Finnish Red Cross, German Red Cross, Italian Red Cross, and the Red Crescent Society of the United Arab Emirates.**

Movement coordination

Progress by National Society against objectives

The Indonesian Red Cross Society ensures regular exchanges with the IFRC, the International Committee of the Red Cross and participating National Societies, for the alignment of support and action between Movement partners. In times of emergencies, closer coordination is organized. This is carried out in line with the [Strengthening Movement Coordination and Cooperation](#) (SMCC) principles, and the newly adopted [Seville Agreement 2.0](#).

The ICRC's support in Tajikistan is provided through its regional delegation in Uzbekistan which helps the authorities to promote international humanitarian law and other humanitarian norms, and integrate them into legislation, academic curricula and the practices of military and security forces. The ICRC also helps boost the capacity of the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan, and supports the mine risk education, emergency preparedness and response, and restoring family links programmes of the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan.

External coordination

In line with its auxiliary role, the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan maintains strong relationships with a range of government bodies, at central and local levels. It has effective and well-established partnerships with key stakeholders, including a memorandum of understanding with the National

Committee of Emergency Situations and Civil Defence which covers disaster response and other crises. The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan is an active member of the national platform on disaster risk reduction. It also has strong connections with the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, and other key national state agencies. The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan and the IFRC are represented and play an active role in various humanitarian working groups and platforms at the national level, such as the Food Security and Livelihoods Sector clusters, and the UN and state-led Rapid Emergency Assessment and Coordination Team (REACT) platform. Under REACT planning, the National Society leads shelter coordination for floods and earthquakes. It also actively participates in health sector coordination, led by the Ministry of Health and WHO.

For the 2022 response to population movement from Afghanistan the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan, together with the IFRC, coordinated with the interagency working group and sub-groups on infrastructure, WASH, health, cash and voucher assistance and shelter. The National Society worked with the Committee of Emergency Situations to coordinate response planning, and jointly reviewed contingency plans for coordinated action in a multi-hazard scenario, including border conflicts and a population influx. The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan, in partnership with UNHCR, closely coordinated with border guards on the monitoring of borders and conducted regular visits to border areas to get direct updates from relevant personnel. For refugee monitoring, the National Society coordinated bilaterally with the Ministry of Internal Affairs monthly to ensure updates on population movement and to inform planning for activities to support refugees and asylum seekers in Tajikistan. Coordination meetings were also held with UNHCR, the Refugees, Children and Vulnerable Citizens group (RCVC), UNICEF, Mercy Corps, Ariana Afghan Diaspora, and other partners, to support Afghan refugees residing in Tajikistan. The National Society holds bilateral partnerships with UNHCR, UNICEF, WHO, WFP, IOM, and Mercy Corps to support population movement.

The National Society also cooperates with other humanitarian organizations in disaster management and has especially strong ties with the UNICEF country office and the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) country office. It cooperates and coordinates with other international actors such as the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), embassies, and donor agencies in Tajikistan. The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan partners with the King Salman Foundation on its support to orphans.



National Society Development

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2023, the National Society's efforts targeted at its own development was concentrated around interventions on planning, monitoring, evaluation and reporting (PMER), digitalization, [Organization Capacity Assessment and](#)

[Certification \(OCAC\)](#), [Branch Organizational Capacity Assessment \(BOCA\)](#), the [Capacity Building Fund \(CBF\)](#), and the [National Society Investment Alliance \(NSIA\)](#).

The National Society held a training session on PMER in Romit, Tajikistan, with the overarching aim of providing the attendees with comprehensive insights into the fundamental principles and core concepts of PMER. Additionally, the National Society received a grant from the IFRC [Capacity Building Fund \(CBF\)](#) to enhance its fundraising capabilities and streamline the digitalization of membership fees. This funding allocation was contributed to enhancing the National Society's fundraising initiatives, ensuring sustained financial resources for its humanitarian mission. Furthermore, the digitalization of membership fees signifies a significant step forward in modernizing the organization's operations and facilitating more efficient engagement with its members.

The [Organization Capacity Assessment and Certification \(OCAC\)](#) exercise was conducted for the National Society and its findings were integrated into the unified National Society development plan. This plan will serve the National Society as a basis for long term planning in organizational development. The National Society also conducted three Branch Organizational Capacity Assessment (BOCA) in its branches in 2023, which was preceded by [BOCA](#) training and two BOCA assessment in 2022.

Under the CBF project, the National Society developed a webpage which enables online donations connected with a customer relation management system, a feature which will enable the National Society to collect online donations and improve overall efforts in development fundraising capacities.

Under a joint UNICEF-IFRC grant, assessment/response teams of the National Society were provided equipment such as laptops, PCs, printers, and tablets. This was accompanied by a mobile data collection and cash and voucher assistance training for staff and National Disaster Response Team (NDRT) members in Kulob town, Khatlon Province.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan to apply for the [National Society Investment Alliance \(NSIA\)](#) on the development of volunteering. The project is slated to begin from 2024 and is aimed at training volunteers on the Movement's basic topics, as well as introduction of a volunteer management system. The IFRC also supported the National Society with their volunteer management system.



Humanitarian diplomacy

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan's efforts under humanitarian diplomacy in 2023 can be categorized in three levels: at the international level, at the Central Asia regional level, and at the national level.

At the international level, the National Society took the lead in the United Nations Water Conference 2023 which was held in New York. The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan also participated in joint policy asks such as the fact and action sheet for the UN meeting on tuberculosis, policy asks in advance of the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction, and fact and action sheet on climate change adaptation. These efforts were complemented by the National Society's participation in forums such as the humanitarian forum on Climate Change and Humanitarian Action held in China, at the MSP of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) in New York, at the Global Refugee Forum in Geneva where the National Society shared concerns and recommendations to create a sustainable future for vulnerable population groups.

At the Central Asia regional level, the National Society attended a regional lesson learned workshop to share knowledge in preparedness and community engagement and accountability (CEA) in the Central Asian region. The workshop was with focus on [strengthening local and national capacities for emergency preparedness and response in high earthquake risk and natural hazard prone countries of Central Asia](#). Additionally, the National Society staff participated at the Regional Disaster Law Consultation Workshop on the Central Asian Regional Disaster Response Coordination Mechanism Regulation 2021. The National Society highlighted the need for IDRL in the region during the workshop.

At the national level, the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan has been involved in a wide array of activities which includes its participation in the launch of the Early Warnings for All initiative in Tajikistan, its approval of the humanitarian diplomacy strategic action plan for 2023, the Secretary General's meeting with the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs

of the Republic of Tajikistan, the meeting with the Swiss Cooperation Office and Consular Agency in Tajikistan to raise the profile of the National Society, its participation in the National Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction, among others.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the National Society's efforts by facilitating sessions that are aimed at raising the profile of the National Society and to enhance its capacities to communicate its objectives to a wider reach. This effort in 2023 has involved interventions such as the facilitation of meetings and coordination with internal and external stakeholders, development dissemination documents, and working with the National Society for its [humanitarian diplomacy](#) strategic plan.



Accountability and agility (cross-cutting)

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2023, the National Society interventions under accountability and agility have revolved largely around operational implementation of [community engagement and accountability](#) (CEA), institutionalization of CEA, integration of CEA modules into training, and capacity building exercises. The National Society integrated CEA actions into its operations and programmes to foster real-time communication and feedback mechanisms with the communities being served. It took a holistic approach to promote CEA awareness and practices and integrated CEA modules into various thematic training programmes. The National Society also provided capacity-building training session for its CEA officer and focal point through international training programmes.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the National Society in all its efforts under accountability and agility. This includes programme components such as the institutionalization of [CEA](#) under the [IFRC DG-ECHO PPP](#) initiative.

In 2024, under the global [Pilot Programmatic Partnership](#) between the IFRC and DG ECHO, the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan will pursue its digital transformation. The IFRC will facilitate workshops to collect feedback from various stakeholders with regard to the current and future state of digital maturity. A digital transformation roadmap will capture short-term activities and long-term ambitions for digital transformation and a suggested governance structure.



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DATA SCOPE AND LIMITATIONS

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- [IFRC Tajikistan 2023 Financial Report](#)

Note: For emergencies for which a financial report is not yet available, see: [MDRTJ035](#)

- [IFRC network country plans](#)
- [Subscribe for updates](#)
- [Donor response](#) on IFRC website
- [Live Disaster Response Emergency Fund \(DREF\)](#) data
- Operational information: [IFRC GO platform](#)
- National Society data: [IFRC Federation-wide Databank and Reporting System](#)
- [Evaluations database](#)

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