

IN SUPPORT OF THE BOTSWANA RED CROSS SOCIETY



10

National Society
branches



46

National Society
local units



12,000

National Society
volunteers



64

National Society
staff

PEOPLE REACHED

Climate and
environment



565

Disasters
and crises



1,774

Health and
wellbeing



1,341,395

Migration and
displacement



5,422

Values, power
and inclusion



3,275

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

in Swiss francs (CHF)

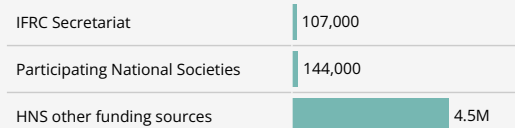
Country	Funding Requirement	2.1M	
IFRC Secretariat	Emergency Operations	Funding: 2,000 Expenditure: 2,000	
	Longer-term	Funding Requirement	1.3M
		Funding	195,000
		Expenditure	110,000
Participating National Societies	Funding	134,000	
	Expenditure	160,000	
HNS other funding sources	Funding Requirement	800,000	
	Funding	4.5M	

Botswana Red Cross Society

Overview





Funding Sources



Appeal number **MAABW003**

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Climate and environment	Developing and implementing strategies and plans that address rising climate and environmental risks?	Yes
	Implementing environmental or climate campaigns focused on behaviour change, plastic reduction or clean-ups?	Yes
	Implementing nature-based solutions (including those with a particular focus on the planting of trees and mangroves)?	Yes
	People reached with activities to address environmental problems	565
	People reached with activities to address rising climate risks	565
Disasters and crises	People reached with disaster risk reduction	565
	People reached with livelihoods support	2,000
Health and wellbeing	People donating blood	681
	People reached by National Societies with contextually appropriate health services	 1.3M
	People reached with immunization services	 1.3M
	People trained by National Societies in first aid	1,000
Migration and displacement	Migrants and displaced persons reached with services for assistance and protection	5,000
Values, power and inclusion	People reached by protection, gender and inclusion programming	3,000
	People reached by RCRC educational programmes	383
	People whose access to education is facilitated through National Society programming	101

ENABLING FUNCTIONS

Strategic and operational coordination	Number of formal interagency/international coordination platforms the IFRC Network is part of	5
	Number of government led coordination platforms the National Society is part of	5
National Society development	National Society covers health, accident and death compensation for all of their volunteers	Yes
Humanitarian diplomacy	Participation in IFRC-led communication campaigns	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

IFRC NETWORK SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

National Society	Funding Reported	Bilateral Support						Multilateral Support
		Climate and environment	Disasters and crises	Health and wellbeing	Migration and displacement	Values, power and inclusion	Enabling Functions	Through IFRC
Netherlands Red Cross	294,000							

Total Funding Reported **CHF 294,000**

OVERALL PROGRESS

Context

Botswana, located in Southern Africa, has rapidly become one of the [fastest-growing economies](#). Significant mineral (diamond) wealth, robust institutions, prudent economic management, and a relatively small population of about [2.5 million](#) contributed to the rise of Botswana as an upper-middle-income country with an aspiration of becoming a high-income country.

Despite having maintained political and economic transformation over the years, challenges remain. Economic growth has been slow, partly because of sluggish economic diversification and declining revenue from diamonds. It was noted at the beginning of 2023 that Botswana's growth was expected to slow to [3.8 per cent](#) due to a projected decline in diamond production.

The decline, in addition to a higher unemployment rate of [25.9 per cent](#) during the third quarter of 2023 and a rising cost of living, has been threatening food and nutrition security in the country. It is estimated that [37,000 people](#) in Botswana will be food insecure in 2023. Botswana's food and nutrition security is also impacted by several major hazards, shocks, and stressors including prolonged dry spells, El Nino, pest and weed infestations, and human and wildlife conflict. Therefore, food security remains one of the key priorities for the Botswana government.

Despite economic challenges, the Botswana government has made significant progress in improving access to necessities such as clean water, sanitation, and electricity. It is recorded in the [2022 census](#) that 75.8 per cent of Botswana's population has access to electricity, 76.3 per cent have access to a mobile phone and a further 85.4 per cent have access to clean water.

Botswana is considered one of the most stable democracies in Africa. Historically, it has been dominated by a single party since independence. Three crucial elections are being held in Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) countries during 2023 and 2024, and their results will offer insight into political stability, democratic consolidation, and trade relations within the region.

Key achievements

Climate and environment

In 2023, the Botswana Red Cross Society established a community farm in the Gweta region to train communities on climate change risks and promote [climate-smart agriculture](#). Nine people were trained on climate-smart agriculture and allocated plots for subsistence farming, with local farmers providing daily technical assistance and schools using the farm as an educational platform, reaching 400 students. The farm's produce was sold to fund operations and support local initiatives like providing vegetables to schools. Two composting structures were developed to reduce reliance on chemical fertilizers and improve soil water retention. The National Society also launched a water management innovation programme and participated in global and national forums, focusing on community-based [disaster risk management](#) and forming partnerships to address water challenges in Botswana.

Disasters and crises

The Botswana Red Cross Society continued to coordinate with disaster management actors at district and national levels by participating in the National Disaster Risk Management Council and technical committee engagements. In June 2023, the National Society hosted a community-based disaster risk management seminar in Francistown. Additionally, the National Society organized workshops for 106 government officials, focusing on [disaster law](#) and the Botswana Red Cross Society Act of 1968. The National Society also implemented a food relief project in the Okavango district, distributing food packages to 250 households and conducting [water, sanitation and hygiene](#) (WASH) and nutrition talks. The Botswana Red Cross Society also provided clothing and bedding to people affected by fires and weather-related incidents.

Health and wellbeing

Within the first half of 2023, the National Society provided first aid services to 10,000 people and trained people in first aid. The main project of the Botswana Red Cross Society was leading the implementation of the Saving Lives and Livelihoods (SLL) project in Southern Africa, offering technical support to 10 National Societies and reaching across 10 health districts in Botswana. The Society also undertook a COVID-19 vaccination campaign targeting young adults. In addition, it worked on increasing childhood immunization through three projects, including the Novel Oral Polio Vaccine Type 2 Vaccination campaign, the Mastercard child health project, and the COVID-19 integration into routine immunization project. As part of its WASH efforts, the National Society secured funding to build 300 anti-seepage latrines for underprivileged households in Okavango.

Migration and displacement

The Botswana Red Cross Society facilitated COVID-19 vaccinations and health messaging for migrants, vaccinating 537 individuals in Gaborone and Francistown through an International Organization for Migration-funded project. It also worked to strengthen engagement with migrants and host communities to better assess their needs. Additionally, the disaster management office was trained on Restoring Family Links (RFL) during a five-day ICRC workshop in Pretoria.

Values, power and inclusion

The Botswana Red Cross Society conducted a two-day workshop on protection, gender, inclusion (PGI), and psychological first aid, training participants on tackling gender-based violence. The National Society also promoted youth engagement, with the Youth President representing the organization in several decision-making forums. Efforts to promote inclusivity included providing education to children with disabilities across three rehabilitation centres, with 29 trainees graduating from the Tlamelong Rehabilitation Centre in vocational fields such as textiles and horticulture. Additionally, physiotherapy services were provided to the elderly and people with disabilities. The National Society also engaged 197 community leaders to raise awareness about COVID-19 vaccination and conducted refresher training for volunteers under its community engagement and accountability (CEA) approach.

Enabling local actors

In 2023, the Botswana Red Cross Society implemented its Constitution Implementation Plan, orienting 182 members on the new constitution and conducting 26 sub-branch elections. Over 13,000 volunteers were engaged in various programme activities, while youth and board members participated in regional leadership events. The National Society worked to highlight its work and was featured 33 times across platforms. It also expanded its social media reach, sharing key messages on health, disaster risk, and climate change. The National Society continued its digital transformation by utilizing information systems like DHIS and KOBO Toolbox for data management.

Changes and amendments

In July 2023, the project on saving lives and livelihoods was put on hold to better reflect on the first phase of implementation as well as strategize for the next phase. This was based on the consideration that the World Health Organisation had declared that the COVID-19 pandemic was no longer a public health emergency of international concern.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Climate and environment

Communities have increased capacity to address the evolving impacts of climate change and ownership over programmes addressing climate risks through increased avenues to contribute their own insights, knowledge, and ideas

Progress by the National Society against objectives

As part of the National Society's endeavour to train communities on climate change risks and environmentally responsible practices, the Botswana Red Cross Society set up a community farm in the Gweta region. The initiative encouraged climate-smart agriculture practices. This included capacity building and knowledge sharing with beneficiaries while fostering resilience against climate induced challenges like drought, improving soil health, conserving resources, and utilizing renewable energy sources.

A total of nine people were trained in [climate-smart](#) agriculture and were allocated plots for their subsistence production. Three to five local farmers visited the farm daily to provide technical assistance and local schools utilized the farm as an outdoor teaching platform for their agricultural studies, reaching 400 students. Further, the farm's produce was sold to fund farm operations and support local community initiatives such as providing schools with vegetables to support graduation ceremony events.

During the year, two composting structures were developed to undertake open-air composting of the organic waste that was generated on the community farm. This was done to replenish the soil in the Gweta region which would in turn reduce the dependence on chemical fertilizers, improve the soil's water retention, and nourish plants. Furthermore, as part of water conservation, watering at night was introduced on the farm as cooler temperatures resulted in less water lost to evaporation. The National Society utilized a timer and solar-powered battery to automate a drip irrigation system.

In 2023, the National Society implemented its water management innovation and partnership programme. The programme targeted existing challenges in Botswana by seeking solutions through the establishment of suitable and participatory partnerships. It brought technological, process-related, and social innovation. As part of this, the National Society participated in a global innovation summit and hosted a national seminar on [community-based disaster risk management](#), attended by 50 participants.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC The IFRC supported the Botswana Red Cross Society with the initial project resource mobilization for the Gweta Community Farm. It also engaged with the Green Response initiative with an interest in taking this initiative forward.

The **Netherlands Red Cross** aided the National Society with the water management innovation and partnership programme. The Netherlands Red Cross provided technical and financial assistance, it also signed a two-year contract with the National Society. Following this, a knowledge exchange visit was organized from 3 to 10 September 2023. A case study of the water management and innovation partnership project was presented at the IFRC Solferino Academy Global Innovation Summit held in June 2023 in Kenya.



Disasters and crises

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

People affected by crises and disasters have their needs met through support that is timely, adequate, flexible and strengthens their agency

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The National Society continued to engage with disaster management actors at the district and national levels through participation in the National Disaster Risk Management Council and technical committee engagements. Taking a convening role, the National Society organized a community-based [disaster risk management](#) seminar held in Francistown in June 2023. The seminar attracted the participation of key senior government officials in the sector and over seven media houses, it also reached over 50 people. Through this seminar, some key action items have since been discussed for further follow-up, including the National Society's community-based disaster risk management strategy and district vulnerability and capacity assessments that will be carried out in 2024.

The Botswana Red Cross Society also organized workshops on disaster risk management law for 106 government officials. The objectives were to educate government officials on [disaster law](#), particularly the Botswana Red Cross Society Act 1968, in addition to the general national disaster risk management laws. Following consultations on disaster risk management legislation, the government began drafting the first Disaster Risk Management bill. The National Society supported draft bill development and a draft bill repealing the Act is available for review.

During the year, the Botswana Red Cross Society implemented a food relief project in partnership with the Palms for Life Fund. The project aimed to address the food insecurity in the Okavango district following the African migratory locust outbreak and recurring droughts. Food hampers were distributed to 250 households in nine remote villages in Okavango over a six-month period. The support was implemented along with [water, sanitation and hygiene](#) (WASH) and nutrition talks to promote hygiene in food handling and balanced dieting. A total of 1,774 people were reached with food support, and an additional 820 people were reached with WASH talks.

The National Society also reached over 52 people with clothing and bedding following incidences of fires and house destruction due to rains and winds.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC, through its disaster law unit, provided technical support for the review of the Botswana Red Cross Society Act. This included comments on the Botswana Red Cross Bill of 2023 and supporting the drafting of a response to the Ministry of State on specific sections of the bill.

IFRC's disaster law team also shared monthly messages and information with the National Society through its Disaster Law Champions Group. In addition, the team co-hosted a virtual webinar session on legislative advocacy for health focal points from Southern African National Societies.

During the year, the IFRC country cluster delegation in Pretoria continued to support the [cash and voucher assistance](#) (CVA) technical working group, creating a platform for peer-to-peer learning with other National Societies.



Health and wellbeing

Deliver evidence-based and impact-driven, effective, appropriate health promotion, disease prevention and community-based care activities, focusing on the people in situations of vulnerability in all contexts

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Botswana Red Cross Society trained individuals, companies, and communities on [first aid](#) and also provided support with first aid services during events across the country. In the first half of the year, 620 people were reached through training and an additional 10,000 people through first aid services during events.

The Botswana Red Cross Society led the implementation of the Saving Lives and Livelihoods (SLL) project in 2023. The National Society worked on the risk communication and community engagement (RCCE) component of the project in Southern Africa, providing administrative and technical support to 10 National Societies who worked as sub-implementing partners. In Botswana, the SLL project was implemented in the 10 health districts of North-East, Boteti, Ghanzi-Charleshill, Selibi-Phikwe, Bobirwa, Goodhope, Lobatse, Mahalapye Kgalagadi North and Kweneng West, where a cumulative of 945,958 people were reached.

The SLL project also helped strengthen the Botswana Red Cross Society's role as a thought leader and knowledge contributor in the pandemic response. The National Society, in partnership with the Ministry of Health and UNICEF, conducted a COVID-19 vaccination campaign for tertiary students and young adults between the ages of 18 and 29 years since the vaccine uptake for this demographic had been low. The campaign involved deploying 24 volunteers who made up eight vaccination teams, of which five teams were deployed in Gaborone and three teams were deployed in Palapye. Through in-person social mobilization, a total of 5,134 people were reached.

The Botswana Red Cross Society also worked to increase childhood routine immunization coverage for children through three projects. Through the Novel Oral Polio Vaccine Type 2 Vaccination campaign, it deployed volunteers to ensure that all children aged seven years and below received their first and second doses of the vaccine. Through the campaign, 360,370 children were vaccinated in all 27 districts.

The Mastercard child health project, through financial support from the Mastercard Foundation, collaborated with the Ministry of Health to increase the uptake of its high-impact interventions for children between the ages of 0 to 59 months in Gaborone and Mogoditshane. The National Society deployed three vaccinators, three data clerks, and 15 social mobilisers. The mobilizers conducted door-to-door visits assessing households on child health and environmental settings. A total of 620 households consisting of 683 children below 59 months were assessed.

The National Society's third project on COVID-19 integration into routine immunization was undertaken in partnership with the Ministry of Health, UNICEF, and USAID. The project covered Kweneng East and West districts, including 15 villages across the two districts. During the reporting period, 56 volunteers were trained on RCCE for routine immunization, child health, and COVID-19 through the support of the Ministry of Health. During the year, the number of children vaccinated was 1,896, and 21,081 people were reached with messaging on COVID-19 and routine immunization.

The National Society also participated in three blood drives conducted in Francistown, Maun, and Kasane where 117 litres of blood were collected from over 681 donated blood. In commemoration of World Blood Donor Day, the National Society undertook a seven-day social media campaign on Facebook and Twitter to create awareness of the blood donation services provided by National Botswana Transfusion Services (NBTS).



In response to the rainy season in Kgaladadi district, the Botswana Red Cross Society volunteers worked to provide temporary shelter, food, and blankets, November 2020. (Photo: The Botswana Red Cross Society)

As part of its efforts to promote water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), the Botswana Red Cross Society secured funding from the National Environmental Fund over a three-year period for the project on sanitation in Okavango. This project aims to build 300 anti-seepage latrines (100 per year) for underprivileged households and offer community best practices for keeping the latrines hygienic and monitoring destruction.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided technical support to the Botswana Red Cross Society with the implementation of the SLL project and the coordination of activities with other National Societies in the consortium under this project. The IFRC also worked closely with the National Society as the consortium lead and supported the National Society in developing abstracts for the International Conference on Public Health in Africa, as an opportunity to showcase the success stories of the SLL project.



Migration and displacement

Assistance and protection services to migrants and displaced people are provided and promoted through engagement with local and national authorities, host communities and affected people, in partnership with other relevant organizations

Progress by National Society against objectives

In efforts to support the health of populations on the move, the Botswana Red Cross Society facilitated COVID-19 services like vaccines and messages for migrants. The National Society worked to strengthen engagements with migrants, displaced persons, and host communities to assess, understand and respond to their priority needs more effectively. The project, funded by the International Organization for Migration (IOM), reached 537 migrants who were successfully vaccinated in Gaborone and Francistown.

The National Society's disaster management office was also capacitated on Restoring Family Links (RFL) in a five-day workshop in Pretoria, South Africa, hosted by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided the Botswana Red Cross Society with technical assistance.

The ICRC supported the National Society through a capacity-building workshop on Restoring Family Links. The support also included procuring and connecting handsets for use by immigrants at Francistown Centre to ensure that immigrants could contact family members and other loved ones. The project is still at the consultation stage and the National Society is looking to implement this project in 2024.



Values, power and inclusion

National Societies and the IFRC Secretariat ensure that they have the necessary institutional capacity, composition, and commitment to address violence, discrimination, and exclusion

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The National Society conducted a two-day capacity building workshop on protection, gender, and inclusion (PGI) and psychological first aid. This training of trainers covered 30 participants comprising National Society staff, government representatives, and NGO responders to gender-based violence. Further, 2,812 people were reached with messaging on the prevention of sexual and gender-based violence during various gender commemorative events including International Men's Day and 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence.

The Botswana Red Cross Society continued to promote youth engagement and representation in decision-making forums. The Youth President sat in the National Executive Committee and regional youth meetings and was elected the Chairperson of the South African Youth Network of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

During the reporting period, the Botswana Red Cross Society continued to promote inclusivity of people living with disabilities. With funding assistance from the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education, the National Society undertook the provision of education in three rehabilitation and stimulation centres across Botswana, namely, Sefhare Stimulation Center in Sefhare, Tshimologo Stimulation Center in Francistown and the Tlamelong Rehabilitation Center in Tlokweng.

A total of 101 children living with disabilities were enrolled across the three centres. Tlamelong Rehabilitation Centre celebrated the graduation of 29 trainees with disabilities, marking a significant milestone in their journey to self-sufficiency. Among them, 12 specialized in textiles while 17 pursued horticulture. In addition to vocational training, the Tlamelong Centre offered healthcare support including sexual and reproductive health education and services, in partnership with other health actors.

Since the beginning of 2023, the Botswana Red Cross also provided physiotherapy to the elderly and people with disabilities across the country.

In partnership with the MasterCard Foundation, the National Society presented printers, printing supplies, and stationery to Mosi and Gathwane primary schools which have a combined population of 282 pupils. The goal of this partnership was to enhance the learning experience of disadvantaged students and contribute towards improving their learning outcomes.

As part of its [community engagement and accountability](#) (CEA) approach, the Botswana Red Cross Society continued to provide refresher training to its volunteers across the country before their deployment into communities. In June 2023, the IFRC programme manager for the SLL project visited Botswana to engage with the National Society and undertake a field visit to a project site. Furthermore, 197 community leaders and influencers comprising political, business, religious, and social media personalities were engaged to inform their communities about the COVID-19 vaccination.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided technical support to the National Society in conducting a training of trainers on protection, gender and inclusion (PGI) and psychological first aid.

The IFRC also supported the National Society through the IFRC [Capacity Building Fund](#) (CBF) which strengthened the activities related to sexual and gender-based violence.

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 Botswana 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 in the relevant sections of this plan.

Further, the Botswana Red Cross Society has a lead role in the risk communication and community engagement (RCCE) activities for IFRC's country cluster delegation in Pretoria. The IFRC has a delegate based in Botswana to support the National Society with any necessary coordination support.

With regards to participating National Societies, the **Netherlands Red Cross** will fund a two-year project on water innovation and management beginning in 2024.

Movement coordination

The Colombian 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 through its regional delegation in Pretoria aims to strengthen respect for and compliance with International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and international standards of policing. It also supports improvements in the capacity of National Red Cross Societies in the region to be first responders to natural and man-made disasters.

External coordination

The Botswana Red Cross has, over the years, developed strong partnerships with different stakeholders at national, regional, and international levels. It has a multisectoral partnership with government ministries and departments such as the Ministry of Health, Office of the President, National Disaster Management Office, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Affairs, as well as Ministry of Defence and Justice.

It also works with UN agencies including UNICEF and IOM in addition to organizations such as Mastercard Foundation and local organizations like Palms for Life, Botswana Council for the Disabled, Botswana Chamber of Mines, and Botswana Motor Vehicle Accident Fund.

During 2023, the Botswana Red Cross Society collaborated with various organizations and partners, both international and local, to implement activities. The National Society participated in regional coordination meetings through the Secretary-General, President and the Youth President. Through the SLL project, in which Botswana Red Cross Society partnered with the Mastercard Foundation and Africa CDC, significant progress was reported.



National Society development

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2023, the Botswana Red Cross Society's secretariat successfully executed the Constitution Implementation Plan, following the approval of the National Society's revised constitution in the 2022 Annual General Assembly. Through orientation sessions held in different locations, a total of 182 members were effectively oriented on the new constitution.

Over 13,000 volunteers and members of the National Society were capacitated and actively engaged in various programme activities. One youth member participated in the Regional Youth Leadership Academy in Africa, gathering 30 young leaders from Red Cross Red Crescent Societies from across the continent. The National Society's board members participated in regional meetings in Malawi and Zambia, while the Botswana Red Cross Society's Youth President was voted Southern Africa Youth Network Executives (SYANETE) President and Chairperson in Namibia.

Moreover, a total of 26 sub-branch elections were conducted, resulting in the successful election of seven branches. Two divisions (South and North) successfully conducted elections. A successful Annual General Meeting was held in Kang in December 2023, during which elections were conducted.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the National Society in carrying out the process of redefining its branches and branch structures. This included the National Society Development Plan and its [2021-2025 strategic plan](#), which is still valid and under implementation.

The IFRC also supported the National Society through the IFRC [Capacity Building Fund](#) (CBF) which technically and financially strengthened the Botswana Red Cross Society's project on prevention of sexual and gender-based violence. In partnership with the IFRC, the National Society conducted a two-day capacity building workshop on PGI and psychological first aid for National Society staff, government stakeholders, and NGO representatives.



Humanitarian diplomacy

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Botswana Red Cross Society, through its communications department, was featured in 33 times in various media platforms during 2023. The features occurred especially during the first and last quarters of the year, owing to the campaigns and events conducted by the National Society during that period. The Botswana Red Cross Society leveraged its auxiliary role to engage with media houses for its various campaigns. This was evident during World First Aid Day when the National Society was offered free slots on Botswana Television, Duma FM and Yarona, Meet the Boss on the Voice, just to mention a few.

In addition to traditional media, the Botswana Red Cross Society developed and shared key messages on various health, disaster risk, environment, and climate change issues using social media. The National Society's website was continuously updated with audience-centric content, including pictures and previous media coverage stories. The National Society's social media pages experienced growth.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC continued supporting and positioning the National Society in its efforts to promote [humanitarian diplomacy](#).



Accountability and agility (cross-cutting)

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Botswana Red Cross Society oriented all employees on the revised human resource policies, which were reviewed in 2022, thereby cultivating a culture of well-being in the workplace. During the reporting period, the National Society remained committed to staff development through the provision of training internally and in collaboration with other partners.

The National Society maintained its commitment to accountability and transparency to its donors and partners through financial reporting as per the donor requirements. Mastercard Foundation and Africa CDC audited the first year of implementation of the SLL project. Successful completion of this audit provided the Botswana Red Cross Society with recommendations which will further strengthen the financial and programmatic systems of the society.

As part of its [digital transformation](#), the National Society utilized the DHIS, Kobo Toolbox, and ODK information systems to manage and process data. The National Society has a server to assure data safety.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Botswana Red Cross Society to have a risk management framework in place. Further, IFRC's country cluster delegation continued to offer and respond to human resource queries, and the delegation has been having regular human resource meetings with the National Society.



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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 Botswana 2023 Financial Report](#)
- [IFRC Global Plan and 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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