

IN SUPPORT OF THE COMOROS RED CRESCENT



PEOPLE REACHED

Disasters
and crises



245,768

Health and
wellbeing



7,009

Values, power
and inclusion



4,510

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

in Swiss francs (CHF)

Country	Funding Requirement	1.9M
IFRC Secretariat	Emergency Operations	Funding 45,000
		Expenditure 45,000
	Longer-term	Funding Requirement 1.7M
		Funding 393,000
	Expenditure 392,000	
Participating National Societies	Funding Requirement 98,000	
	Funding 4.3M	
	Expenditure 4.3M	
HNS other funding sources	Funding Requirement 120,000	
	Funding 600,000	

The Comoros Red Crescent

Overview

Funding	738,000
Expenditure	738,000

Funding Sources

IFRC Secretariat	128,000
Participating National Societies	10,000
HNS other funding sources	600,000

Appeal number **MAAKM002**

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Disasters and crises	People reached with disaster risk reduction	246,000
	People reached with livelihoods support	412
	Percentage of humanitarian assistance delivered using cash and vouchers	100%
Health and wellbeing	People reached by National Societies with contextually appropriate water, sanitation and hygiene services	1,000
	People trained by National Societies in first aid	101
Values, power and inclusion	People reached by protection, gender and inclusion programming	5,000

IFRC NETWORK SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

National Society	Funding Reported	Bilateral Support						Enabling Functions	Multilateral Support
		Climate and environment	Disasters and crises	Health and wellbeing	Migration and displacement	Values, power and inclusion	Through IFRC		
British Red Cross								✓	
French Red Cross	8.5M								
Japanese Red Cross Society								✓	

Total Funding Reported **CHF 8.5M**

OVERALL PROGRESS

Context

The Union of Comoros, an archipelago of four islands with an area of 2,170 square kilometres, is located near Madagascar and the African coast. Known for its tropical humid climate and rich biodiversity, Comoros has faced political instability but is progressing towards stability through democratic transitions and reforms. Despite this, the country struggles with weak institutions, poor public services, and widespread poverty. The population is estimated at 869,595 in 2023, with high density and a predominantly young demographic; 56 percent are under 20 years old, and most follow Islam. Economic development is hindered by low productivity, poor infrastructure, and a challenging business environment, though agriculture and natural resources offer potential. The Comoros Red Crescent Society, aligned with national and international strategies like PCE 2030 and IFRC Strategy 2030, supports government priorities such as tree planting to harness the country's biodiversity.

Key achievements

Climate and environment

The Comoros Red Crescent made progress in climate change adaptation through a series of coordinated activities across the country. The organization conducted collaborative work sessions, trained 26 community relays and 3 community monitoring managers on disaster risk reduction, and educated 29 people on integrating risk reduction and climate change adaptation. Additionally, awareness tools were developed and shared with various sectors, and data collection on pilot localities benefiting from [Enhanced Vulnerability and Capacity Assessments](#) (EVCA) was initiated. The training extended to disaster response volunteers, including women in Ngazidja, and volunteers across three islands on soil preparation, plant production, and maintenance techniques. Furthermore, plans are underway to begin tree planting activities highlighting a commitment to building community resilience and environmental sustainability.

Disaster and crises

The Comoros Red Crescent Society made progress in addressing the food and nutrition crisis and enhancing community resilience. With funding from the Japanese Government, the Comoros Red Crescent Society assisted 18,000 people across 3,000 households in Moheli, Anjouan, and Ngazidja by improving food security, nutrition for vulnerable groups, access to clean water, and adaptation to disasters and health emergencies. Direct food distributions helped several households avoid negative coping strategies, and [WASH](#) promotion benefiting the locals. Livelihood support included distributing vegetable seeds, fertilizers, and tools to 130 households, boosting vegetable production and creating income opportunities. The National Society also supported three women's associations with income-generating activities, fostering community development. Through a project funded by Africa CDC and Mastercard, the Comoros Red Crescent Society enhanced immunization coverage by countering Covid-19 misinformation, providing resources to the Ministry of Health, and improving vaccination center hygiene. The society strengthened community preparedness by validating community risk mapping and enhancing early warning systems, showcasing a comprehensive approach to improving resilience in Comoros.

Health and wellbeing

In 2023, the Comoros Red Crescent Society improved in the areas of health, nutrition, and access to clean water for vulnerable communities, aligning with national priorities and demonstrating a commitment to building long-term resilience. Trained volunteers conducted health and nutrition awareness sessions and screened individuals for malnutrition, identifying and providing care for children with moderate acute malnutrition and with severe acute malnutrition. Community kitchens and supplementary food distributions to households helped combat malnutrition, while anthropometric equipment provided to nutrition centres enhanced sustainable care. The National Society supported the Ministry of Health by training additional vaccinators, providing computers, and enhancing data management and hygiene at vaccination centres. WASH awareness sessions were conducted with focus on improving hygiene practices, reducing waterborne diseases, and distributing hygiene kits and water storage pools to households.

Migration and displacement

The Comoros Red Crescent Society effectively mobilized volunteers to assess and support returning individuals at the port of Mutsamudu. Their key achievements included evaluating the conditions of returnees, addressing issues such as inadequate clothing and footwear, and identifying their islands of origin. This proactive response demonstrated their commitment to providing timely and necessary support to those in need.

Values, power and inclusion

The Comoros Red Crescent Society has worked on promoting social well-being and resilience, particularly in supporting women and children and combating gender-based violence (GBV). It established mother's clubs and victim support platforms across the three islands, providing psychological support to women affected by Gender based violence and training volunteers from the Branch Disaster Response Team (BDRT) to identify community-based responses. The National society's initiatives, funded by the European Union and supported by the French Red Cross, trained volunteers to conduct collective actions and community sensitization. The Comoros Red Crescent Society also emphasized community engagement and accountability (CEA) by training staff and volunteers, establishing feedback mechanisms, and attending specialized training, including social science and community feedback in Ivory Coast and Early System Alert in Mauritius.

Enabling Local Actors

The Comoros Red Crescent has enhanced its humanitarian impact through effective coordination and collaboration. By actively engaging with the Japanese Embassy and leveraging their technical guidance, the Society successfully launched a high-visibility project that garnered media attention and community involvement. Their proactive participation in national health and disaster management coordination mechanisms, including regular meetings with the Ministry of Health and the General Directorate of Civil Security, has strengthened their response capabilities. Furthermore, their innovative approach to fundraising, both locally and internationally with IFRC support, has improved resource mobilization.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Climate and environment

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Comoros Red Crescent Society undertook various activities to enhance disaster risk reduction, environmental protection, and climate change adaptation across the country. Collaborative sessions between different sectors were held, and community relays and monitoring managers were trained in these areas. Awareness messages and tools on environmental protection and adaptation were developed and shared with colleagues from other sectors, while community monitoring managers began collecting data to identify pilot localities for vulnerability and capacity assessments. Volunteers from the Branch Disaster Response Team received training, including women, to strengthen local response capabilities. Training sessions for volunteers were also conducted on soil preparation, plant production, and maintenance across the three islands, equipping them with the skills needed to support community resilience and sustainable practices.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided both technical and financial support to the Comoros Red Crescent Society for its activities.



Disasters and crises

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Comoros Red Crescent Society has worked to enhance disaster risk reduction, environmental protection, and climate change adaptation by training community relays and monitoring managers in these areas. The society conducted assessments among households in various localities, evaluating factors such as income resources, food accessibility, and coping mechanisms. Volunteers were trained to carry out these assessments, and based on the findings, seeds, agricultural inputs, and toolkits were quantified for distribution. Vulnerable households were identified through community-based processes, with lists of eligible households developed and validated through collaboration with local leaders and community management committees. Distributions of seeds, agricultural kits, and food assistance have begun on Mohéli, while preparations continue for Anjouan and Ngazidja.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided the The Comoros Red Crescent Society with technical and financial assistance for its activities.

The **Japanese Red Cross** with the support of Japanese Government worked on the project titled “Food and Nutritional Insecurity Associated with Lack of Access to Water, Hygiene, and Sanitation and Aggravated by the Effects of Climate Change” aimed to prevent negative coping strategies among affected households through community activities in agriculture, income generation, and pastoral care.



Health and wellbeing

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2023, the Comoros Red Crescent Society made notable strides in improving health and well-being across the Comoros. Trained volunteers and educated households on proper food preparation for children and pregnant women and conducted nutrition screenings to identify and treat malnutrition cases. Community kitchens and anthropometric equipment were established to support sustainable nutrition efforts. The society also enhanced vaccination efforts by supporting additional vaccinators and providing essential resources to vaccination centers. Through WASH awareness sessions and the distribution of hygiene and water storage kits, the society improved sanitation and reduced waterborne diseases. Efforts included rehabilitating water supply systems and constructing water tanks to ensure long-term access to clean water for vulnerable communities.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the national society in providing training to the volunteers for improving health and well-being across the Comoros.



Comoros Red Crescent volunteer provides support to residents affected by the cholera outbreak in the Islands (Photo: IFRC)



Migration and displacement

Progress by National Society against objectives

The Anjouan Branch mobilized 15 volunteers stationed at the port of Mutsamudu to assess the situation of returning individuals. They evaluated the number of returnees, the condition of their clothing and shoes, noting that some arrived barefoot, and identified their islands of origin.

IFRC network joint support

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Values, power and inclusion

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2023, the Comoros Red Crescent Society significantly advanced its efforts to address gender-based violence and enhance community engagement. They identified and trained volunteers and mothers' clubs to promote community-based prevention and response to gender-based violence. Awareness sessions were conducted nationwide, supported by training for women mediators, civil society organizations, and branch disaster response teams. Despite funding challenges, the Society developed and updated crucial Community Engagement and Accountability (CEA) tools and plans, built capacity in risk communication, and established feedback mechanisms. These initiatives aim to foster a safer environment and improve support systems for young people and women in Comoros.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the national society in training volunteers and mothers' clubs to promote community-based prevention and response to gender-based violence along with creating awareness sessions nationwide.

ENABLING LOCAL ACTORS



Strategic and operational coordination

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 IFRC and the Comoros Red Crescent maintained regular communication with the Japanese Embassy to update on a project, which was launched with participation from the Embassy, government, NGOs, and local communities. Media coverage was secured to boost visibility, and field visits were organized. The Japanese Embassy was informed of planned activities to ensure media coverage. The IFRC offered technical guidance to the Comoros Red Crescent to refine and adjust their strategies as needed.

Movement coordination

The Comoros Red Crescent 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](#).

In Comoros, the ICRC visits detainees and carries out a large sanitation programme in Moroni prison. The ICRC works with the authorities on the promotion of international humanitarian law.

External coordination

The Ministry of Health through the National Vaccination Coordination (CNPEV) organizes a monthly coordination meeting with all partners working on COVID-19s and other vaccinations. The Comoros Red Crescent presents its activities in these meetings and organizes joint supervision missions in the field.

The Comoros Red Crescent is part of the health cluster set up by the Ministry of Health. This coordination takes place monthly. In the event of a health disaster, there are weekly coordination meetings.

The General Directorate of Civil Security has also established coordination on risk and [disaster management](#) and the Comoros Red Crescent is also part of this coordination. This coordination group met every 3 days during the period of the Karthala volcano alert.

The Comoros Red Crescent has set up a system for mobilizing funds from financial institutions (pharmacies, supermarkets, etc.) through slot boxes at the national level. On the international level, the National Society respond to Calls for Projects with the technical support of the IFRC for the mobilization of funds.



National Society development

Progress by the National Society against objectives

IFRC deployed a programme support delegate in the field to ensure continuous support to the National Society in addition to providing technical financial, PMER, [PGI](#) and CEA support. The CoRC society would use the lessons learned from the implementation of the Japanese Government project to strengthen branches and volunteer's capacity to provide effective and efficient support for the vulnerable people, to better manage an operation.

The National Society implemented several projects and provided training courses to its branches to enhance their skills in managing activities, stakeholders, and reporting. The branches submitted weekly reports to the national level to showcase their achievements.

IFRC network joint support

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Humanitarian diplomacy

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Comoros Red Crescent met with the leaders of the line Ministries (Health, Agriculture) to present health and food and nutritional security projects.

The Ministries of Health and Agriculture have set up focal points in Comoros Red Crescent to work in collaboration. Meetings were also held with WHO, the Ministry of Health, the General Directorate of Civil Security, the Ministry of the Environment, and the Head of State of the Comoros by the IFRC Head of Country Cluster Delegation, and the President and Secretary General of Comoros Red Crescent. and the IFRC Programme Delegate.

IFRC network joint support

Joint support from the IFRC network on external trips such as the Pan-African youth summit held in Madagascar, where the Comoros Red Crescent was represented by the youth coordinator.

IFRC is committed to donor visibility. All project materials, including press releases, articles, videos, banners, flyers, and case studies, have been co-branded with the logo of the Japanese government. Visibility products, such as stickers branded with logos, were designed, procured, and used on-site for all project-related activities. The project documents featured logos from the Japanese Government, Comoros Red Crescent, and IFRC. To ensure coverage by Japanese media, the Japanese Embassy was informed in advance of the planned activities.



Accountability and agility (cross-cutting)

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Comoros Red Crescent Society's Digital Engagement Project aimed to equip National Society staff with digital tools to increase efficiency and optimize working time. Despite challenges faced during the process, they provided valuable learning opportunities to ensure the project's success.

To ensure that the National Society made the best choices among suppliers, thorough analysis of the limited suppliers offering products like the video conferencing kits was conducted. Although there were challenges experienced during the procurement process, it is proud to report that the project was successfully completed. This demonstrates the team's commitment and determination. The positive feedback from National Society staff regarding their mastery of digital tools and collaborative working methods connected to the internet is tangible evidence of the project's positive impact.

IFRC network joint support

In 2023, the Comoros Red Crescent focused on enhancing its visibility and management capacities. They produced various visibility materials, including business cards and professional badges. Additionally, an external audit was conducted on the organization's 2022 financial accounts by A2M audit company. This audit aimed to provide comprehensive reports on financial statements and internal controls, contributing to strengthened management practices within the National Society.



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is the world's largest humanitarian network, with 191 National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and around 15 million volunteers. Our volunteers are present in communities before, during and after a crisis or disaster. We work in the most hard to reach and complex settings in the world, saving lives and promoting human dignity. We support communities to become stronger and more resilient places where people can live safe and healthy lives, and have opportunities to thrive.

DATA SCOPE AND LIMITATIONS

- **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 Comoros 2023 Financial Report](#)
- [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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