



# ALBANIA

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## IN SUPPORT OF THE ALBANIAN RED CROSS



39

National Society branches



40

National Society local units



2,750

National Society volunteers



53

National Society staff

## PEOPLE REACHED

Climate and environment



21,000

Disasters and crises



25,000

Health and wellbeing



77,400

Migration and displacement



225

Values, power and inclusion



20,000

## FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

in Swiss francs (CHF)

Country	Funding Requirement	2M
IFRC Secretariat	Emergency Operations	Funding: 50,000 Expenditure: 50,000
	Longer-term	Funding Requirement: 741,000
Participating National Societies	Funding Requirement	164,000
	Funding	42,000
	Expenditure	42,000
HNS other funding sources	Funding Requirement	1.1M
	Funding	905,000

### Albanian Red Cross

Overview

Funding	1.8M
Expenditure	1.1M

Funding Sources

IFRC Secretariat	741,000
Participating National Societies	164,000
HNS other funding sources	905,000

Appeal number **MAAAL003**

## STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Climate and environment	People reached with activities to address environmental problems	21,000
	People reached with heatwave risk reduction, preparedness or response activities	15,000
Disasters and crises	People reached per year with support services, in-kind, cash and voucher assistance for emergency response and recovery	2,000
	People reached with disaster risk reduction	25,000
	People reached with livelihoods support	20,000
	People reached with shelter support	2,000
Health and wellbeing	People donating blood	5,000
	People reached by National Societies with contextually appropriate water, sanitation and hygiene services	1,000
	People reached with psychosocial and mental health services	2,000
	People trained by National Societies in first aid	77,000
Migration and displacement	Migrants and displaced persons reached with services for assistance and protection	225
Values, power and inclusion	People reached by protection, gender and inclusion programming	3,000
	People reached by RCRC educational programmes	20,000

## ENABLING FUNCTIONS

Strategic and operational coordination	Number of formal interagency/international coordination platforms the IFRC Network is part of	3
	Number of government led coordination platforms the National Society is part of	2
National Society development	One National Society Development plan in place	Yes
	Strategy for strengthening the auxiliary role developed or implemented	Yes
	Youth engagement strategy developed or in place	Yes
Humanitarian diplomacy	Participation in IFRC-led communication campaigns	Yes
Accountability and agility	National Society have strengthened their integrity and reputational risk mechanisms	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
Austrian Red Cross		●						✓
British Red Cross								✓
Canadian Red Cross Society								✓
Italian Red Cross	126,000							

Total Funding Reported **CHF 126,000**

# OVERALL PROGRESS

## Context

Albania is classified as a middle-income country and became an official candidate for accession to the European Union in 2014. As of 2021, the [population](#) of Albania was approximately 2.8 million people. However, projections suggest a decline to 2.7 million by 2030 and further to 2.3 million by 2050. This population decline results from falling birth rates and emigration of younger generations. This trend is common across the Central and South-Eastern Europe (CSEE) region to varying degrees and represents a significant threat to future prosperity and security.

Additionally, it is projected that the population aged 65 and older will increase from 15 percent to 26 percent between 2020 and 2050. Around 200,000 older people, constituting roughly 50 percent of the 65+ population, live in rural and often remote areas. With the decline of traditional family structures and the high migration of younger family members, many older people are left isolated with little social interaction. In addition to social isolation, many older individuals face financial struggles. Those living alone in rural areas are particularly vulnerable, often lacking access to formal long-term care, whether residential or home-based.

Economic and social inequality in Albania has widened and diversified significantly. The economy faced two major shocks within a short period: a severe earthquake in November 2019, which resulted in 51 fatalities and substantial economic damage estimated at about 6.7 percent of the country's GDP, and the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, which brought strict lockdown measures, especially in the first half of 2020. These events led to the first recession in Albania in over two decades, with the economy contracting by 3.4 percent compared to a pre-pandemic predicted growth of 3.5 percent.

According to the [International Monetary Fund](#), Albania's poverty rate is among the highest in the Western Balkans, while its social protection coverage is one of the lowest. Economic growth is expected to decelerate to 3.2 percent in 2022 under the baseline scenario. Inclusion remains a significant challenge, particularly since more than half of the [impoverished population](#) is inactive or unemployed, with individuals in remote areas frequently facing total exclusion.

Due to a combination of political, geographic, and social factors, Albania is vulnerable to climate change impacts, ranked 80 out of 185 countries in the 2023 [ND-GAIN Index](#). Infrastructure needs and poverty in rural areas exacerbate its vulnerability to various natural hazards, including hydro-meteorological hazards like floods, droughts, forest fires, and landslides. The country is also at high risk for geophysical hazards such as earthquakes. Changes in climate, particularly the frequency of extreme weather events and temperature fluctuations, are expected to significantly impact the country's key sectors, economy, and population.

Like other Western Balkan countries, Albania has been affected by mixed population flows, influenced not only by socio-economic factors but also by global conflicts. The number of irregular migrants apprehended in Albania is increasing each year, while there is generally an insufficient number of border and migration officers, reception centre personnel and asylum officials to manage the rising number of arrivals and asylum requests.

## Key achievements

### Climate and environment

The Albanian Red Cross is pursuing a simplified [early action protocol](#) for heat waves and organized workshops in 2023 with local branches and various agencies to focus on early warning and response. Additionally, during record-high temperatures in July, volunteers distributed water and informative leaflets to vulnerable individuals in severely affected areas, raising awareness about heat wave prevention and safety.

### Disasters and crises

The Albanian Red Cross collaborated closely with governmental authorities on disaster preparedness and response, playing a key role in the newly approved National Civil Protection Plan and contributing to the national Disaster Risk Reduction strategy. With funding from Zurich Insurance, the Flood Resilience Alliance 2.0 project has enhanced resilience in six communities, leading to infrastructure improvements and the establishment of community response teams. The Albanian Red Cross also maintained community feedback mechanisms, conducted regular training for

staff and volunteers, and set up an operational emergency centre to coordinate effectively with governmental and neighbouring Red Cross societies. Additionally, workshops and simulation exercises were organized to improve disaster response coordination and efficiency.

### Health and wellbeing

The Albanian Red Cross supported vulnerable populations through a coordinated approach in health and care services, implementing nationwide projects to improve living standards and empower targeted groups. The National Society also offered vocational training for women and girls in disadvantaged situations, relief assistance to families in need and educational sessions on health topics for students. Through initiatives like Strengthening Volunteering in First Aid and Disaster Response, local branches improved its capabilities in [first aid](#) and the community has shown strong support for blood donation efforts.

### Migration and displacement

The Albanian Red Cross supported migrants and displaced persons by providing humanitarian assistance and protection along key migratory routes, as well as facilitating durable solutions when possible. The National Society delivered relief assistance to migrants and offered family reunification services to individuals. To further enhance its impact, the Albanian Red Cross is working to strengthen collaboration with local and national authorities and other organizations to improve the coordination and delivery of humanitarian support for migrants.

### Values, power and inclusion

The Albanian Red Cross focused on raising public awareness and building community resilience by equipping members with essential knowledge and skills for emergencies. It integrated [community engagement and accountability](#) at both headquarters and branch levels, reaching over 100 at-risk communities with awareness campaigns about the Red Cross principles and International Humanitarian Law. The National Society directly assisted more than 1,000 older individuals and people with disabilities, provided educational support to at-risk children, and addressed social isolation through remote psychosocial support and psycho-educational sessions for women.

### Enabling local actors

The Albanian Red Cross developed updated volunteer management guidelines to support local branches, engaging children and young people in education programmes to strengthen humanitarian values and voluntary service. In 2023, a [cash and voucher assistance \(CVA\)](#) self-assessment workshop in Tirana evaluated the National Society's capacity and progress, leading to a new CVA plan for 2024. The Albanian Red Cross is also prioritizing the development of planning, monitoring, evaluation, and reporting (PMER) systems, with training for staff and volunteers to strengthen internal structures.

## IFRC NETWORK ACTION

### STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



### Climate and environment

#### Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Albanian Red Cross is preparing for an increase in operations and disasters of varying nature due to climate change, which will place greater demands on its capacities. The National Society is adapting risk-reduction activities and [early warning](#) procedures to address changing hazards, ensuring effective communication to those at risk as they recover from more frequent, intense, or unfamiliar disasters. Immediate action is necessary for Red Cross staff, volunteers, and affected communities to adapt to the escalating risks associated with climate and environmental crises.

The Albanian Red Cross is committed to building long-term resilience against climate-related disasters. This includes applying for a simplified [early action protocol](#) in response to heat waves. In 2023, the National Society organized three workshops focused on early warning, early action and alert hub, bringing together local branches and representatives from the National Agency of Civil Protection, the Institute of Geosciences, the Institute of Public Health, and GIZ. Information on preventing and recognizing the consequences of heat waves was shared through social media to raise public awareness and promote safety. In response to Albania's record-high temperatures in July, Red Cross volunteer teams in six severely affected areas distributed thousands of bottles of water and informative leaflets to individuals at higher risk over a six-day period.

### **IFRC network joint support**

**The IFRC** provided support to the National Society on climate change initiatives and in building long-term resilience against climate-related disasters.



## **Disasters and crises**

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For real-time information on emergencies, see IFRC GO page [Albania](#)

### **Progress by the National Society against objectives**

Albania faces various natural hazards, including hydro-meteorological risks such as floods, droughts, forest fires, and landslides, as well as geophysical threats like earthquakes. Disaster management is a core function of the Albanian Red Cross, which plays a crucial role in supporting the state with humanitarian assistance to save lives and assist those affected by disasters. The National Society works closely with governmental authorities on disaster preparedness and response, actively participating in the drafting of the new National Civil Protection Plan approved in 2023, which outlines the Red Cross role in all phases of disaster management: prevention, preparedness, response, and rehabilitation. The Albanian Red Cross has also contributed to the development of the national Disaster Risk Reduction strategy.

A key focus of the Albanian Red Cross is raising awareness and implementing disaster risk mitigation activities to strengthen community resilience. This involves engaging community members in understanding their vulnerabilities and preparing for potential disasters. The organization is committed to ensuring that individuals impacted by crises receive timely and flexible support. This includes providing emergency relief packages, [restoring family links](#) and offering [psychosocial](#) and health-related services to those affected by disasters.

The Albanian Red Cross is implementing the Flood Resilience Alliance 2.0 project, funded by Zurich Insurance. This initiative has helped six communities increase their resilience to disaster events, particularly floods. Infrastructure improvements, such as a Bailey bridge in Fier Municipality and a protective wall in Vlora, have been made to support affected areas. Additionally, community response teams have been established in the Shkodra district. On the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction, joint activities with the National Civil Protection Agency were organized in multiple districts, reaching many community members with vital information on disaster risks and preparedness.

The Albanian Red Cross also works to improve access to relevant information during emergencies by maintaining community feedback mechanisms. Regular training and refresher sessions for staff and volunteers ensure that they are equipped to respond effectively to disasters and humanitarian crises. An operational emergency centre has been established to enhance coordination with governmental institutions and neighbouring Red Cross societies. Workshops on [early warning](#), early action and alert hub have been conducted with local branches and relevant agencies. Simulation exercises testing advanced [first aid](#) techniques for mass casualty responses have also taken place, allowing volunteers and responders to improve coordination and efficiency during emergencies.

### **IFRC network joint support**

**The IFRC** supported the National Society in its operations. It also provided technical assistance to the Albanian Red Cross in implementing the Flood Resilience Alliance 2.0 project, funded by Zurich Insurance.

The **Austrian Red Cross** and the **Italian Red Cross** has provided technical assistance to the National Society in implementing advanced first aid techniques allowing volunteers and responders to improve coordination and efficiency during emergencies.



### Progress by the National Society against objectives

An assessment of the impact of COVID-19 revealed that the primary groups in need, including families receiving social assistance, those with members facing disabilities, and older adults living alone, did not significantly change from the pre-pandemic period. However, the overall number of individuals and households in need increased sharply across the country. New challenges emerged, particularly regarding access to education for children and youth, with ethnic minorities and informal workers facing additional obstacles due to disrupted livelihoods. Many community members also required stress management and [psychological support](#).

The Albanian Red Cross remained focused on supporting vulnerable populations, recognizing that overcoming inequity and addressing vulnerabilities demands a coordinated approach in health and care services. The Social Welfare Programme is dedicated to implementing nationwide projects aimed at improving living standards for targeted vulnerable groups while empowering them through active participation in programme development.

Albania is facing an ageing population alongside youth emigration and loneliness among older adults in various regions. The growing needs for healthcare among older people highlight the necessity for further policy interventions. In response, the Albanian Red Cross provides health and social care annually to 1,000 older individuals experiencing social loneliness, while advocating for increased investment in tertiary care and preventive measures in the coming years. Plans are underway to develop projects that improve the quality of life for older adults through social daily centres, which serve as supportive meeting spaces, as well as through home care visits that promote autonomy and independence.

Additionally, the Albanian Red Cross offers vocational training courses for women and girls in disadvantaged situations to enhance their professional skills and employment prospects, complemented by regular health check-ups to improve overall health. In 2023, the National Society provided relief assistance to over 4,000 families in vulnerable circumstances, supplying standard food packages and essential household items to improve their living conditions.

The Albanian Red Cross provided educational sessions to primary and high school students on topics such as personal and community hygiene, prevention of addictive substance use, and awareness of HIV/AIDS and environmental protection. To raise public awareness, particularly among young people, the National Society trained physical education teachers on the importance of physical activity for maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Many individuals received Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) materials with updated information on healthy living and non-communicable diseases.

Through the project Strengthening Volunteering in First Aid and Disaster Response (VolFAID), local branches improved their capabilities in providing advanced [first aid](#). Volunteers completed various training programmes, including advanced first aid training of trainers and first aid as a team. Additionally, individuals seeking driver's licenses and employees from various organizations were trained in fundamental first aid curriculum.

The community demonstrated significant support and altruism, with many individuals visiting donation sites to contribute. A substantial number of these individuals were deemed suitable for blood donation. Engaging many participants in voluntary blood donation efforts, the initiative resulted in a significant number of blood units collected, while a large audience was sensitized to the importance of voluntary blood donation.

The Albanian Red Cross provided essential food assistance and relief items to families in vulnerable situations, addressing their basic needs. Older individuals were engaged in social and health activities at daily centres, while many received psychosocial services, health visits and monthly food packages through home care visits. The National Society also provided hot meals to vulnerable older adults. To support integration and participation, it initiated grassroots micro-projects for older people and persons with disabilities.

The National Society organized training for staff and volunteers on ageing and home care. Educational materials on healthy ageing and home care were produced and distributed to the target population, along with the development of a new home care guideline for volunteers to be used by local branches of the Albanian Red Cross.

The Albanian Red Cross provided remote psychosocial support to older individuals, while also organizing numerous psychosocial sessions and activities focused on self-help, peer support, and healthy aging. These initiatives were part of a project aimed at strengthening resilience among older people and persons with disabilities. Psycho-educational sessions were conducted for both older adults and high school students, alongside training for new volunteers in psychological first aid and psychosocial support.

Albania's public health system faces challenges, including inadequate funding and low insurance coverage, compounded by an underdeveloped public hospital sector. To address health needs, the Albanian Red Cross promotes voluntary blood donation, ensuring sufficient blood supplies for the treatment of the sick and injured, while also raising awareness of the importance of this life-saving act within the community.

### **IFRC network joint support**

**The IFRC** has provided support to the National Society in implementation of its programmes and activities. It also provided technical assistance to the Albanian Red Cross in conducting training on psychological first aid and psychosocial support for students, elderly, high school students and its staff and volunteers.

The **Austrian Red Cross** supported the National Society in improving its capabilities in providing advanced first aid.

The **Italian Red Cross** provided technical assistance to the National Society in organizing training for staff and volunteers on ageing and home care.

The **Red Cross of Serbia** along with the European Union and the Austrian Development Agency provided support to the National Society in organizing trainings on self-help, peer support and healthy aging.



*Albanian Red Cross volunteers assisting a family in Marikaj village post-earthquake. (Photo: IFRC)*



## **Migration and displacement**

### **Progress by National Society against objectives**

Despite the restrictive border measures, Albania continues to see a rising influx of irregular migrants, primarily from Greece, as they journey toward other European Union countries. Each year, the number of irregular migrants entering Albania increases, while the available resources, including border and migration officers, reception centre staff, and asylum officials, remain insufficient to manage the growing volume of arrivals and asylum requests. The Albanian Red Cross plays a crucial role in supporting migrants and displaced persons by providing access to humanitarian assistance and protection at key points along migratory routes, as well as facilitating durable solutions when appropriate. In its operations and programmes, the Albanian Red Cross has offered relief assistance to 200

migrants and provided [restoring family links](#) services for 25 individuals. To strengthen its impact, the Albanian Red Cross aims to enhance collaboration with local and national authorities, as well as other organizations, to better coordinate and deliver humanitarian assistance and protection services for migrants.

### IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided technical and financial assistance to the Albanian Red Cross for effective implementation of its activities.



## Values, power and inclusion

### Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Albanian Red Cross supports individuals in need through activities and programmes that promote volunteering and uphold human dignity. The National Society raises public awareness of their needs and positions itself at the heart of its humanitarian efforts and social services. The National Society invests time and resources in developing its membership across the country, equipping communities with the knowledge and skills necessary for resilience during emergencies and sustainable support for those most in need.

The Albanian Red Cross has been integrating [community engagement and accountability](#) (CEA) at both headquarters and branch levels. This includes increasing the number of individuals reached through external awareness campaigns that promote understanding of the Red Cross Red Crescent, Fundamental Principles, and International Humanitarian Law (IHL), ensuring safe access for staff and volunteers during humanitarian interventions. Annually, more than 100 communities at risk benefit from community-based interventions, which include behaviour and social change communication as well as evidence-based advocacy. However, integrating CEA and [protection, gender, and inclusion](#) (PGI) remains a challenge for both the National Society and the affected communities.

The National Society conducted training for staff in participatory communication and feedback mechanisms, identifying and reaching 1,000 older individuals with PGI activities and referring high-risk older adults to public health centres for follow-up care. Additionally, it provided educational support to 400 at-risk children and [restoring family links](#) services to 25 individuals. The Red Cross also addressed social isolation by offering remote psychosocial support to older adults and psycho-educational sessions to women at risk. Training on PGI and IHL was provided to staff. Direct services were extended to over 1,000 older individuals and people with disabilities through subgrant schemes, while 400 volunteers were trained and over 14,000 people were educated on human trafficking. External campaigns addressing domestic violence and stigma related to mental health successfully reached 20,000 individuals from the general population.

### IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the National Society in the coordination of its activities related to the [protection, gender and inclusion](#) approach. It also provided the Albanian Red Cross with technical assistance in the development of its [community engagement and accountability](#) policy.

## 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 Albanian Red Cross receives support from the **Austrian Red Cross, British Red Cross, Canadian Red Cross Society, Italian Red Cross,** and the **Qatar Red Crescent.**

### **Movement coordination**

The Albanian Red Cross 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** in Albania provides ongoing support to the National Society in protection and [restoring family links](#) programmes. This partnership involves providing support and assistance to those in need, promoting and upholding international humanitarian law, and facilitating the reestablishment of family links for separated or missing persons. The Albanian Red Cross and ICRC jointly implement activities such as tracing and reconnecting separated family members and promoting awareness of humanitarian principles by conducting training and capacity building for staff and volunteers.

### **External coordination**

The Albanian Red Cross is dedicated to its ongoing development by actively expanding its presence and engagement throughout the country. This effort is aimed at ensuring proximity to communities while enhancing transparency, accountability, and sustainable partnerships. Collaboration with partners is pivotal in increasing the effectiveness of service delivery, ultimately making a positive impact in the lives of people in vulnerable situations. The aim is to further expand collaboration and draw attention to humanitarian and development needs in the country. The Albanian Red Cross is working to establish and maintain effective cooperation and coordination mechanisms with Movement partners present in the country and/or other partners supporting the Albanian Red Cross.

An updated volunteer management guideline was developed to assist local branches in achieving their goals and objectives related to volunteer management. Key stages such as registration, information dissemination, engagement, motivation, and retention were comprehensively discussed, ensuring effective volunteer management practices. The updated volunteer's database was developed. A total of 6,000 children and young people participated in education programmes aimed at enhancing their understanding of humanitarian values and building a culture of voluntary service.



## **National Society development**

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### **Progress by the National Society against objectives**

The Albanian Red Cross focused on strengthening the National Society and building efficient and transparent collaboration with partners. This includes expanding cooperation with state institutions and the private sector.

The Albanian Red Cross aims to boost domestic fundraising efforts, regularly review partnerships, and establish resource mobilization and income-generating activities to strengthen local branches. It worked on enhancing communication mechanisms, incorporating modern technologies and digitalization for better internal and external communication.

In 2023, no direct cash activities were conducted, but a second [cash and voucher assistance \(CVA\)](#) self-assessment workshop was held in Tirana. This workshop evaluated the National Society's capacity and progress on the Plan of Action, identifying activities that were previously stalled due to environmental factors. Participants used self-assessment results to propose new activities, fostering open discussions across departments regarding cash preparedness. The workshop highlighted significant progress made over the past two years, leading to the establishment of a new CVA plan of action for 2024.

### **IFRC network joint support**

**The IFRC** supported the Albanian Red Cross in the implementation of its activities and programmes.



## Humanitarian diplomacy

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### Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Albanian Red Cross worked towards strengthening its auxiliary role and mandate. It implemented specific measures to establish regular communication and advocacy channels, aiming to strengthen partnerships with public authorities and expand services. To facilitate coordination and share progress, regular partnership events will be organized.

Additionally, the Albanian Red Cross focused on enhancing its capacities by adopting best practices and strategies that will improve its approaches to humanitarian diplomacy. This effort aims to strengthen its integrity and collaborative relationships with governmental and non-governmental actors, ensuring adequate care, protection, and rights for individuals facing significant humanitarian challenges.

### IFRC network joint support

The IFRC promoted humanitarian diplomacy by supporting the Albanian Red Cross to be better positioned and have a stronger capacity to achieve the goal of protecting the most vulnerable.



## Accountability and agility (cross-cutting)

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### Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Albanian Red Cross prioritized the establishment of planning, monitoring, evaluation, and reporting (PMER) systems and aimed to standardize these processes across its operations. To strengthen PMER capabilities, the Albanian Red Cross will provide training for staff and volunteers, further developing its internal structures and aligning with the broader Red Cross Movement.

The Albanian Red Cross is actively forming new partnerships to secure alternative funding sources and has focused on improving financial accountability at both national and local levels. The National Society is also developing strategies to quickly adapt to evolving humanitarian needs, which includes guidance on emergency preparedness and response to ensure efficient resource mobilization and coordination with relevant stakeholders during crises. The Albanian Red Cross enhanced its capacity-building and training programmes, which cover disaster risk reduction, emergency healthcare and community resilience, equipping it to address emerging challenges effectively.

### IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the National Society in enhancing its capacity-building and training programmes.



## The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)

is the world's largest humanitarian network, with 191 National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and around 16 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 Albania 2023 Financial Report](#)
- [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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