



NEPAL

IFRC network mid-year report, January – June 2024

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IN SUPPORT OF THE NEPAL RED CROSS SOCIETY



68

National Society branches



155

National Society local units



122,559

National Society volunteers



2,757

National Society staff

PEOPLE REACHED



121,630

Climate and environment



50,106

Disasters and crises



95,810

Health and wellbeing



4,589

Migration and displacement



28,528

Values, power and inclusion

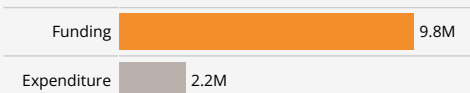
FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

in Swiss francs (CHF)

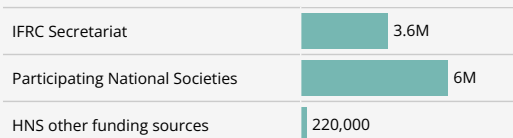
Country	Funding Requirement	12.3M
IFRC Secretariat	Longer-term Funding Requirement	3.1M
	Funding	Not reported
	Expenditure	Not reported
Participating National Societies	Funding Requirement	7.6M
	Funding	2.7M
	Expenditure	1.1M
HNS other funding sources	Funding Requirement	1.6M
	Funding	220,000

Nepal Red Cross Society

Overview



Funding Sources



Appeal number **MAANP001**

*Information on data scope and limitations is available on the back page

ONGOING EMERGENCY INDICATORS

MDRNP016 / Karnali Earthquake Operation

Number of people reached with shelter support.	28,000
Number of people reached with psychosocial and mental health services.	28,000
Number of people reached by National Societies with contextually appropriate health services.	22,000
Number of people reached by National Societies with contextually appropriate water, sanitation and hygiene services.	21,000
Number of people reached per year with support services, in-kind, cash and voucher assistance for emergency response and recovery.	21,000
Number of people reached by protection, gender and inclusion programming.	12,000
Number of formal interagency/international coordination platforms the IFRC Network is part of.	3
National Society reports that they have integrated and institutionalised Community Engagement and Accountability in their policies, operations, and procedures (with clear benchmarks).	Yes
National Society is participating in IFRC-led campaigns.	Yes
National Society is implementing nature-based solutions (including those with a particular focus on the planting of trees and mangroves).	Yes
National Society has strengthened their integrity risk mechanisms.	Yes
National Society has One National Society Development country plan created.	Yes
National Society has implemented a digital transformation roadmap in line with the IFRC strategy.	Yes
National Society has domestic advocacy strategies developed aligning, at least in part, with global IFRC advocacy strategies	Yes
National Society has created and implemented youth engagement strategies.	Yes
National Society has a PSEA Action Plan to enforce prevention and support survivors (cumulative).	Yes
National Society has a Protection of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) policy to enforce prevention and support survivors.	Yes
National Society has a 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
National Society develops and/or implements a strategy for strengthening their auxiliary role	Yes
National Society covers health, accident and death compensation for all of their volunteers.	Yes
Percentage of assistance delivered using cash and vouchers.	100%

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Climate and environment	National Society is implementing environmental or climate campaigns focused on behaviour change, plastic reduction or clean-ups.	Yes
	National Society is implementing nature-based solutions (including those with a particular focus on the planting of trees and mangroves).	Yes
	National Society is supported in developing and implementing strategies and plans that address rising climate and environmental risks.	Yes
	Number of people reached with activities to address environmental problems.	4,000
	Number of people reached with activities to address rising climate risks.	122,000
Disasters and crises	Number of people reached per year with support services, in-kind, cash and voucher assistance for emergency response and recovery.	50,000
	Number of people reached with disaster risk reduction.	23,000
	Number of people reached with shelter support.	40,000
	Percentage of assistance delivered using cash and vouchers.	100%
Health and wellbeing	Number of people reached by National Societies with contextually appropriate health services.	96,000
	Number of people reached by National Societies with contextually appropriate water, sanitation and hygiene services.	50,000
	Number of people trained by National Societies in first aid.	600
Migration and displacement	National Society has undertaken any advocacy, dialogues, educational or communication initiatives to change the legal, policy, or operational environment to better assist and protect people on the move.	Yes
	Number of migrants and displaced persons reached with services for assistance and protection.	5,000
Values, power and inclusion	National Society reports that they have integrated and institutionalised Community Engagement and Accountability in their policies, operations, and procedures (with clear benchmarks).	Yes
	Number of people reached by protection, gender and inclusion programming.	29,000

ENABLING FUNCTIONS

Strategic and operational coordination	National Society increases the number of government led platforms in which they are actively participating to achieve humanitarian or development goals.	0
	Number of formal interagency/international coordination platforms the IFRC Network is part of.	3
National Society development	National Society covers health, accident and death compensation for all of their volunteers.	Yes
	National Society develops and/or implements a strategy for strengthening their auxiliary role	Yes
	National Society has created and implemented youth engagement strategies.	Yes
	National Society has One National Society Development country plan created.	Yes
Humanitarian diplomacy	National Society has domestic advocacy strategies developed aligning, at least in part, with global IFRC advocacy strategies	Yes
	National Society is participating in IFRC-led campaigns.	0
Accountability and agility	National Society has a 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
	National Society has a Protection of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) policy to enforce prevention and support survivors.	Yes
	National Society has a PSEA Action Plan to enforce prevention and support survivors (cumulative).	Yes
	National Society has implemented a digital transformation roadmap in line with the IFRC strategy.	Yes
	National Society has strengthened their integrity risk mechanisms.	Yes

IFRC NETWORK SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

National Society	Funding Reported	Bilateral Support					Enabling Functions
		Climate and environment	Disasters and crises	Health and wellbeing	Migration and displacement	Values, power and inclusion	
American Red Cross	529,000		●				
British Red Cross		●	●	●	●	●	
Canadian Red Cross Society		●		●			
Danish Red Cross	2M	●	●	●		●	
Finnish Red Cross	58,000	●	●			●	
Irish Red Cross Society		●		●			
Italian Red Cross	118,000					●	
Japanese Red Cross Society		●	●			●	
Luxembourg Red Cross			●				
Qatar Red Crescent Society				●			
Red Cross Society of China			●	●		●	
Swiss Red Cross		●	●	●		●	

Total Funding Reported **CHF 2.7M**

OVERALL PROGRESS

Context

With a population of approximately [30.5 million](#), Nepal is a culturally diverse nation, encompassing a rich tapestry of ethnicities, cultures, languages and beliefs. Nepal is experiencing rapid urban growth, ranking among the fastest in South Asia, aligning with the Government's vision to attain middle-income status by 2030. According to the Human Development Index ([HDI](#)) report 2023, Nepal is placed 146 out of 189 countries. Despite the provision of constitutional and legal rights, factors such as power relation, ethnicity, physical access, and digital divide are still barriers for equitable economic development, particularly for women.

According to the multi-dimensional poverty index ([MPI](#)) of 2021, 4.9 million Nepalis were multi-dimensionally poor, indicating the need for interventions in nutrition, child mortality, and education. The country is facing a sharp inflation driven by the global trends of increased energy and transportation costs. Over the last few years, Nepal has undergone dynamic and unprecedented political and economic transitions following the promulgation of the Constitution in 2015.

The country continues to recover from the effects of earthquake which struck the Jajarkot district, resulting in widespread destruction of lives and properties. Nepal is a country prone to earthquake and its impacts pose a huge challenge for the most vulnerable people in the country already coping with low socioeconomic indicators.

Key achievements

Climate and environment

In the first half of 2024, the Nepal Red Cross Society reached over 120,000 people through climate-smart programming and climate change adaptation initiatives. Key achievements include supporting [early warning systems](#) at local levels, collaborating with ICIMOD to adapt flood forecasting models, and conducting environmental assessments to improve community resilience in flood-prone areas. The National Society also promoted environment-friendly practices, reaching 3,500 people, and launched youth-led climate action campaigns. Additionally, it implemented municipal heat action plans, [nature-based solutions](#), and built capacity through training programmes for staff and volunteers at all levels.

Disasters and crises

In the first half of 2024, the Nepal Red Cross Society implemented community risk reduction projects in 21 districts, engaging communities in multi-hazard assessments, [early warning system strengthening](#), and risk reduction planning. The National Society provided emergency shelter, [cash support](#), and essential items to earthquake-affected families while working with government bodies to integrate disaster risk reduction into local development. It also supported disaster risk governance with a newly approved municipal assessment tool and continued policy engagement through platforms such as the 3rd National Dialogue on Anticipatory Action, advocating for national frameworks on [anticipatory actions](#).

Health and wellbeing

In this reporting period, the Nepal Red Cross Society expanded its health services, collaborating with the Ministry of Health and Population to respond to a measles outbreak and strengthen local healthcare capacity. It promoted evidence-based [community health practices](#), enhanced [first aid](#) and psychosocial training, and supported water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) initiatives by building sanitation infrastructure and conducting sanitation campaigns. The National Society integrated disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation into WASH programmes and prepositioned emergency WASH supplies across the country, contributing to the government's total sanitation goals.

Migration and displacement

During this reporting period, the Nepal Red Cross Society focused on risk communication through mediums such as radio, street drama, social media and others. The National Society disseminated information on safe migration, anti-trafficking and access to services. The Nepal Red Cross Society has also focused on the families who were displaced by earthquake, landslides and floods by providing services.

Values, power and inclusion

In the first half of 2024, the Nepal Red Cross Society enhanced youth leadership through training and community activities, including road safety, monsoon response, and climate action initiatives. Its youth volunteers also led blood donation, cleaning, and sanitary pad-making campaigns. The National Society strengthened safeguarding mechanisms with reporting systems for sexual exploitation and abuse and provided support for survivors of gender-based violence. Assistive devices were given to people with disabilities and financial support was offered through the Sathi Sahayog Kosh fund. [Community engagement and accountability](#) were institutionalized through capacity-building activities and feedback mechanisms integrated into response operations, including the Karnali earthquake appeal.

Enabling local actors

In the first half of 2024, the Nepal Red Cross Society continued high-level advocacy for the Red Cross Law and engaged stakeholders on governance transition and statute renewal. It completed provincial planning workshops for the localization of its strategic plan and conducted capacity assessments in district chapters. The National Society focused on enhancing its visibility through the Paribartak campaign on climate action and humanitarian diplomacy efforts, including media outreach. It also focused on digitizing its operations, including emergency response and blood services, and participated in the global crisis data bank project to improve its disaster response capabilities.

IFRC NETWORK ACTION

ONGOING EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Emergency Appeal name	Nepal: Earthquake Emergency Appeal
IFRC Emergency Appeal code	MDRNP016
People affected	250,000
People to be assisted	50,000
Duration	07/11/2023 to 31/12/2024
Funding requirements	Funding requirement through the IFRC Appeal: CHF 5 million Federation-wide funding requirement: CHF 7 M
Emergency Appeal	Nepal Earthquake Emergency Appeal
Operational Strategy	Nepal Earthquake Operational Strategy
Latest operations update	Operations Update No. 3

On November 3, 2023, a magnitude 6.4 earthquake struck Jajarkot district, resulting in widespread destruction of lives and properties. The disaster claimed 157 lives and left hundreds injured across 11 districts, with Jajarkot and Rukum West being the hardest hit. According to the National Emergency Operation Centre (NEOC), approximately 35,321 households (176,605 people) were affected. This number is increasing as assessments are ongoing. An estimated 250,000 people have been exposed to hazards and are at risk.

This is a largest earthquake to impact Nepal since the 7.3 magnitude earthquake in 2015 and the latest one to hit western Nepal in the past year since November 2022. The impact of the earthquake is expected to be hugely challenging for the most vulnerable in the area, which is already coping with low socioeconomic indicators. Additionally, districts like Jajarkot experience seasonal migration of men to India while the women, children, and elderly are left behind.

Through this Federation-wide Emergency Appeal, the IFRC and member National Societies aim to support the Nepal Red Cross Society in responding to extremely severe effects of Earthquake Karnali. The Nepal Red Cross-led operation aims to assist 50,000 people during a one-year time period.

Short description of the emergency operational strategy

The strategy of the operation is to support the immediate humanitarian needs and recovery of people affected by Earthquake Karnali, especially in the regions of Jajarkot and Rukum West. The primary goal of the Nepal Red Cross response operation is to meet the urgent needs of around 10,000 families (50,000 people) impacted by the earthquake, particularly in the hardest-hit districts of Rukum West, Salyan and Jajarkot. The targeted individuals will be supported through an integrated approach, aiming to meet shelter, WASH, health, as well as protection interventions.

As of June 2024, the National Society has provided emergency assistance to more than 5,000 families. During this period, approximately 23,000 people were provided with mental health and psychosocial support services. Similarly, the National Society distributed about 9,000 dignity kits to women of reproductive age, 4,500 kishori kits distributed to adolescent girls, and distributed 580 solar lamps. Additionally, the National Society reached out to 600 vulnerable households with conditional cash grant for temporary shelter construction integrated with toilet construction and water storage tank installation.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Climate and environment

Communities and Red Cross and Red Crescent (RCRC) staff and volunteers undertake urgent action to adapt to the rising and evolving risks from the climate and environmental crises

Progress by the National Society against objectives

During this reporting period, the Nepal Red Cross Society reached more than 120,000 people through climate smart programming and climate change adaptation-related initiatives. The National Society plays an important role in adapting and contributing towards the Early Warning for All initiatives at the national level led the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority. The National Society supported the establishment and strengthening of early warning system at the local level. It also developed SOPs with training and orientations at provincial and local levels for institutionalizing early warning systems.

In collaboration with local authorities, the Nepal Red Cross Society conducted environmental assessments and developed tools such as the enhanced vulnerability and capacity assessment (EVCA) for capacity and vulnerability assessments to visualize potential flood impacts in real time for the Karnali and Babai River Basins. The National Society partnered with ICIMOD to adapt weather and flood forecasting models for flash floods. Moreover, a scoping study was conducted in two districts to develop and implement the localized framework for the multi-hazard early warning system in Panchthar and flash flood modelling for anticipatory actions in Morang district. The National Society is also supporting several cities to develop and implement municipal heat action plans. Withing this reporting period too, the Nepal Red Cross Society is implementing a youth-led climate action campaign and has initiated a nature-based solution project.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provides technical and financial support to the Nepal Red Cross Society in its efforts under climate environment. Components such as the early warning systems, nature-based solutions, green response, and partnerships at the local and national levels are supported by the IFRC.

IFRC Secretariat and National Societies adopt environmentally sustainable practices and contribute to climate change mitigation

Progress by the National Society against objectives

As part of its community-based programming, the Nepal Red Cross Society reached more than 3500 people with the promotion of environment-friendly practices. This includes positive livelihood practices, segregation of disposable and non-disposable wastages and conservation of water resources. Youth volunteers also carried out awareness and advocacy campaigns for reducing, reusing and recycling of waste products including plastic waste.

Additionally, the National Society has localized its policy and framework and simultaneously built the capacity of staff and volunteers at all levels. In this regard, climate smart programming and nature-based solution training was conducted for staff and volunteers.

IFRC network joint support

The **IFRC** provided support to the National Society's efforts in adopting environmentally sustainable practices to climate change mitigation. It focused on decreasing its environmental footprint through the adoption of climate-friendly practices.

The **British Red Cross** and **Finnish Red Cross** supported the National Society with nature-based solutions. The ongoing formulation of a climate and environment policy and framework is expected to support more understanding and unified approach across all levels and sectors in the National Society.



Disasters and crises

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

Between January to June 2024, an IFRC disaster response emergency fund (DREF) was activated for floods in Nepal.

NAME OF OPERATION	Simplified Early Action Protocol for Flood
MDR-CODE	MDRNP017
EARLY ACTION TIMEFRAME	48 hours
FUNDING ALLOCATION	CHF 28,736
PEOPLE TARGETED	5,454
DREF OPERATION DOCUMENT	Nepal – Floods EAP

The DREF allocation of CHF 28,736 in June 2024 supported the Nepal Red Cross Society to assist approximately 5,000 people who are situated in the vicinity of rivers. With the Babai and West Rapti river basins expected to surpass the danger limits 6.8 and 7.8 respectively, the National Society supported vulnerable people with planned interventions such as the distribution of relief items, management of existing evacuation sites, distribution of WASH kits, among others.

Communities take action to increase their resilience to evolving and multiple shocks and hazards

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Nepal Red Cross Society has been implementing community risk reduction/resilience projects in 21 districts. Community people have been engaged to carry out multi-hazard risk assessment, early warning system strengthening, risk reduction plan development, small-scale mitigation work, emergency fund establishment, and capacity building exercises. The National Society is also working with government bodies and promoting community-based disaster risk reduction initiatives into government-level development works.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided technical and financial support to the Nepal Red Cross Society in its efforts to increase community resilience to evolving and multiple shocks and hazards.

The **American Red Cross**, **British Red Cross**, **Danish Red Cross**, **Finnish Red Cross**, the **Japanese Red Cross Society** and **Swiss Red Cross** provided support to the National Society for disaster risk reduction projects in 21 districts.

People affected by crises and disaster have their needs met through access to in-kind assistance and support that is timely, adequate and flexible and strengthens their agency

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Nepal Red Cross Society reached more than 7,000 people affected by the 2023 earthquake through interventions such as the provision of emergency shelter items, conditional cash for transitional shelter integrated with toilet and water storage tank, unconditional multi-purpose cash grant, health, WASH and protection, protection, gender and inclusion (PGI) interventions. In parallel, the relief phase of the response to the 2023 earthquake in Karnali Province ended in April 2024.

Under shelter assistance for those affected, the National Society identified immediate needs on the ground and supported approximately 840 households to meet their needs through transitional shelters in the Fat West and Karnali Province. Through a coordinated criteria development and beneficiary selection, vulnerable families were identified and support with cash grants. In the area of food security and livelihoods, the National Society provided multiple purpose cash to support families to manage their immediate food needs. A post distribution monitoring survey showed that 54 per cent of families used the cash support to purchase food. The National Society also supported families through non-food relief items distribution. In the multi-purpose cash grant initiative, the National Society supported more than 4,800 households that incurred heavy damage from the earthquake.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Nepal Red Cross Society in its efforts to provide immediate humanitarian relief assistance to those affected by the 2023 earthquake. This support included the provision of emergency shelter items, cash assistance, WASH and protection and PGI interventions.



Nepal Red Cross Society continues to reach communities with health promotion messages. (Photo: Nepal Red Cross Society)

National Societies respond effectively to the wide spectrum of evolving crises and disasters, and their auxiliary role in disaster risk management is well defined and recognized

Progress by the National Society against objectives

As of June 2024, the National Society, under this objective, has developed information management system to collect, analyse and support data-driven decision making. The National Society updated monsoon preparedness and response plan guides the stockpiling of non-food relief items at strategic locations. The emergency operation centre at National Society headquarters is primarily response for information management and leading response and support for district chapters.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supports the Nepal Red Cross Society in its efforts to enhance its preparedness and response. This includes the development of a roster of trained human resources for timely mobilization during emergencies. As an integral part of IFRC-wide preparedness, the monsoon preparedness and response has been updated in all seven provinces and headquarters. The IFRC also supports the National Society's emergency operation centre which is engaged in response system strengthening and coordinating response operations.

National Societies expand their leadership in the field of Disaster Law

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In this report, the Nepal Red Cross Society continued policy engagement with government authorities through various dialogue platforms. According to the Constitution of Nepal, provincial and municipal authorities have the mandate to develop local level disaster risk reduction and management-related laws, policies and strategies. Through its auxiliary role, the National Society has been actively engaged and supported local authorities for development and rolling out of disaster risk management regulatory frameworks.

The municipal disaster risk governance assessment tool has been approved by the Government of Nepal in March 2024. The tool is an easy-to-use checklist and self-assessment framework to support more risk-informed municipal regulations, policies and systems, and aids in assessing capacities, gaps, needs and opportunities for disaster risk governance and more. Additionally, in this reporting period, the National Society held the 3rd National Dialogue on Anticipatory Action in Kathmandu where the National Society showcased its learnings and experiences on anticipatory actions and advocated for anticipatory action national frameworks to be formulated by the government.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supports the Nepal Red Cross Society's efforts in strengthening its engagement in the field of Disaster Law. This includes efforts such as actively engaging and providing inputs in the local disaster and climate response frameworks. The IFRC also supported the National Society in hosting the national dialogue on heatwave to reduce the impact of heatwaves and promote indigenous practices at the community level. A subsequent heat action day was held in July to raise awareness about the risks of extreme heat.



Health and wellbeing

National Societies capitalize on their auxiliary role to ensure their position on relevant country level public health strategy, advocacy and policy platforms and mechanisms

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The National Society is extending its health service programmes to contribute to the government's priority of providing quality health services. The National Society has collaborated with the Ministry of Health and Population (MoHP) and with international organizations to conduct outbreak response immunization following the measles outbreak in more than nine districts of Nepal. The Nepal Red Cross Society supported the Government to review training manuals and guidelines related to rapid response while also involved in capacity building of rapid response team across the country.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provides support to the Nepal Red Cross Society in the development of health policy, strategy, and operational plan to ensure that the capitalizes on its auxiliary role. It provides technical guidance related to coordination mechanisms to enhance its role on relevant platforms.

The **British Red Cross** has been supporting the National Society in basic life support and primary trauma care training.

The **Canadian Red Cross** supported the National Society in the development of health policy, strategy, and operational plan.

The health and wellbeing of communities are protected and improved through access to sustainable, affordable, appropriate, and quality health services across the life course

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Nepal Red Cross Society has been coordinating with health authorities at all levels to enhance the capacity of local healthcare providers as part of health system strengthening. During this period, the capacities of networks and local committees such as the health facility operation management committee, water, sanitation and hygiene coordination committee, and climate change adaptation have been strengthened.

The National Society has been promoting and establishing evidence-based working practices in community health service delivery. It has contextualized enhanced community-based health and first aid (CBHFA) guidelines to the Nepalese context. It is also promoting first aid training as a resource generation activity.

IFRC network joint support

The **IFRC** has provided technical and financial support to the Nepal Red Cross Society in its efforts to enhance community-based health through targeted interventions.

The health and dignity of communities in emergencies are maintained by providing access to appropriate health services

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Nepal Red Cross Society has been working on enhancing health emergency response capacity through psychosocial first aid (PFA) training. The Jajarkot earthquake recovery programme organized stress management and self-care event. The National Society also provides a promotion first aid programme as a resource generation scheme. During the reporting period, six training sessions were organized which benefitted approximately 180 people. The National Society is also convening Red Cross emergency clinics in the areas affected by disasters or emergencies in a complete package or on modular basis.

IFRC network joint support

The **IFRC** provided technical guidance to the Nepal Red Cross Society in the provision of healthcare services.

The **British Red Cross** and the **Swiss Red Cross** contributed to enhancing the capacity of community people through various activities such as disaster response planning, local level planning process, among others.

Communities have increased access to affordable, appropriate, and environmentally sustainable water, sanitation and hygiene services

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Nepal Red Cross Society has been adapting to new methodologies in providing its water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services to communities. To achieve the total sanitation goal of the Government, the National Society has contributed through the formation of WASH coordination committee, development of WASH plan, capacity building around WASH, among others. The National Society is also working to achieve the WASH-related goals by constructing child gender disabled-friendly institutional toilets, washing stations, drinking water schemes and more. The National Society is integrating the disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation in WASH programming at all levels and, within this reporting period, conducted various capacity building training for the staff and volunteers.

IFRC network joint support

The **IFRC** provided support to the Nepal Red Cross Society in its water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) programmes planned for 2024.

The **British Red Cross**, **Danish Red Cross**, and the **Korean Red Cross** supported the National Society's WASH programmes.

Communities at risk from pandemics and epidemics have increased access to affordable, appropriate, and environmentally

Progress by the National Society against objectives

During this reporting period, the Nepal Red Cross Society deployed its pool of trained people to respond effectively to disasters. Emergency WASH has been established as one of the strong pillars during the response phase of disasters. The Nepal Red Cross Society has prepositioned hygiene kits, squatting plate, aqua tabs, buckets, rapid toilet sets in strategic warehouses throughout the country. While it has been implementing climate smart WASH programmes in more than 26 districts, the National Society is also conducting sanitation campaigns in districts.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided support to the National Society in interventions such as dengue control and prevention activities. It has been supporting the National Society to increase WASH access in the communities.



Migration and displacement

Migrants and displaced persons have access to humanitarian assistance and protection at key points along migratory routes as well as access to durable solutions when appropriate

Progress by National Society against objectives

At the national level, the Nepal Red Cross Society has been focusing on risk communication through mediums such as radio, street drama, social media, among others. The information disseminated included safe migration, anti-trafficking and access to services. The Nepal Red Cross Society has also focused on the families who were displaced by earthquake, landslides and floods by providing basic lifeline services.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supports the National Society's efforts in collaborating with its partners to share information, organize various days/events related to migration and supports the National Society's objectives in service provision for migrants.

The ICRC provides support to the National Society in restoring family link services.



Values, power and inclusion

National Societies contribute to a positive change in communities through a wider understanding, ownership and concrete application of humanitarian values and fundamental principles, focusing especially on young people's knowledge, skills and behaviour

Progress by National Society against objectives

The Nepal Red Cross Society has been implementing youth-led leadership capacity enhancement initiatives. The activities include plan development, youth leadership initiatives and participation of youth in the capacity building training and other initiatives. In addition, the youth are mobilized in various activities such as road safety, monsoon response climate actions, among others.

The National Society's junior and youth Red Cross department is providing various technical support for conducting various training such as first aid and others in their respective schools and colleges. They are also active in organizing blood donation campaigns in the country and undertake initiatives such as cleaning campaigns, sanitary pad making initiatives, among others. The youth department is proactively engaged in coordinating with the local government to promote the Y-ADAPT initiatives at the local level.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided support to the Nepal Red Cross Society in the Partibartak campaign and Y-ADAPT training for National Society youth volunteers.

The **Italian Red Cross** provided support to the National Society in the Paribartak campaign and [Y-ADAPT](#) training.

IFRC and National Societies are safe and inclusive organizations, where ensuring dignity, access, participation, and safety for people of all identities is central to all that we do

Progress by National Society against objectives

The Nepal Red Cross Society continues to create awareness among staff and volunteers on safe and inclusive programming. The National Society safeguarding mechanisms has been developed and is in practice with a dedicated safe call for protection from sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) reporting. Sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) and other referral support was provided to the people in need as part of the Karnali earthquake response operation, while child-friendly spaces were also established. Additionally, assistive devices were provided to people with disabilities in earthquake-affected areas.

The National Society's Sathi Sahayog Kosh fund provides financial support to people with disabilities, people with chronic diseases, poor and marginalized and survivors of SGBV.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the National Society in implementing protection, gender and inclusion ([PGI](#)) initiatives and activities in various parts of the country.

The **British Red Cross** supports the National Society in institutionalizing safeguarding mechanisms.

People and communities, vulnerable to and affected by crises, are empowered to influence decisions affecting them and trust the RCRC to serve their best interest

Progress by National Society against objectives

As part of the community engagement and accountability institutionalization, the Nepal Red Cross Society is implementing various [CEA](#) capacity-building activities country-wide. The behaviour changes communication guidelines endorsed by the National Society is being disseminated. Additionally, the National Society conducted training of trainers on BCC at the district and provincial levels. The feedback handling guideline, CEA mainstreaming guide has been endorsed by the National Society.

The CEA aspect is well integrated in the response operations including the Karnali earthquake appeal. As of June 2024, more than 1,500 feedback was received through hotline, social media, and face-to-face interaction with the staff and volunteers.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC is providing support to the Nepal Red Cross Society in its integration and institutionalization of the community engagement and accountability ([CEA](#)) and protection, gender and inclusion ([PGI](#)) aspects into its programmes.

The **Danish Red Cross** is supporting the National Society in the development of a CEA comprehensive toolkit.

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 Department of Urban Development and Building Construction (DUDBC) under the Ministry of Urban Development is the leading shelter cluster in Nepal and the IFRC represents as co-lead of the cluster coordination in Nepal. IFRC continued to support one shelter cluster coordinator within the National Society Disaster Management Department who ensured day-to-day coordination and engagement with the cluster lead and members which also contributed to wider HCT-coordinated mechanisms such as preparation of annual Emergency Response Plan for monsoon as well as supporting the provincial cluster activation and taking a proactive role in the Government-led temporary shelter programming following the disaster. The DUDBC cluster coordination team has worked collectively with IFRC and cluster members, prepared an annual response and preparedness plan for 2024, and submitted it to NDRRMA for consolidation.

Movement coordination

The Nepal 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](#).

In Nepal, the ICRC continues to address the consequences of the internal conflict that ended in 2006, and helps people affected by unrest. It supports the Nepal Red Cross Society, local government and other bodies to boost their emergency capacities and promotes international humanitarian law. The ICRC carries out most of its work in coordination with the National Society. Nepal is covered by the ICRC regional delegation in India.

External coordination

The Nepal Red Cross Society continued to engage with the Government as well as external partners in key technical areas including the Community Based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM) Platform and the Community of Practice on Anticipatory Action. In the field of health, ongoing dialogue continues in blood transfusion as well as with pre-hospital care with the Health Emergency Operation Centre (HEOC) engaging in nation-wide assessment of capacities.

IFRC also continued its regular engagement in the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) mechanisms together with NRCS colleagues (including in co-leading the shelter cluster and taking part in both cash and RCCE working groups). The National Society secured significant funding from the United Nations (WHO/UNICEF) to support measles vaccination campaign, building on the success of the COVID response in the field of community engagement and risk communication. The earthquake responses in the Far-West were also widely coordinated with national and local authorities while the dengue operation launched in June 2023 ensured engagement with health authorities and municipalities.

New partnerships were also explored during the reporting period, including with WWF and the Nepal Trust for Nature Conservation (NTNC), transferring partnership into joint programming of nature-based solutions. In addition, the National Society has developed capacity building plan focusing on digitization and strengthening donor engagement in relation to blood services.



National Society development

The IFRC network is a network of relevant local organizations who are the trusted partners of choice for local humanitarian action with the capabilities to act in the global network

Progress by the National Society against objectives

During this reporting period, the ongoing high-level advocacy towards a Red Cross Law for the country continues. The Government of Nepal established a committee in 2023 to accelerate the law-making process. Ongoing governance transition, elections as well as renewal of the National Society statutes were also discussed with all concerned

stakeholders. At the same time, the process towards the localization of the National Society strategic plan and National Society development consolidated plans continued with planning workshops now completed in the seven provinces. Following the workshops, the plans are now completed and are being used to engage with provincial authorities and stakeholders.

The National Society carried out the branch organizational capacity assessment (BOCA) in Rupandehi and Jumla district chapters where their operational plans were prepared.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided support to the National Society's planning, monitoring, evaluation and reporting unit to digitalize its data on volunteers and members. Other aspects of National Society development work include the local branch development and providing technical guidance on ways to streamline support across the Membership.

The **Finnish Red Cross** is supported the National Society development and youth components work of the National Society through the REDI project.

The IFRC network prioritizes volunteering development and youth action as critical catalysts of behavioural change and local action, ensuring access and nurturing trust in all contexts

Progress by the National Society against objectives

Volunteering development and youth action continued to be prioritized in 2024 in line with the recommendations and priorities highlighted in the National Society's consolidated National Society development plan. A key engagement in 2024 has been the continuation of the Paribartak campaign focusing on climate action.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided support to the Nepal Red Cross Society in its initiatives to prioritize volunteering development and youth action.

With the support of the **Danish Red Cross**, the National Society selected two youth volunteers to participate in the youth exchange programme and implement the youth and livelihoods initiative.



Humanitarian diplomacy

Progress of the National Society against objectives

The Nepal Red Cross Society, under its humanitarian diplomacy initiatives, conducted events and operations to increase the shared visibility of the Red Cross in the country. Some of the National Society's efforts in this reporting period include infographic developed related to the Karnali earthquake, exposure story related to the earthquake, volunteer mobilization, and other social media initiatives to garner visibility for the National Society.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC continued to promote the National Society's action and image with the diplomatic community in Nepal, donors, authorities, and other key external audiences. The IFRC is also supporting the National Society in key strategic policy advocacy efforts, including on Red Cross Law, inclusive anticipatory action, nature-based solutions and youth engagement.



Accountability and agility (cross-cutting)

The IFRC network works as a global accountable network

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The IFRC is fostering a risk management culture with a clear objective to improve accountability by ensuring all administration and financial procedures are in place with IFRC continuously updating and revising these systems

to ensure compliance by all the relevant staff. Specific compliance training was conducted in districts where the temporary operational modality was put in place by IFRC in the context of National Society transition.

Constant efforts have been put to ensure that financial resources are safeguarded, quality financial and administrative support is provided for efficient operations and ensuring effective use of assets, and timely quality financial reporting to stakeholders. Additionally, the financial system has been migrated to enterprise resource planning from June 2024.

Other areas of interventions to increase accountability include induction training on new HR platform, IT support, safety and security alerts, and radio checks.

The IFRC network undergoes a digital transformation

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Nepal Red Cross Society is part of the global crisis data bank project and has identified key priorities such as having a functioning emergency operations centre, linking its initial rapid assessment process with the other portal as well as digitalize its stocks of relief items and response teams. As part of its digitizing blood services initiative, the National Society submitted a proposal for the Capacity Building Fund ([CBF](#)).

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided support to the National Society in its digitalization initiatives with support under key areas such as through the IFRC capacity building fund ([CBF](#)) and providing the National Society a minimal financial contribution to digitalize their members, volunteers and relief item stocks.



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DATA SCOPE AND LIMITATIONS

- **Timeframe and alignment:** The reporting timeframe for this overview is covering the period from 1 January to 30 June 2024. However, due to the diversity of the IFRC and differences in fiscal years, this coverage may not fully align for some National Societies. Mid-year reporting data may have been based on estimations, with plans to submit more robust numbers at the annual reporting stage.
- **Financial overview:** This overview consolidates data reported by the National Society and its IFRC network partners, as well as data extracted from IFRC's financial systems. All reported figures should include the administrative and operational costs of the different entities. The financial data with a light grey background is solely reported by the National Society, including the funding sources. Financial reporting is often times estimated depending on availability of financial figures, closing of financial periods, and may be incomplete. "Not reported" could sometimes mean "not applicable".
- **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

- The financial report for the Nepal IFRC network mid-year report is not yet available. For information on the ongoing emergencies for the period January to June 2024, see: [MDRNP017](#).
- [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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