



ALGERIA

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IN SUPPORT OF THE ALGERIAN RED CRESCENT



55

National Society branches



592

National Society local units



20,000

National Society volunteers



131

National Society staff

PEOPLE REACHED

Disasters and crises



1,365

Health and wellbeing



623,147

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

in Swiss francs (CHF)

Country	Funding Requirement	23.5M
IFRC Secretariat	Emergency Operations	
	Funding Requirement	4.3M
	Funding	304,000
	Expenditure	60,000
	Longer-term	
	Funding Requirement	19.2M
	Funding	414,000
	Expenditure	142,000
Participating National Societies	Funding	577,000
	Expenditure	577,000

Algerian Red Crescent

Overview



Funding Sources

IFRC Secretariat	Not reported
Participating National Societies	Not reported
HNS other funding sources	Not reported

Appeal number **MAADZ001**

In addition to: CHF 500,000 DREF Funding

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Disasters and crises	People reached per year with support services, in-kind, cash and voucher assistance for emergency response and recovery	1,000
	People reached with shelter support	701
Health and wellbeing	People donating blood	10,000
	People reached by National Societies with contextually appropriate water, sanitation and hygiene services	623,000
	People trained by National Societies in first aid	7,000
Migration and displacement	Advocacy, dialogues, educational or communication initiatives to change the legal, policy, or operational environment to better assist and protect people on the move?	Yes

ENABLING FUNCTIONS

National Society development	National Society covers health, accident and death compensation for all of their volunteers	Yes
	One National Society Development plan in place	Yes
Humanitarian diplomacy	National Society has domestic advocacy strategies developed aligning, at least in part, with global IFRC advocacy strategies	Yes
Accountability and agility	National Society have strengthened their integrity and reputational risk mechanisms	Yes
	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

	Bilateral Support							Multilateral Support
	Funding Reported	Climate and environment	Disasters and crises	Health and wellbeing	Migration and displacement	Values, power and inclusion	Enabling Functions	Through IFRC
National Society								
British Red Cross								✓
Monaco Red Cross								✓
Netherlands Red Cross								✓
Spanish Red Cross	1.5M							

Total Funding Reported **CHF 1.5M**

OVERALL PROGRESS

Context

Algeria's economy relies heavily on hydrocarbon production and export revenues - these have constituted 19 percent of its Gross Domestic Product (GDP), 93 percent of its product exports, and 38 percent of its revenue from 2016 to 2021. To enhance economic diversification and address high unemployment rates, particularly among young people, Algeria aims to broaden its income sources.

In 2021, the country's economy rebounded with a 3.4 percent GDP growth, recovering from the COVID-19 related recession in 2020. This recovery was largely due to increased hydrocarbon output, however, this slowed in 2022, due to declining crude oil and natural gas production, and non-hydrocarbon sectors such as agriculture and consumer-oriented manufacturing grew.

In 2022, favourable global hydrocarbon prices led to an improvement in Algeria's budget balance, leading to a surplus of 5.7 percent of GDP and a budget deficit reduction to 0.9 percent. However, public debt reached 50.9 percent in 2022 and inflation reached 9.3 percent – these two indicators primarily affected vulnerable populations in country. Algeria's past economic advances, including poverty reduction and improved human development indicators, were largely tied to the hydrocarbon boom and it is important that Algeria has initiated economic reforms to encourage investment and private sector growth, to diversify the economy, address youth unemployment, reduce poverty and improve development.

Tensions between Algeria and neighbouring Morocco over the Western Sahara have been a longstanding and contentious matter in North African geopolitics. The prolonged conflict has had significant humanitarian consequences, with many Sahrawi refugees living in camps in Algeria for decades. The unresolved status of the Western Sahara and ongoing tensions have hindered efforts to address the humanitarian needs of these vulnerable populations.

Furthermore, Algeria has also grappled with natural disasters, including wildfires and floods, further complicating the economic and social landscape. These events add an additional layer of challenge to the country's efforts to achieve stability and sustainable development.

Key achievements

Climate and environment

The Algerian Red Crescent has made progress in the climate and environmental domain by prioritizing preparation of staff and volunteers to navigate the complexities of a changing climate through awareness campaigns in targeted communities, educating residents about the risks of floods and wildfires, and promoting sustainable practices in relief operations. Its [Green Response](#) strategies advocate for green logistics and supply chain guidelines to minimize the environmental footprint of humanitarian activities. The Algerian Red Crescent also incorporated eco-friendly solutions such as solar systems and recycling programs, demonstrating a commitment to reducing environmental impact. Additionally, it emphasized training volunteers in rapid assessment techniques and knowledge management, ensuring a resilient and adaptive response to climate-related challenges.

Disasters and crises

In 2023, the Algerian Red Crescent enhanced its preparedness and response capabilities by hosting a comprehensive training workshop. This training equipped staff with essential skills for the prompt application and effective management of IFRC [Disaster Response and Emergency Fund \(DREF\)](#), ensuring timely and effective disaster response. Key outcomes included promoting the use of [Cash and Voucher Assistance \(CVA\)](#) across various sectors, engaging in the [Preparedness for Effective Response \(PER\)](#) process to identify strengths and gaps, and developing a strategic plan to enhance multi-hazard response capacities.

Health and wellbeing

In 2023, the Algerian Red Crescent played a key role in promoting COVID-19 vaccination through the Saving Lives and Livelihoods (SLL) programme. By developing and disseminating essential health messages, it effectively addressed vaccine hesitancy and misinformation, particularly in underserved Sahrawi communities. Utilizing diverse communication channels, including local media, community outreach, and digital platforms, the Algerian Red Crescent ensured widespread dissemination of critical information, enhancing vaccine uptake and supporting evidence-based health promotion, disease prevention, and community-based health risk reduction strategies for vulnerable populations.

Migration and displacement

In 2023, the Algerian Red Crescent demonstrated its commitment to addressing migration issues through active participation in significant events and initiatives. The National Society played a crucial role in the Fourth Annual Meeting of the Migration Network in Dubai, providing a platform for stakeholders to address challenges and share insights. Its involvement in the MENA Migration Network Training [Needs Assessment](#) underscored its proactive stance in enhancing its capacity to address evolving needs. The Algerian Red Crescent also engaged in training sessions related to the Humanitarian Service Point and Climate Change and Displacement, reflecting its preparedness for humanitarian challenges and the implications of climate change on displacement. Additionally, it contributed to the Movement Migration Strategy Regional Consultation, influencing regional strategies and collaborating with key stakeholders.

Values, power, and inclusion

The Algerian Red Crescent continues to show dedication towards humanitarian values and inclusivity by supporting social programmes for vulnerable groups, including the elderly and disabled. In this reporting period, the National Society participated in Community Engagement and Accountability (CEA) meetings, conducted awareness campaigns to emphasize non-discrimination, respect for diversity, social inclusion, violence prevention, gender equality, and intercultural dialogue, and fostering a harmonious society.

Enabling local actors

In 2023, the Algerian Red Crescent enhanced its agility and responsiveness by developing a One Country Plan, refined its Strategy and Plan of Action, and explored sustainable income generation activities. The organization also strengthened its institutional capacities through improvements in planning, monitoring, evaluating, reporting (PMER), human resources, and logistics systems, while developing a communication strategy to build public trust and effectively manage crisis communications. The National Society also successfully applied to the Empress Shoken Fund, proposing a digitalization project for community, staff and volunteers through an official website.

In this reporting period, the Algerian Red Crescent proposed a revised version of its bylaws, which underwent a comprehensive review process involving feedback from the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the Joint Statutory Commission (JSC). To become more community-centred, the Algerian Red Crescent implemented a child safeguarding risk analysis, developed safeguarding protocols, and enhanced community-based tools for engagement.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Climate and environment

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2023, the Algerian Red Crescent made progress in climate and environment by engaging in receiving daily alerts on climate-related events, enabling timely and effective response to emerging challenges. The National Society undertook awareness campaigns in targeted communities to educate residents about the various risks associated with the climate crisis. These campaigns specifically focused on potential threats such as floods and wildfires, emphasizing their impact on natural resources. The National Society actively promoted the integration of sustainable practices during relief

operations through the implementation of [Green Response](#) strategies. This involved advocating for the adoption of green logistics and supply chain guidelines to minimize the environmental footprint associated with humanitarian activities.

The Algerian Red Crescent is championing eco-friendly solutions in its operations, exemplified by the incorporation of solar systems to support and enhance generators. The National Society has also initiated recycling programmes. In parallel, the National Society conducted specialized training programmes focusing on rapid assessment techniques and knowledge management, where volunteers were equipped with the necessary skills to evaluate and respond to the aftermath of climate-related events.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC support to the Algerian Red Crescent consisted of both financial and technical assistance for the National Society's efforts under climate and environment. This includes the National Society's initiatives to promote climate knowledge among communities, increasing the capacity of its staff and volunteers on climate change, and development of relevant strategies for effective climate interventions.



Disasters and crises

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

In 2023, an IFRC Disaster Response Emergency Fund (IFRC-DREF) was activated for [wildfires](#) in Algeria.

NAME OF OPERATION	Algeria – Forest Wildfires
MDR-CODE	MDRDZ009
DURATION	6 months (07 August 2023 to 29 February 2024)
FUNDING ALLOCATION	CHF 499,756
PEOPLE TARGETED	19,500
LAST OPERATION UPDATE	Operations Update

The DREF allocation of CHF 499,756 in August 2023 supported the Algerian Red Crescent Society in assisting 19,500 people affected by the fire in north-eastern Algeria. The National Society supported the affected families by mobilizing psychosocial teams, medical personnel, and volunteers. In addition, ambulances, cars, and electric generators were deployed. The National Society, in coordination with the Civil Protection Authority, set up tents from their stock to house people. It also distributed food parcels to families to cover their needs.

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2023, the Algerian Red Crescent took a significant step towards enhancing its preparedness and response capabilities by hosting an IFRC Disaster Response Emergency Fund ([DREF](#)) training workshop in February 2023. This comprehensive training programme was specifically tailored to equip Algerian Red Crescent staff with the essential knowledge and skills needed to enhance preparedness for future operations. A key result of this training was the enhanced ability to facilitate the prompt and effective application for DREF funding and the efficient implementation and reporting on future DREF-funded operations to ensure that the needs of those people affected by disasters are addressed in a timely and effective way.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Algerian Red Crescent in its disaster response to mitigate the impact of forest wildfires in Algeria. It also supported the National Society in conducting the preparedness for effective response progress to identify the National Society's strengths and gaps in terms of institutional preparedness for response. The National

Society is also supported in components such as cash and voucher assistance (CVA) in order to effectively meet the needs of affected people in a timely manner.

The **Spanish Red Cross** provides support to the Algerian Red Crescent in providing relief assistance to Sahrawis in Tindouf.



Health and wellbeing

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Algerian Red Crescent's commitment to health and well-being is evident through its engagement in disseminating the COVID-19 vaccination-related health messages through the Saving Lives and Livelihoods (SLL) programme in collaboration with the Africa Centre for Disease Control. This programme is based on a good cooperation between the Algerian Red Crescent, AfCDC and the IFRC, to develop and disseminate essential health messages related to the COVID-19 vaccination programme and helped to sensitize communities, particularly those in underserved or vulnerable areas in Sahrawi, to the significance of the vaccination. The messages stressed the advantages of vaccination and addressed vaccine hesitancy and misinformation within communities.

To amplify their impact, diverse communication channels, including local media, community outreach programmes, and digital platforms, were used to ensure widespread dissemination of critical information and to promote vaccine uptake. These efforts aim to support delivery of evidence-based health promotion, disease prevention, and community engagement that contribute to the wellbeing of vulnerable populations and enhance community-based health risk reduction strategies.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided support and training around the health and care component, both in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and for ongoing health programming around non-communicable diseases, mother and child health and through training or guidance for community-based health and epidemic control for volunteers. There has been a strong focus on developing Risk Communication and Community engagement skills to support this work.



Algerian Red Crescent volunteers responding to a local gathering in Algeria. (Photo: Algerian Red Crescent)



Migration and displacement

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2023, the Algerian Red Crescent demonstrated its engagement and commitment to addressing key issues under migration through participation in various events and initiatives. This included events such as the fourth annual meeting of the migration network held in Dubai which provided a platform for stakeholders to collaboratively address challenges and share insights regarding migration. The National Society also participated in the MENA migration network training needs assessment and engaged in training sessions related to humanitarian service points (HSPs) and climate change and displacement.

In the Movement migration strategy regional consultation, the Algerian Red Crescent contributed to sharing strategic approaches to migration. This participation highlighted the National Society's role in influencing regional strategies and collaborating with key stakeholders.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provides support to the National Society's efforts under migration and displacement to effectively cater to the needs of migrants and internally displaced people. Moving forward, this will involve advocacy with key stakeholders, financial support for migration-related activities, healthcare and livelihood interventions, among others.



Values, power and inclusion

Progress by National Society against objectives

The Algerian Red Crescent has committed in its efforts in a number of areas related to promoting humanitarian values, fundamental principles, and youth engagement. In this reporting period, this has included components such as support for social programmes for older people with disabilities, ensuring tailor-made and gender-specific support to women in emergencies, meetings on community engagement and accountability (CEA), development of youth behaviour and skills, among others.

As part of its ongoing commitments to education, the Algerian Red Crescent ensures the distribution of essential school materials to students at the beginning of each academic year. It has also taken steps towards creating a safe and inclusive organizations. The National Society updated its manual for its teams in February 2023 to reinforce the emphasis on the Code of Conduct and on protocols for safeguarding and reporting incidents of sexual abuse. The National Society is committed to these objectives and to fostering diverse representation within our teams, and actively involving community members in disaster risk management decisions.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supports the Algerian Red Crescent's efforts under values, power and inclusion to that protection, gender and inclusion (PGI) principles are integrated into all its activities. The IFRC also supported the National Society in developing approaches to improve inclusion of different community groups in disaster response and other programming and to improve the representation and engagement of women.

ENABLING LOCAL ACTORS



Strategic and operational coordination

Progress by the National Society against objectives

IFRC membership coordination

IFRC membership coordination involves working with National Societies to assess the humanitarian context, agree on common priorities and jointly develop common strategies. This includes addressing issues such as obtaining greater humanitarian acceptance and access, mobilizing funding and other resources, clarifying consistent public messaging, and monitoring progress. It also entails ensuring that strategies and programmes in support of people in need incorporate clarity of humanitarian action while linking with development assistance and contribute to reinforcing National Societies in their respective countries, including through their auxiliary role.

Participating National Societies which support the Algerian Red Crescent include:

The **Italian Red Cross** provides support in migration, National Society development and capacity building.

The **Spanish Red Cross** provides support in relief assistance to Sahraouis in Algiers and Tindouf.

Movement coordination

The (National 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 supports the Algerian Red Crescent in several areas, including first aid, the dissemination of international humanitarian law and humanitarian principles, and restoring family links. The ICRC has been present in Algeria since the country's independence in 1954, and its main focus is the monitoring of prison conditions.

External coordination

The Algerian Red Crescent has maintained a close collaboration with local authorities, government municipalities, and civil defense entities, particularly during the wildfires in July 2023. The National Society's efforts extended to partnerships with the Africa Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (AfCDC) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in implementing two distinct health programs spanning various regions, notably including the Southern areas such as Tindouf.



National Society Development

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2023, the Algerian Red Crescent worked on building its network with communities and partners to become more agile and enhance its ability to rapidly respond to disasters and crises and deliver relevant and targeted programming. This included developing the National Society's One Country Plan which includes bilateral contributions from participating National Societies, working on the National Society's strategy and related plan of action, and identifying potential income generation activities to help diversify the National Society's income. The National Society also reviewed its planning, monitoring, evaluation and reporting (PMER), human resources and logistics systems, and identified the priorities and the most appropriate methods to support institutional strengthening and development.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Algerian Red Crescent with technical and financial support for National Society development priorities, focusing on leadership, branch development, and youth and volunteers. The National Society was also supported in its strategy and action plan development objectives.



Humanitarian diplomacy

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2023, the Algerian Red Crescent's communications team conducted a workshop aimed at imparting key insights into the development of flyers and brochures containing key health messages. This initiative was instrumental in bolstering the National Society's capacity to conduct effective awareness campaigns. The National Society has also focused on effectively managing communications during crises and emergencies to maintain public trust along with promoting the National Society's mission and advocating for humanitarian causes.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supports the National Society's efforts by providing technical and financial support to ensure its humanitarian diplomacy activities are well-resourced and aligns with global best practices.



Accountability and agility (cross-cutting)

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Algerian Red Crescent proposed a revised version of its bylaws, which underwent a comprehensive review process involving feedback from the ICRC and the joint statutory commission (JSC). Subsequently, adjustments were made to the draft. In striving to ensure alignment with the fundamental principles of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, particular attention was paid to upholding principles such as gender equality, neutrality, and transparency in the revised bylaws. The updated version incorporates detailed delineations of roles and responsibilities pertaining to positions within the National Society, along with an enhanced accountability framework and refined organizational structure.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC continues to support the measures and initiatives that underscore the National Society's commitment to safeguarding. It will support the National Society's focus on policy development, training, and long-term digital transformation. The IFRC will support the National Society in establishing digital systems by ensuring the installation of basic infrastructure, digital equipment and reliable connectivity. The IFRC will also support the National Society in enhancing its financial standards and procedures, as well as its efforts to implement new tools and reporting mechanisms to strengthen its accountability and agility.



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 15 million volunteers. Our volunteers are present in communities before, during and after a crisis or disaster. We work in the most hard to reach and complex settings in the world, saving lives and promoting human dignity. We support communities to become stronger and more resilient places where people can live safe and healthy lives, and have opportunities to thrive.

DATA SCOPE AND LIMITATIONS

- **Missing data and breakdowns:** National Societies have diverse data collection systems and processes that may not align with the standardized indicators. Data may not be available for some indicators, for some National Societies. This may lead to inconsistencies across different reporting tools as well as potential under or over-estimation of the efforts led by all.
- **Reporting bias:** The data informing this Federation-wide overview is self-reported by each National Society (or its designated support entity) and which is the owner and gatekeeper, and responsible for accuracy and updating. IFRC tries to triangulate the data provided by the National Societies with previous data and other data in the public domain.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- [IFRC Algeria 2023 Financial Report](#).

Note: For emergencies for which a financial report is not yet available, see [MDRDZ009](#).

- [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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