

IN SUPPORT OF THE NIGERIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY

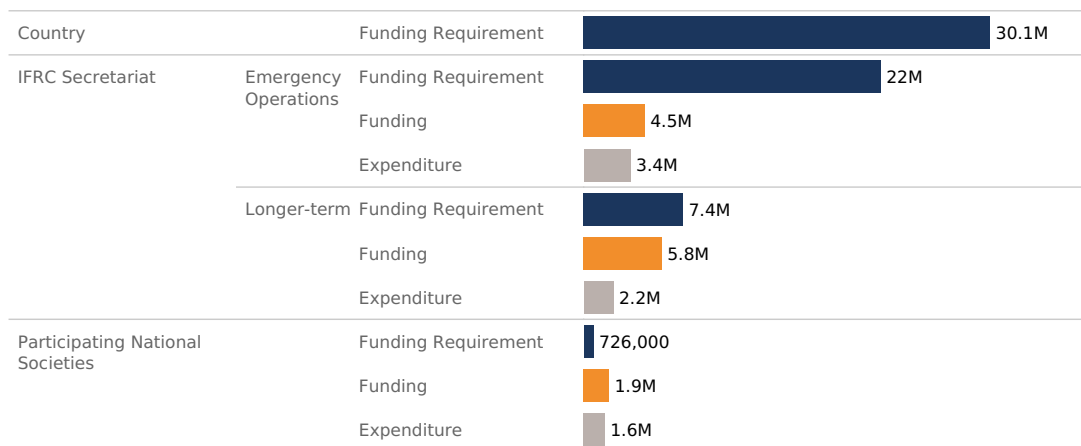


PEOPLE REACHED

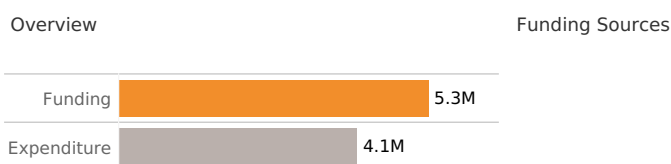


FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

in Swiss francs (CHF)



Nigerian Red Cross Society





Appeal number **MAANG002**




In addition to: CHF 5.4M DREF Funding requirement newly launched emergency appeals*

ONGOING EMERGENCY INDICATORS




MGR60001 / *Nigeria hunger crisis appeal*

For the cash delivery mechanism used was a project agreement in place?		1
People have access to a feedback and complaints mechanism		Yes

MDRNG034 / *Nigeria floods appeal*

People reached per year with support services, in-kind, cash and voucher assistance for emergency response and recovery		13,000
People reached with shelter support		420
People reached with livelihoods support		336

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 shelter support	67,000	
	People reached per year with support services, in-kind, cash and voucher assistance for emergency response and recovery	23,000	
	People reached with livelihoods support	336	
Health and wellbeing	People reached with immunization services		107.2M
	People reached by National Societies with contextually appropriate health services		10.6M
	People reached by National Societies with contextually appropriate water, sanitation and hygiene services		5.4M
Migration and displacement	Data collection, research, analysis or other information management initiatives to better assist and protect people on the move?	Yes	
Values, power and inclusion	Is Community Engagement and Accountability integrated and institutionalized in the National Society policies, operations, and procedures (with clear benchmarks)?	Yes	

ENABLING FUNCTIONS

Strategic and operational coordination	Number of formal interagency/international coordination platforms the IFRC Network is part of	3
National Society development	Strategy for strengthening the auxiliary role developed or implemented	Yes
	One National Society Development plan in place	Yes
Humanitarian diplomacy	Participation in IFRC-led communication campaigns	Yes
	National Society has domestic advocacy strategies developed aligning, at least in part, with global IFRC advocacy strategies	Yes
Accountability and agility	National Society is showing progress in digital transformation according to the digital maturity model outlined in IFRC Digital Transformation Strategy	Yes
	National Society have strengthened their integrity and reputational risk mechanisms	Yes
	National Society has a PSEA policy to enforce prevention and support survivors (cumulative)	Yes
	National Society has a PSEA Action Plan to enforce prevention and support survivors (cumulative)	Yes
	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	Climate and environment	Disasters and crises	Health and wellbeing	Migration and displacement	Enabling Functions
American Red Cross	●					
British Red Cross	●	●	●			●
German Red Cross				●		●
Italian Red Cross	●				●	●
Japanese Red Cross Society	●					
Monaco Red Cross	●					
Norwegian Red Cross	●			●		●
Red Cross Society of China	●					
Swedish Red Cross	●			●		

OVERALL PROGRESS

Context

In 2023, Nigeria held its [general elections](#) that took place in all the states including the Federal Capital Territory. The general elections created hurdles for humanitarian programme implementation in Nigeria. In several areas of the country, pre-election violence and protests took place which raised serious concerns about the implementation of humanitarian activities. Prior to the general elections, the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) [redesigned the Nigerian currency](#) and issued a cash policy that placed a limit on cash withdrawal by individuals, private and corporate organizations. The old currency notes were swapped with new ones and the limited amount of the new currency were made available for the banks for dispensing. This created tremendous problems for businesses in Nigeria and affected its economic activities, leading to [demonstrations](#) against the government's decision. The implications of this decision on humanitarian interventions were huge, affecting core areas such as cash and voucher distribution.

Nigeria has also dealt with difficulties issuing from the COVID-19 pandemic. The World Health Organization (WHO) stated that COVID-19 was no longer a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC). Alongside the pandemic, Nigeria experienced an alarming [spike in Diphtheria cases](#) in 2022, which grew from the initial figure of 136 in the first week of its discovery to 253 by the fourth week. New surge of the disease was also reported by the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) which affected children between the ages of 5 and 18. The Federal Capital Territory also reported cases of Diphtheria due to its size and diverse population, active economic activity, large and clustered communities, sheltered housing areas, and high population.

Climate change poses increasing threat for Nigeria. Food shortage, aggravated public health risks, poverty and migration are triggered by climate irregularities such as the patterns of rainfall leading to floods. The country is reeling from the impact of the [2022 Nigeria floods](#), which is believed to be the worst flood the country has experienced in at least a decade, with a widespread impact in 33 of the country's 36 states. The floods which have now receded in most of the states damaged homes and infrastructure, destroyed farmland and displaced people from their communities.

Key achievements

Climate and environment

In 2023, the Nigerian Red Cross Society advanced its climate and environment objectives by training staff in weather forecasting and collaborating with key agencies to validate climate risk assessments and develop a national climate strategy. The National Society secured an agreement with the International Development Research Centre and the University of Hamburg for a climate action project aimed at overcoming barriers to [anticipatory](#) disaster management. The National Society also launched a locally-led adaptation project to expand [community engagement and accountability](#) (CEA) and [protection, gender and inclusion](#) (PGI) into its climate initiatives.

Disasters and crises

The Nigerian Red Cross Society, in 2023, implemented a shock response social protection project in Kaduna State, providing [cash and voucher assistance](#) (CVA) to flood-affected beneficiaries. The National Society also conducted [Preparedness for Effectiveness Response](#) (PER) training in Nairobi, Kenya, enhancing its understanding and application of the PER approach for both short and mid-term objectives. The National Society developed a [simplified early action protocol](#) (SEAP) for floods, designed to cover 12 states and the Federal Capital Territory, strengthening its capacity for [anticipatory action](#) in disaster management. With the support of the [IFRC Disaster Emergency Response Fund](#) (IFRC-DREF) and the Emergency Appeal, the National Society undertook various initiatives to address humanitarian needs in the country.

Health and wellbeing

In 2023, the Nigerian Red Cross Society undertook extensive health and nutrition activities, focusing on households, caregivers and children. The National Society played a key role in the national vaccination efforts against the [diphtheria outbreak](#). Volunteers were deployed for house-to-house active case searches and contact tracing in collaboration with health facilities. The National Society also conducted a vaccination campaign for Non-Polio Supplementary

Immunization Activities. The Nigerian Red Cross Society also provided water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services to complement improvements to health and wellbeing across the country.

Migration and displacement

The Nigerian Red Cross Society advanced its migration initiatives by signing an agreement with the Italian Red Cross for the second phase of the National Society's migration project. In 2023, the National Society participated in a planning meeting and attended the West Africa regional focal points workshop in Senegal. Additionally, the National Society conducted advocacy visits to the National Commission for Refugees, Migrants and Internally Displaced Persons to introduce the Phase 2 project.

Values, power and inclusion

In 2023, the Nigerian Red Cross Society focused on strengthening protection, gender and inclusion (PGI) within its operations by fostering greater community involvement and ownership. The National Society developed key messages in indigenous languages to raise awareness on public health emergencies, including COVID-19 vaccination, measles, diphtheria and flooding. It also conducted capacity building across its branches on feedback mechanisms, enhancing the collection and use of community feedback. The National Society updated referral pathways for protection issues, strengthened partnerships with communities and stakeholders, and integrated community engagement and accountability (CEA) within its branches.

Enabling local actors

The Nigerian Red Cross Society, in 2023, made progress in project management, humanitarian diplomacy, digital transformation and safeguarding. The National Society enhanced staff capacity through training in programme and financial management, secured the IFRC Capacity Building Fund (CBF) and launched initiatives to engage youth in climate action. The National Society also focused on governance by conducting inductions for newly elected board members and youth executives, and improved volunteer management and internal processes through various capacity-building activities. It reinforced safeguarding practices through refresher training sessions.

Humanitarian diplomacy efforts were bolstered through strategic engagements, including media outreach, diplomatic visits and participation in key sectoral events. Additionally, the National Society advanced its digital maturity with a comprehensive digital transformation workshop and developed a draft roadmap for future improvements.

Changes and amendments

While no changes were made in the operational strategies, the National Society made a few necessary adjustments to its flood emergency response. These included procurement of food items as against the initially planned cash assistance, introduction of electronic payment due to the currency shortage and delays in some aspects of the programme due to the prolonged strike by tertiary institutions and due to the general elections.

IFRC NETWORK ACTION

ONGOING EMERGENCY RESPONSE

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Emergency 1

NAME OF OPERATION	Africa Hunger Crisis
MDR-CODE	MGR60001
DURATION	06/10/2022 to 31/12/2024
FUNDING ALLOCATION	IFRC Secretariat Funding requirements: CHF 232.5 million Federation-wide Funding requirements: CHF 318 million Funding requirements for Nigeria: CHF 40 million
PEOPLE TARGETED	14 million (2.5 million inside Nigeria)
Link to Emergency Appeal	Africa Hunger Crisis Revised Emergency Appeal
Link to Operational Strategy for DRC	Revised Operational Strategy
Link to Operation Update	Operations Update No.5
Link to Country Plan of Action	Nigeria Country Plan of Action

The hunger crisis in Nigeria has reached a critical point. 26.4 million people in the country are projected to be in crisis or worse (IPC phase 3–5), including one million people in the emergency phase (IPC phase 4) for the period June to August 2024. This is the highest number of people in hunger crisis in West Africa. Increasing violence and banditry have accelerated the crisis in recent years, resulting in millions of people being displaced, losing their livelihoods, or both. Unfavourable macroeconomic conditions, including a high labour supply, have limited income generating opportunities in the areas affected, along with production shortfalls. Nigeria's high dependence on imports makes it susceptible to shocks in the global supply chain, such as those caused by COVID-19 and the conflict in Ukraine. Prices for grain, agricultural imports and other staples are going up, and this has further worsened an economic situation already challenged by inflation and supply disruptions. Due to the prolonged and deepening food crisis across the region and an urgent need to sustain and increase resources, this Regional Emergency Appeal has been extended until the end of 2024 to continue providing an overarching structure for hunger crisis responses across the continent.

Short description of the operational strategy

The Nigerian Red Cross Society's operational strategy for this emergency appeal is aligned with the Regional Operation Strategy, where it is focusing on sustained food security for people affected by hunger (Zero Hunger Initiative Goal 2030). The National Society set a target of improving food and nutrition security for 1 million people by December 2023, especially for the most vulnerable groups in rural and urban areas facing acute food insecurity of crisis or worse levels. The outcome under this operational strategy includes improved quality and quantity of food consumed by affected households and individuals, enhanced protection of affected household productive assets, production and income generation, and strengthened health, nutrition, and water and sanitation environment.

Between the period covering [7 July 2023 to 6 March 2024](#), the Nigerian Red Cross Society took initiatives such as empowering women through the Mothers' Clubs, where women are engaged in income-generating activities, skill development, and in promoting health cooking and hygiene practices. Through these clubs, the National Society organized environmental health campaigns and house-to-house visits, sensitizing communities on health and hygiene. Additionally, the National Society trained its staff and volunteers on Protection, Gender and Inclusion (PGI), ensuring a focus on gender-based violence and creating safe spaces for discussions. A review of the hunger

crisis in Benue State included assessments of support for vulnerable groups, including people with disabilities and displaced persons, informing strategic recommendations for ongoing efforts.

Emergency 2

NAME OF OPERATION	Nigeria Floods
MDR-CODE	MDRNG034
DURATION	21/10/2022 to 31/10/2023
FUNDING ALLOCATION	IFRC Secretariat Funding requirements: CHF 11 million Federation-wide Funding requirements: CHF 13 million
PEOPLE TARGETED	500,000
Link to Emergency Appeal	Nigeria Floods Emergency Appeal
Link to Operational Strategy for DRC	Nigeria Floods Operational Strategy
Link to Operation Update	Operations Update No.2

Nigeria is experiencing the worst floods in at least a decade, with a widespread impact in 29 of the country's 36 states. Floods have damaged homes, infrastructure, destroyed farmland and displaced people from their communities. Reports confirm that at least 2.8 million people have been affected, at least 603 lives have been lost, and more than 2,500 injured. Two million people have fled or were evacuated from high-risk areas, carrying only the belongings they could take with them, but finding themselves in extremely poor conditions and without sufficient safeguards, exposing them to heightened protection risks. In addition to the displaced, the country is affected in multiple ways. Goods, such as food and fuel, cannot reach their destinations, as trucks and trains have been stuck for weeks. This market supply disruption will have even greater impact on the already high rate of inflation (23 per cent). People cannot maintain their livelihoods, as they have lost access to farms, livestock, and shops. Services such as schools and health centres have been rendered unusable, or if still accessible, are being used as temporary shelters.

Short description of the emergency operational strategy

The Nigerian Red Cross Society set an objective to enable 500,000 people affected by floods to meet their essential needs in a safe and dignified manner to recover from the crisis and strengthen their resilience to future shocks. This goal is to be achieved through a multi-sectoral intervention addressing livelihoods and basic needs preferably through multi-purpose cash assistance, health and WASH, and emergency shelter assistance. The operation covered 18 of the 29 flood-affected states in Nigeria. The areas targeted in this appeal are based on the impact of the flooding itself and on the number of partners present in the areas attempting to address gaps in services where they are most acute.

Between 1 March 2023 to 31 July 2023, the Nigerian Red Cross Society rehabilitated damaged houses across several states, providing shelter materials, and distributing food parcels, with logistical support from partners. The National Society also reached thousands of households with multi-purpose cash grants to support their daily needs and livelihoods. Additionally, the Nigerian Red Crescent Society provided first aid, psychosocial support, and conducted extensive advocacy and awareness campaigns on COVID-19 vaccination through the Saving Lives and Livelihoods Project. Its water, sanitation and hygiene initiatives include assessments, training, distribution of essential items, and participation in World Water Day campaigns, highlighting the National Society's commitment to improve access to clean water and promoting hygiene practices in vulnerable communities.

Emergency 3

NAME OF OPERATION	Nigeria: 2023 Diphtheria Outbreak
MDR-CODE	MDRNG037

DURATION	11/10/2023 to 30/06/2024
FUNDING ALLOCATION	IFRC Secretariat Funding requirements: CHF 5.4 million Federation-wide Funding requirements: CHF 6 million
PEOPLE TARGETED	5.4 million
Link to Emergency Appeal	Diphtheria Outbreak Emergency Appeal
Link to Operational Strategy for DRC	Diphtheria Outbreak Operational Strategy
Link to Operation Update	Operations Update No.3

An outbreak of diphtheria has been ravaging Nigeria since December 2022, resulting in 12,041 suspected cases, 7,487 cases confirmed and 471 deaths (5.3 per cent case-fatality ratio (CFR)) as of 28 September 2023. In addition to illness and loss of life, the outbreak is taken a toll on the already stretched public health facilities and health workers in Nigeria, as well as families that must care for the ill, resulting in disruption of livelihoods. A massive spike has been observed since July 2023, with over 1,000 weekly cases identified since. Kano state is the epicentre of the outbreak, and despite some recent decline in this state due to an uptake of the response and vaccination, the outbreak is now spread over 19 states and 111 local government areas (LGA), where active case finding, contact tracing, and vaccination is still underperforming. In some of these states, the CFR is above 20 per cent - an indication of the limited Community Based Surveillance (CBS) and response capacity in these areas.

Short description of the emergency operational strategy

The Nigerian Red Cross Society set a target of reaching 5.4 million people in Kano, Katsina, Lagos, Osun, Kaduna and FCT initially, and then incorporate Bauchi, Yobe, Jigawa, Yobe, Zamfara, Borno and Sokoto states. The selection criteria were based on recorded cases of diphtheria and highest caseload, communities with a high number of zero-dose children and low immunization coverage, children and youth aged zero to 17, adults aged 18 and over who are not vaccinated, and persons with disabilities. The National Society supported the Nigerian Government and the Ministry of Health (MoH) by reducing the impact of diphtheria on affected and at-risk communities through risk communication, epidemic control, surveillance, referrals and hygiene promotion.

Between [18 November 2023 to 20 March 2024](#), the Nigerian Red Cross Society combated the diphtheria outbreak by conducting door-to-door sensitization, social mobilization, and active cash searches in hard-to-reach areas. It worked alongside government agencies and partners, and deployed community-based volunteers to support vaccination teams, ensuring children received immunizations in their communities. The National Society also engaged in Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE) activities using local languages, facilitated referrals for suspected cases, and increased public awareness through live radio shows. Despite limited WASH activities, the National Society distributed hygiene kits and conducted health promotion sessions. Additionally, the National Society reached people with disabilities and trained volunteers in community-based surveillance and psychosocial support to enhance the emergency response.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Climate and environment

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2023, under the National Society's climate and environment objectives, the Nigerian Red Cross Society conducted training for its staff on monitoring weather forecast ahead of the flooding season in Nigeria. It conducted validation of the climate risk assessment and development of the Nigeria Climate strategy with the Nigeria Meteorological Agency, the Nigeria Hydrological Services Agency, and the National Emergency Management Agency which strengthened the

partnership between the National Society and the organizations.

The Nigerian Red Cross Society secured an agreement with the International Development Research Centre to collaboratively undertake with the University of Hamburg, Germany, a climate action project, termed Resilience Building through Multi-Stakeholder Engagement in Anticipatory Action for Climate Induced Disaster. This project aims to address the organizational and structural barriers to implementing anticipatory action in disaster management by developing and testing [early action protocols](#) (EAPs). The National Society also launched the Locally Led Adaptation project for the expansion of anticipatory action and forecast based financing.

In its climate projects, the National Society mainstreamed [Community Engagement and Accountability](#) (CEA) and [Protection, Gender and Inclusion](#) (PGI), and also mainstreamed environmental sustainability and climate change adaptation.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided the Nigerian Red Cross Society both financial and technical support to enhance its capacity and increase collaboration with external stakeholders for its interventions under climate. Moving forward, the IFRC will provide support for the National Society's efforts in implementing projects such as the resilience building programme to reduce climate induced disasters.



Disasters and crises

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In 2023, the [IFRC Disaster Response Emergency Fund](#) (IFRC-DREF) was activated for [anticipatory actions towards the General Elections](#).

NAME OF OPERATION	Anticipatory Actions towards General Elections
MDR-CODE	MDRNG036
DURATION	2 months (08/02/2023 to 30/04/2023)
FUNDING ALLOCATION	CHF 115,340
PEOPLE TARGETED	2 million
LATEST OPERATION UPDATE	DREF Final Report

The DREF allocation of CHF 115,340 in February 2023 supported the Nigerian Red Cross Society in assisting approximately 2 million people around addressing pressing issues of insecurity during the General Elections in the areas from Abia to Zamfara. The National Society supported the targeted people over a two-month period with assistance such as first aid services, supervision of safety protocols, training of volunteers on CEA and protection, among others.

Progress by National Society against objectives

In 2023, the Nigerian Red Cross Society implemented a shock response social protection project on flood in Kaduna state where approximately 4,912 beneficiaries were supported with cash assistance. In March 2023, the National Society facilitated a Preparedness for Effective Response (PER) training in Nairobi, Kenya, where the objectives of the PER sessions were to broaden the understanding of the PER approach, its foundations, the guiding principles, and the flexibility in implementing it. The sessions also targeted the National Society's ability to use the PER mechanism for short and mid-term objectives, based on the needs, and helped the National Society in recognizing the fundamentals of the PER in operations and its potential application.

The Nigerian Red Cross Society developed a [Simplified Early Action Protocol](#) (SEAP) for floods, which is meant to cover 12 out of 36 states and the Federal Capital Territory.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Nigerian Red Cross Society's efforts in developing the Simplified Early Action Protocol for floods and in increasing the National Society's capacity around the understanding and the implementation of the IFRC [Preparedness for Effective Response \(PER\)](#) framework.

The **British Red Cross** supported the National Society by expanding its disaster management activities to two additional states in 2023. The two new states are Bauchi and Delta which have been added to the three existing states of Lagos, Imo, and Federal Capital Territory.



Health and wellbeing

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2023, the Nigerian Red Cross Society conducted numerous health and nutrition activities targeting households, caregivers, children, and community water points. The Nigerian Red Cross Society, through an IFRC [Disaster Response Emergency Fund \(DREF\)](#), supported the national vaccination efforts to deliver Risk Communication and Community Engagement activities in response to the Diphtheria outbreak. This DREF operation was later upgraded to an Emergency Appeal and the National Society's volunteers were deployed to conduct house-to-house active cash search and contact tracing using the NCDC surveillance forms in collaboration with health facility staff in affected communities.

The National Society conducted a vaccination campaign for integrated Non-Polio Supplementary Immunization Activities (NPSIA) for children under 5 years, a project which was funded by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). The project focused on the four states of Borno, Sokoto, Yobe, and Zamfara. With the funding, the National Society supported 10 states during the integrated NPSIA. It conducted focus group discussions and review meetings on vaccination and community engagement in the targeted states.

In 2023, the Nigerian Red Cross Society reached more than nine million people through its direct and indirect health services, 26 million through its [water, sanitation and hygiene \(WASH\)](#) services in eight branches, 11 million through the National Society's immunization services, and approximately 13,000 households were reached through [multi-purpose cash assistance](#) in nine states.



Nigerian Red Cross Society volunteers addressing people at an internally displaced people's camp in Makurdi, Benue State (Photo: NRCS)

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided both technical and financial support to the National Society's interventions under health and wellbeing. This includes targeted capacity building of the National Society staff and volunteers, supporting the National Society in its emergency health response, and increasing its collaboration other stakeholders for coordinated effort, among others.

The Norwegian Red Cross provided support to the Nigerian Red Cross Society under the REACH project to improve health outcomes for Nigerian communities by scaling up community health workforce and system.



Migration and displacement

Progress by National Society against objectives

The Nigerian Red Cross Society signed a one-year agreement for the phase 2 of the migration project with the Italian Red Cross. A planning meeting was held following the agreement and the National Society attended the West Africa regional focal points workshop in Senegal where the National Society's migration activity reports for phase 1 was presented in preparation for the phase 2. The National Society has a plan of action and part of the activities in line with the plan of action.

The Nigerian Red Cross Society also conducted advocacy visits to the coordinating agency—the National Commission for Refugees, Migrants, and Internally Displaced Persons—to introduce the migration phase-2 project and inform the stakeholders of the National Society's plan for collaborative efforts.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC will provide support to the Nigerian Red Cross Society to strengthen its migration initiatives and its coordination with national migration stakeholders, including initiatives towards enhancing the fight against trafficking of people and reducing irregular migration.



Values, power and inclusion

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2023, the Nigerian Red Cross Society worked on strengthening protection, gender and inclusion (PGI) within operations. There was greater involvement and participation with community members through local impact and ownership, more community-driven programmes, and the inclusion of community preferences.

The National Society developed key messages in indigenous languages (Hausa, Yoruba, Igbo, Fide, Pidgin) to raise awareness and call to action on public health emergencies or crises on COVID-19 vaccination acceptance and uptake, measles campaign, diphtheria, flooding, among others. It conducted capacity building for the 37 branches on feedback mechanisms and worked to strengthen collection, documentation and acting upon feedback across operations. The National Society also updated referral pathways for collaboration with actors on protection issues, enhanced trust and partnerships with communities and stakeholders across operations and conducted community engagement and accountability (CEA) within branches.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC support to the Nigerian Red Cross Society consists of components such as capacity building and refresher training, ensuring that the National Society integrated protection, gender and inclusion (PGI) in all its operations, and ensures that there is enhanced diversity and inclusivity in National Society programmes.

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 Nigerian Red Cross is part of the four [IFRC Pan-African initiatives](#) focusing on tree planting and care, zero hunger, Red ready, and National Society development. These initiatives are reflected under the relevant sections of this plan.

A number of National Societies provide support through the IFRC, including through the IFRC emergency appeals with surge capacity deployments and financial contributions. Several participating National Societies have longer-term partnerships with the Nigerian Red Cross Society:

The **British Red Cross** is the only participating National Society present in Nigeria. It supports with National Society development, disaster preparedness and disaster response. It also contributed funding support to the Hunger Crisis Appeal.

The **Italian Red Cross** supports the Nigerian Red Cross on migration and youth inclusion.

The **Norwegian Red Cross** provides support on strengthening the Nigerian Red Cross' financial and procurement systems, as well as in the areas of health, disaster preparedness and disaster response.

Movement coordination

The Nigerian Red Cross ensures regular exchanges with the IFRC, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) 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](#).

In Nigeria, **the ICRC** helps people affected by armed conflict and violence, particularly in the North-East. It promotes international humanitarian law and other rules that protect people during armed violence, and it supports the emergency-response work of the Nigerian Red Cross Society.

External coordination

The Nigerian Red Cross Society held coordination meetings with government agencies including NEMA, NIHSA, Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management and National Orientation Agency. The meeting focused on key action points on sustaining the coordination and developing synergies for effective response.

The National Society—with the support of the IFRC—established and strengthened partnership with government institutions such as NIMET, State Operations Coordinating Unit, NEMA, Kaduna State Emergency Management Authority, Social Investment Office, State Cash Transfer Unit, National Society Safety-Needs Coordinating Office (NASSCO), Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency (RUWASSA), community groups, non-governmental organizations and civil society organizations while implementing the Shock Response Social Protection Project for floods in Kaduna.

The National Societies of Benin, Nigeria and Togo is implementing a Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience project titled Resilience Building through Multi-Stakeholder Engagement in Anticipatory Action for Climate Induced Disaster

(REBUMAA). This project helped build partnership with local universities (Universities of Abomey Calavi, Benin; University of Ibadan, Nigeria; West African Science Service Centre on Climate Change and Adapted Land Use, University of Lome) and the University of Hamburg in Germany.

The Nigerian Red Cross is part of the country's emergencies coordination platforms. The National Emergency Management Agency, an agency of the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development, leads national level coordination, while State Emergency Management Agencies coordinate at the state level. The Nigerian Red Cross also works closely with the Nigeria Meteorological Agency, Nigeria Hydrological Services Agency, Federal Fire Service, Federal Road Safety Commission, Nigeria Security Civil Defence Corps, Nigeria Police Force, National Orientation Agencies, Nigerian Army, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Health, and States Ambulance Services.



National Society development

Progress by the National Society against objectives

A significant area of improvement identified for the Nigerian Red Cross Society is project management. In 2023, training in this area effectively strengthened staff capacity in programme and financial management processes, fostering an increased understanding of standard programme and financial management vocabulary. The collaboration between the UNICEF, Nigerian Red Cross Society, and the IFRC also supported staff in identifying characteristics of successful programmes and programme managers, creating initial project plans, and comprehending major aspects of project initiation, planning, execution and control.

The Nigerian Red Cross Society successfully applied and secured the IFRC [Capacity Building Fund](#) (CBF). The National Society's upcoming project, Holistic Enhancement of Protection, Gender and Inclusion (PGI) including Safeguarding System Development, aims to achieve a comprehensive organizational assessment toolkit (OAT) and safeguarding self-assessment. It further targets the adoption of updated safeguarding policies and the development of a victims-assistance package and control. The National Society also put in an application for the [Empress Shoken Fund](#). The project, titled Youth and Volunteers addressing Climate Change in Nigeria, will centre around engaging youth and volunteers to address climate change through impactful initiatives, emphasizing key areas such as awareness and education, engagement and motivation, diversity and inclusion, technology and innovation, and collaboration and partnerships.

Under the Islamic Relief Worldwide capacity building, the National Society focused on enhancing internal operational processes for improved humanitarian services delivery in Nigeria. The training included participants from various units such as the programmes monitoring, evaluation, reporting and learning, finance, procurement, internal audit, information management, health and care, disaster management, communication, National Society development and human resource units.

In the area of youth development, the National Society organized an induction and training session for the newly elected youth executive in 2023. Attendees included the National Youth Executive and representatives from the Southeast and the Northeast. In 2024, the Nigerian Red Cross Society will carry out a volunteer management programme initiative, which address the National Society's weaknesses around volunteer management.

To strengthen the National Society's governance and leadership, the National Society conducted an induction for newly elected board members which focused on key topics such as risk management integrity, good governance and leadership, distinction between governance and management, National Society constitution, unified plans, among others.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided support to the Nigerian Red Cross Society to pilot the asset management guidance tool and eventually roll it out for use with the wider African National Societies. The tool was developed to support African National Societies with asset management geared towards achieving financial sustainability through asset management and utilization.

The **British Red Cross** supported the Nigerian Red Cross Society with funding for a volunteer management programme initiative. The British Red Cross also provided funding for the National Society in its asset development, where the National Society engaged the services of a legal counsel.



Humanitarian diplomacy

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2023, the Nigerian Red Cross Society made progress in humanitarian diplomacy by engaging in its strategic definition and by strengthening its focus. The National Society celebrated the World Humanitarian Day through live media interviews on national radio and television. The National Society also engaged with the diplomatic community through visitations to embassies and other forms of diplomatic engagement to highlight the interventions of the National Society and its auxiliary position. The National Society maintained visibility at key humanitarian and development sector events across Nigeria. The Nigerian Red Cross Society was also invited at a high-level meeting of development partners and donor agencies with the Minister of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Poverty Alleviation. In various fora, the National Society promoted its capacity in community reach and localization through its network of trained volunteers.

The Nigerian Red Cross Society undertook a practical content gathering training done in collaboration with the Red Cross Red Crescent Magazine. Titled 'Storytelling Lab', the training taught volunteers basic skills necessary for collecting photos and videos that show the work of the Nigerian Red Cross Society. The participants were all provided a mobile journalism kit which included smartphones, microphone, power bank, tripod, grip for the phone and a bag to house the items.

The National Society also took part in the Global Communications Forum in 2023. This forum provided an opportunity for the National Societies to take a closer look at the National Society's communications strategy and the ways in which it could be improved. The National Society also held a meeting with the media, key influencers and other strategic stakeholders to promote the work of the National Society. The information was published on relevant media outlets which promoted the work of the National Society.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided both technical and financial support to the Nigerian Red Cross Society to bolster its effort under humanitarian diplomacy. This support included increasing the National Society's stakeholder engagement to promote its work, training for the National Society staff and volunteers on effective diplomacy and communication capacity and enhancing the National Society's auxiliary position by engaging with key stakeholders in the country.



Accountability and agility (cross-cutting)

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Nigerian Red Cross Society, in 2023, has made progress in its digital transformation. Key accomplishments for the National Society include fostering digital maturity growth, enhancing data and digital literacy, and promoting data-driven, digitally enabled humanitarian services. The National Society undertook a comprehensive two-day digital transformation workshop, which involved heads of various units and fostered collective input on leveraging digital transformation strategies for enhanced productivity. Consequently, a draft roadmap was developed to secure funding for implementing identified gaps.

The National Society, as part of its commitment to safeguard the wellbeing of all individuals involved in the programmes, conducted refresher sessions on safeguarding policies and procedures. The training sessions were conducted to educate employees about recognizing and addressing potential safeguarding risks. Case studies were used to further highlight specific examples of safeguarding issues to help solidify the National Society's understanding around safeguarding.

The National Society also held several training, webinars and workshops which were aimed at enhancing skills, fostering leadership, and promoting overall career advancement. These initiatives not only contribute to individual growth, but also enhance the collective capabilities of the team. The National Society held a workshop on human resource with the objective of improving the quality and efficiency of HR systems and HR advisory support in the Africa region. This was done to ensure that effective data and analytics foundations of HR reporting mechanisms are strengthened.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided support to the National Society's efforts under accountability and agility by supporting its efforts under digital transformation and the capacity enhancement of its staff. The support for the National Society included the facilitation of training session on digital transformation and the development of strategies, technical support for refresher training sessions, coordinating in conducting the new way of working survey for the National Society, among others.

The **British Red Cross** supported the Nigerian Red Cross Society in cost recovery training and digitalization training.



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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 Nigeria 2023 Financial Report](#)
Note: For emergencies for which a financial report is not yet available, see [MGR60001](#), [MDRNG034](#), [MDRNG037](#), [MDRNG036](#).
- [IFRC network country plans](#)
- [Subscribe for updates](#)
- [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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