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IN SUPPORT OF THE CAMBODIA, LAOS, THAILAND, AND VIET NAM NATIONAL SOCIETIES



14,248

National Society branches



16,538

National Society local units



539,115

National Society volunteers



29,404

National Society staff

PEOPLE REACHED

Climate and environment



565,630

Disaster and crises



592,942

Health and wellbeing



20,431

Migration and displacement



9,070

Values, power and inclusion



11,725






Appeal number

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CAMBODIA

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW in Swiss francs (CHF)

Country	Funding Requirement		326,000
IFRC Secretariat	Longer-term	Funding Requirement	 275,000
		Funding	 101,000
		Expenditure	 41,000
Participating National Societies	Funding Requirement	 51,000	

Cambodian Red Cross Society


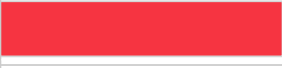

Overview

Funding	<i>Not reported</i>
Expenditure	<i>Not reported</i>





Funding Sources

IFRC Secretariat	<i>Not reported</i>
Participating National Societies	<i>Not reported</i>
HNS other funding sources	<i>Not reported</i>

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Health and wellbeing	People reached by National Societies with contextually appropriate health services		9,000
	People reached with psychosocial and mental health services		9,000
Migration and displacement	Migrants and displaced persons reached with services for assistance and protection		9,000

IFRC NETWORK SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

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

OVERALL PROGRESS

Context

Cambodia has experienced strong economic growth over the past two decades and is on track to achieve higher middle-income status by 2030. However, this growth is overshadowed by significant inequality and the lasting effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, which hit rural, marginalized populations the hardest. The pandemic severely impacted employment, wages, and non-wage incomes, especially in vulnerable communities. Despite these challenges, Cambodia was still classified as a Least Developed Country by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in 2021.

According to the Asian Development Bank, 14.5% of the population faces undernourishment, and child malnutrition remains high. Maternal mortality remains a significant issue, along with high under-5 and neonatal mortality rates. Access to safely managed drinking water services is limited, with a notable disparity between urban and rural areas.

Cambodia's general election on 23 July 2023 resulted in the election of Mr. Hun Manet from the Cambodian People's Party as the country's new Prime Minister.

Key achievements

Climate and environment

The Cambodian Red Cross Society's capacity enhancement in disaster law was a key focus of the PPP Regional Workshop, which aimed to strengthen engagement between National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and national and subregional disaster risk management systems. The three-day event provided a platform to explore the auxiliary role of National Societies, their support for institutional strengthening through the ECHO Pilot Programmatic Partnership, and the regional humanitarian policy landscape. Participants also identified opportunities for collaboration and shared best practices from national, sub-regional, and regional perspectives.

Disasters and crises

In Cambodia, climate change is expected to significantly increase the frequency of droughts, floods, cyclones, and heatwaves. The likelihood of severe meteorological droughts, currently at 4% annually, is projected to rise to 5-9% by 2080-2099. Floods, which already affect around 4 million people, will see a 19% increase in exposure by 2050, though upstream hydropower may offer some mitigation. Coastal zones face risks from cyclones and rising sea levels, threatening agricultural communities, while heatwaves, now lasting 64 days annually above 35°C, are becoming more frequent and intense, endangering human health and biodiversity. Urgent adaptation and mitigation measures are critical to address these climate challenges.

Health and wellbeing

In 2023, the Cambodian Red Cross Society launched a cross-border cooperation project to support HIV eradication among migrants living with HIV/AIDS in Cambodia and Laos, with activities running until May 2024. In September 2023, the National Society conducted a rapid assessment and held a three-day training for 15 staff and volunteers in Paillin province and a two-day refresher training for 29 staff in Banteay Meanchey province. From October to November 2023, the Cambodian Red Cross Society organized outreach activities for community members and conducted home visits to families living with HIV/AIDS to offer psychological support and share information. Additionally, the National Society participated in an online MHPSS Response Preparedness Workshop in June 2023 to enhance the capacity of National Societies in MHPSS response and facilitate networking and knowledge sharing.

Migration and displacement

During the reporting period, the National Society conducted an assessment on migration and displacement in Cambodia to understand the needs of migrants and displaced people, and to develop recommendations for addressing them. It has also been supporting migrants living with HIV/AIDS in Cambodia and Laos through an ongoing project, which began in 2023 and will run until May 2024.

Values, power and inclusion

The Cambodian Red Cross Society delivered a training on [community engagement and accountability](#), which included a session on protection from sexual abuse (PSEA), the code of conduct, and reporting mechanisms. This session aimed to refresh staff and volunteers on PSEA principles and support the development of accountability mechanisms promoting PSEA initiatives. The National Society also plans to update its policies on PGI, youth and volunteering, and safeguarding.

Enabling local actors

The Cambodian Red Cross Society worked to strengthen its auxiliary role and mandate, participating in a communications workshop in the first half of the year to enhance its impact, build public trust, and improve understanding of its role and activities.

IFRC NETWORK ACTION

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Climate and environment

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Cambodian Red Cross Society's capacity enhancement in [disaster law](#) support was a key focus of the PPP Regional Workshop. This workshop aimed to strengthen engagement between National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and national and subregional disaster risk management systems. The three-day event provided a platform for participants to explore the auxiliary role of National Societies, their support for national and local institutional strengthening through the ECHO Pilot Programmatic Partnership, and the sub-regional and regional humanitarian policy landscape. The discussions also focused on identifying opportunities for collaboration and sharing experiences and best practices from national, sub-regional and regional perspectives.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Cambodian Red Cross Society with technical and financial support for various projects and programmes.



Disasters and crises

For real-time information on emergencies, see [IFRC GO: Cambodia](#).

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In Cambodia, droughts, floods, cyclones, and heatwaves are expected to rise significantly. The current rate of 4 per cent annual probability of severe meteorological drought is expected to rise 5 to 9 per cent by 2080-2099 with global warming. Floods impact around 4 million people, with a 19 per cent increase in exposure projected by 2050 due to climate change, though upstream hydropower development may mitigate some effects. Coastal zones are at risk from cyclones and sea-level rise, threatening agricultural communities. Heatwaves, with 64 days annually exceeding 35 degrees Celsius, are becoming more frequent and intense, posing severe risks to human health and biodiversity. Urgent adaptation and mitigation measures are essential to address these climate-induced hazards.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Cambodian Red Cross Society with technical and financial support for various projects and programmes.



Health and wellbeing

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2023, the Cambodian Red Cross Society launched the cross-border cooperation on migrants living with HIV/AIDS project in Cambodia to support HIV eradication efforts in both countries. The project plan was developed, and target areas and groups were selected by June 2023. Activities will continue for one year, ending in May 2024.

In September 2023, the National Society conducted a rapid assessment in target areas. Additionally, the Cambodian Red Cross Society held a three-day training for 15 staff and volunteers in Paillin province from and a two-day refresher training for 29 staff and volunteers in Banteay Meanchey province. These trainings aimed to provide information on HIV/AIDS, ART referral services, drug use, and safe return strategies for 401 migrant workers at the Poipet drop-in centre near the Cambodia-Thai border and other international border checkpoints.

From October to November 2023, the Cambodian Red Cross Society organized outreach activities, reaching 1,023 community members across 19 target villages in Sangkat Poipet and Sala Krao District. It also conducted home visits to 13 families living with HIV/AIDS to offer psychological support and share HIV/AIDS-related information.

The National Society attended an online MHPSS Response Preparedness Workshop in June 2023. The workshop was aimed at building the capacity of National Societies in MHPSS response preparedness, providing a platform for participants to network and share their experiences.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the National Society through technical assistance. It also hosted an online MHPSS Response Preparedness Workshop providing a platform for participants to network and share their experiences.



National Society volunteers distributing food, mosquito nets, and sanitation and hygiene supplies following heavy flooding across the country caused by torrential rain, February 2023. (Photo: Cambodian Red Cross Society)



Migration and displacement

Progress by National Society against objectives

During the reporting period, the National Society conducted an assessment on migration and displacement in Cambodia to gain a better understanding of the migration landscape, the specific needs of migrants and displaced people, and to develop practical recommendations for addressing those needs. The National Society has also been supporting migrants living with HIV/AIDS in Cambodia and Laos through an ongoing project. The project plan was finalized, and target areas and groups were selected by June 2023. Activities will continue for one year, concluding in May 2024.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided the National Society with technical assistance.

The Italian Red Cross provided support to the National Society in aiding migrants living with HIV/AIDS.



Values, power and inclusion

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Cambodian Red Cross Society delivered a training on community engagement and accountability, which included a session on protection from sexual abuse (PSEA), the code of conduct and reporting mechanisms. The session aimed to refresh the staff and volunteers on the principles of protection from sexual abuse and to support the development of community engagement and accountability mechanisms that promote PSEA initiatives.

The National Society plans to update its policies on PGI, youth and volunteering, and safeguarding.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided support to the National Society in building its PGI institutional capacity, enabling it to develop and draft policies and a code of conduct on PSEA and Child Safeguarding in its native languages. The IFRC also helped the National Society integrate PGI into its programmes and humanitarian operations. Additionally, it provided opportunities for representatives from National Societies to share knowledge and collaborate on promoting equality, diversity and intersectionality. The IFRC organized a PGI workshop for all Asia Pacific National Societies in Kuala Lumpur.

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.

Under the global Pilot Programmatic Partnership between the Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (DG ECHO) and IFRC, the Finnish Red Cross supports the National Society's efforts

in disaster risk management, epidemic and pandemic preparedness, and risk communication and community engagement and accountability (CEA).

The **Italian Red Cross** provides support for the National Society's HIV-AIDS related interventions.

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** has a regional presence in Bangkok and field offices in the north and south of Thailand. It provides its expertise in activities such as detention, restoring family links, helping vulnerable communities, and the promotion of international humanitarian law.

External coordination

The Cambodian Red Cross Society staff have been supported to attend regional and global meetings, workshops and trainings or to join relevant working groups to ensure stronger partnerships with sister National Societies, and to raise the National Society's profile within the Movement. The Cambodian Red Cross implements the ECHO PPP with the support of the Finnish Red Cross and the IFRC Country Cluster Delegation, Bangkok, Thailand. The ECHO PPP has improved coordination between the Movement partners in the areas of disaster risk management, epidemic and pandemic preparedness and response, and community engagement and accountability.



National Society development

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Cambodian Red Cross Society worked towards strengthening its auxiliary role and mandate.

IFRC network joint support

The **IFRC** supported the National Society with technical assistance.



Humanitarian diplomacy

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Cambodian Red Cross Society participated in a communications workshop during the first half of the year which aimed to enhance impact, build public trust and improve understanding of the National Society role and activities.

IFRC network joint support

The **IFRC** supported the National Society with technical assistance.



Accountability and agility (cross-cutting)

Progress by the National Society against objectives







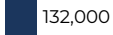


The Cambodian Red Cross Society worked towards strengthening its auxiliary role and mandate.

IFRC network joint support

The **IFRC** supported the National Society with technical assistance.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

in Swiss francs (CHF)

Country		Funding Requirement		1.1M
IFRC Secretariat	Emergency Operations	Funding		468,000
		Expenditure		450,000
	Longer-term	Funding Requirement		995,000
		Funding		611,000
		Expenditure		246,000
	Participating National Societies	Funding Requirement		132,000
Funding			2.0M	
Expenditure			1.7M	

Lao Red Cross

Overview






Funding		3.3M
Expenditure		2.9M

Funding Sources

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

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		21,000
	Percentage of humanitarian assistance delivered using cash and vouchers		100%
Health and wellbeing	People reached by National Societies with contextually appropriate health services		854
	People reached with psychosocial and mental health services		71
	People trained by National Societies in first aid		536
Migration and displacement	Migrants and displaced persons reached with services for assistance and protection		36
Values, power and inclusion	Is Community Engagement and Accountability integrated and institutionalized in the National Society policies, operations, and procedures (with clear benchmarks)?		Yes

ENABLING FUNCTIONS

Strategic and operational coordination	DREF / Appeal procedures are applied during the implementation of the operation	Yes
	Number of surge missions or deployments	1
National Society development	National Society has National Disaster Response teams trained and management systems in place	Yes
	Strategy for strengthening the auxiliary role developed or implemented	Yes
	Volunteers involved in the response operation that have increased their skills in response and management of operations	32
	Youth engagement strategy developed or in place	Yes

IFRC NETWORK SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

National Society	Funding Reported	Climate and environment	Bilateral Support				Values, power and inclusion	Enabling Functions	Multilateral Support
			Disasters and crises	Health and wellbeing	Migration and displacement	Through IFRC			
Japanese Red Cross Society				●				✓	
Swiss Red Cross	5.3M		●	●			●		
Thai Red Cross Society			●						

Total Funding Reported **CHF 5.3M**

OVERALL PROGRESS

Context

Laos is highly vulnerable to climate change, facing increased climate-related hazards worsened by poverty, malnutrition, and the high exposure of marginalized communities. Rising extreme heat threatens public health, especially outdoor labourers and urban populations. Without action, the number of people exposed to river flooding is expected to double to over 80,000 by the 2030s, with increased risks from flash floods and landslides. Projected warming of 3.6°C by the 2090s could put further strain on health, livelihoods, and ecosystems.

Despite significant poverty reduction and strong economic growth with an average annual GDP increase of 7.3%, Laos still faces challenges. In 2021, Laos launched a high-speed railway from Vientiane to the Chinese border, positioning itself as a regional hub. However, the country faced macroeconomic instability in 2022, worsened by global food, fuel, and fertilizer price hikes and a sharp depreciation in the national currency, which led to a 39% inflation rate. The new Prime Minister, appointed in 2022, pledged to improve macroeconomic stability, focus on sustainable development, and prioritize poverty reduction and equality.

Key achievements

Climate and environment

Laos is highly vulnerable to climate change, with extreme heat exacerbating health risks, particularly for outdoor labourers and urban populations. The Lao Red Cross supported the government in developing new Public Health Emergency legislation and strengthening its legal framework. The [Disaster Law](#) team reviewed the Red Cross Act, and while Legislative Advocacy Training (LAT) was delayed, it is planned for 2024 for select National Societies, including the Lao Red Cross.

Disasters and crises

In February 2023, the Lao Red Cross organized a DREF orientation session for its staff to understand the DREF application procedures, with participants from headquarters, branches, and relevant authorities. Following this, further DREF training was provided by the IFRC from late February to early March, including disaster management staff from all 18 branches.

Health and wellbeing

The National Society completed an emergency [WASH](#) project in March 2023 and held a two-day lessons learned workshop for provincial branch staff and volunteers. Two training of trainers (ToT) sessions were conducted in Vientiane in January and February 2023, with trainers from headquarters and provincial branches completing the training. [First Aid](#) training materials and equipment were procured, and First Aid sessions were held.

Migration and displacement

The National Society continues supporting migrants living with HIV/AIDS in Laos through a project that began in 2023.

Values, power and inclusion

In January 2023, the Lao Red Cross organized a workshop on the Prevention of and Protection against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) and Child Safeguarding Policy, with 10 participants from various departments, including Youth, Health, Disaster Management, Cabinet, Finance, and the Blood Centre. The Lao Red Cross also mainstreamed protection, gender, and inclusion (PGI) and community engagement and accountability (CEA) into all DREF operations. Safeguarding messages were included in cash distributions, and a workshop on CEA and PGI was held with participants from headquarters and branches.

Enabling local actors

In 2023, the Lao Red Cross conducted two volunteer database trainings for staff from eight branches, focusing on web-based database management and relevant legislation. The National Society also worked on developing a Blood and Emergency Fund decree, which is in progress with government agencies. A project management training was held in November for staff to enhance their project management skills. To strengthen organizational capacity, the Lao Red Cross sent representatives from eight branches to a [Branch Organizational Capacity Assessment](#) training in Luang Prabang, attended by participants. Additionally, a [preparedness for effective response](#) assessment workshop was held with 31 participants.

IFRC NETWORK ACTION

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Climate and environment

Progress by the National Society against objectives

Laos is one of the most vulnerable countries to climate change, facing significant climate-related hazards worsened by poverty, malnutrition, and the high exposure of marginalized communities. Increased extreme heat threatens human health, especially for outdoor labourers and urban populations amid rapid urban migration. During the reporting period, the National Society supported the government in developing new Public Health Emergency legislation and strengthening its legal framework. The [Disaster Law](#) team has assisted in reviewing the Red Cross Act. While Legislative Advocacy Training (LAT) has been delayed, an LAT for select National Societies, including Lao Red Cross, is planned for 2024.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Lao Red Cross with technical and financial support for various climate-related programmes which were part of the IFRC [Disaster Response Emergency Fund](#) (IFRC-DREF).



Disasters and crises

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

In 2023, the IFRC Disaster Response Emergency Fund ([IFRC-DREF](#)) was approved for the following emergencies:

NAME OF OPERATION	Flood 2024
MDR-CODE	MDRLA010
DURATION	6 months (25 August 2024 to 28 February 2025)
FUNDING ALLOCATION	CHF 500,000
PEOPLE TARGETED	28,694
LATEST OPERATION UPDATE	DREF Operation Final Report

The IFRC-DREF allocation of CHF 500,000 in August 2024 supported the Lao Red Cross in assisting 28,694 people affected by floods. Following the initial assessment of affected communities, national intervention teams were deployed to ensure an effective response in communities. The Lao Red Cross provided support to communities affected through assistance with shelter, livelihoods, basic needs, health, [WASH](#), and disaster risk reduction.

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In February 2023, Lao Red Cross organized a DREF orientation session to ensure its staff had a basic understanding of the DREF application procedures. The session had participants from headquarters, branches, and representatives of other relevant authorities were invited. Following the orientation, Lao Red Cross requested the IFRC to provide further DREF training, which took place from late February to early March 2023 from various headquarters departments and including disaster management staff from all 18 branches.

The National Society interventions were carried out as part of different response mechanisms such as the IFRC Disaster Response Emergency Fund ([IFRC-DREF](#)).

In August 2023, monsoon floods affected many areas in Laos. The Lao Red Cross initially activated the DREF to conduct an in-depth assessment in the two most affected provinces, Borlikhamxay and Khammuan, covering three districts and 44 villages. The Lao Red Cross then developed a plan of action to respond to the floods and activated a second DREF allocation to implement a six-month flood response operation. With a total DREF budget of CHF 470,984, LRC was able to reach 21,143 of the most affected people in these provinces.

By the end of 2023, the Lao Red Cross successfully carried out several activities, including multipurpose cash distributions to affected people, hygiene promotion across villages reaching 3,951 individuals, and refresher training on cash distribution for the National Society staff. Other activities included emergency training on [community engagement and accountability](#) and [protection, gender, and inclusion](#) for staff, a child safeguarding analysis, integration of PGI across DREF implementation, post-distribution monitoring, and a lessons learned workshop.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the National Society through timely review and processing of the IFRC Disaster Response Emergency Fund ([IFRC-DREF](#)) requests.



Health and wellbeing

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The National Society successfully completed an emergency [WASH](#) project in March 2023. A two-day lessons learned workshop was also held in March for provincial branch staff and volunteers. In January 2023, the first training of trainers was conducted in Vientiane with technical support. A second ToT was conducted in Vientiane in February. In addition to these existing trainers, a total of 21 trainers from the Lao Red Cross headquarters and six target provincial branches have all now completed this training. The materials and equipment necessary for [First Aid](#) training were also procured, and finally a total of 24 First Aid trainings were rolled out to schools in six targeted provinces, with 480 new participants taking the two-day training by June 2023.

The National Society is also working on its project to support HIV eradication in the country. The project plan was developed and target areas and groups selected by June 2023 and activities will be implemented for one year, until May 2024.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the National Society through technical and financial assistance towards effective implementation of its various projects and programmes.

The **Italian Red Cross** extended support to the National Society to support HIV eradication in the country.

The **Japanese Red Cross** supported the National Society in the implementation of its projects and programmes.



Migration and displacement

Progress by National Society against objectives

The National Society continues its support for migrants living with HIV/AIDS in Laos into 2023. The project plan has been developed, and the target areas and groups selected by June 2023. The activities will be implemented for one year, until May 2024.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided support to the National Society on issues of migration and displacement.

The Italian Red Cross provided support to the National Society in aiding migrants living with HIV/AIDS.



Values, power and inclusion

Progress by National Society against objectives

The Lao Red Cross organized a sensitization workshop on the Prevention of and Protection against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) and on Child Safeguarding Policy in January 2023 with 10 participants from the National Society. The participants originated from the headquarters and included the Vice President but also representatives from the Youth, Health, Disaster Management, Cabinet, Finance, and Blood Centre teams. The discussion covered the importance of having a code of conduct, feedback mechanism, and CEA focal point within the National Society and in support of programmes. It led to the development of the National Societies PSEA and Child Safeguarding Policy, in consultation with relevant government agencies, such as the Lao Women's Union.

By the end of 2023, the Lao Red Cross completed the first draft of PSEA and child safeguarding policy. It will continue to develop these drafts under the Red Ready project in 2024.

The Lao Red Cross mainstreamed protection, gender, and inclusion (PGI) and community engagement and accountability (CEA) into all DREF operations. The safeguarding messages were incorporated into cash distributions, and a workshop on CEA and PGI was organized. The workshop had 33 participants from the Lao Red Cross headquarters and eight branches, including Luangprabang, Vientiane Province, Vientiane Capital, Borlikhamxay, Khammouan, Savannakhet, Saravan and Champasack.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided support to the National Society in building its PGI institutional capacity, enabling it to develop and draft policies and a code of conduct on PSEA and Child Safeguarding in its native languages. The IFRC also helped the National Society integrate PGI into its programmes and humanitarian operations. Additionally, it provided opportunities for representatives from National Societies to share knowledge and collaborate on promoting equality, diversity and intersectionality. The IFRC organized a PGI workshop for all Asia Pacific National Societies in Kuala Lumpur.

ENABLING LOCAL ACTORS



Strategic and operational coordination

IFRC membership coordination

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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 **Italian Red Cross** supports the National Society in HIV/AIDS prevention awareness in border areas with high population flows. The Japanese Red Cross Society supports the National Society's first aid as well as emergency WASH programming by strengthening the capacities of staff and volunteers.

The **Japanese Red Cross Society** will also contribute to mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) through first aid programming.

The **Swiss Red Cross** provides support to the National Society's interventions under disaster risk management, health, WASH, and National Society development. It has also provided support through emergency operations mainly on needs assessment, shelter, and essential household items.

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** has a regional presence in Bangkok and field offices in the north and south of Thailand. It provides its expertise in activities such as detention, restoring family links, helping vulnerable communities, and the promotion of international humanitarian law.

External coordination

The **Lao Red Cross** is actively represented at national, provincial, and municipal levels and has been supported to participate in SEA networks for protection, gender, and inclusion. Additionally, it collaborates with other Red Cross and Red Crescent partners in the Asia Pacific region on hygiene promotion during emergencies and participated in the Global Communications Forum.



National Society development

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Lao Red Cross conducted two volunteer database trainings from March to May 2023 for participants from eight branches. These participants were selected as focal points for teams working in Youth programming and Statistics. The training focused on two key aspects: managing a web-based database and understanding the legislation related to volunteer database management. Participants were also introduced to supplementary programmes supporting the database.

During the first half of the year, a Blood and Emergency Fund decree was developed, and the Lao Red Cross continues to work with relevant government agencies to finalize the draft. In November 2023, a comprehensive project management training was held for staff members from various departments at headquarters to equip them with the necessary tools and industry standards for the full cycle of project management.

By the end of 2023, the Prime Minister approved three decrees: the organization and operation of the Lao Red Cross, the Blood Fund and the Emergency Fund. Additionally, several provinces successfully obtained approval from the provincial governor to elevate the status of their Lao Red Cross branches to that of a department at the provincial level.

To further strengthen the Lao Red Cross capacity to systematically assess its local-level organizational capacity and planning, the National Society used funding from the discontinued leadership training activity to send representatives from eight branches to participate in the Branch Organizational Capacity Assessment training of facilitators in Luang Prabang Province. The training was attended by 22 participants.

The Lao Red Cross also conducted a preparedness for effective response assessment workshop, which included an extensive planning and orientation session using a self-assessment methodology. The workshop gathered 31 participants.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the National Society with technical assistance.



Humanitarian diplomacy

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Lao Red Cross worked towards strengthening its auxiliary role and mandate.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC promoted humanitarian diplomacy by supporting the Lao 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)

Progress by the National Society against objectives

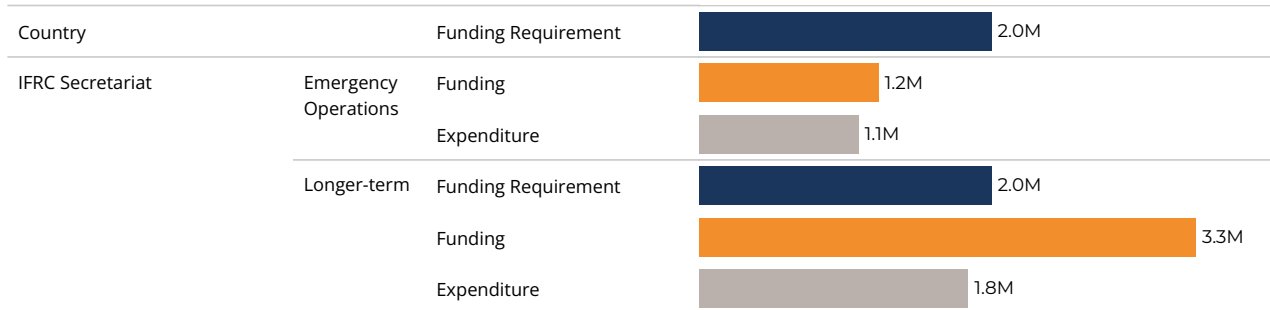
The Lao Red Cross held meetings with government representatives to adopt decrees, policies, and regulations based on the Red Cross Law and other relevant legislation at both headquarters and provincial levels. The Lao Red Cross has completed the initial draft of the code of conduct and is currently gathering feedback from relevant departments to refine and finalize the document.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the National Society with technical assistance.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

in Swiss francs (CHF)



Thai Red Cross Society



Overview

Funding	<i>Not reported</i>
Expenditure	<i>Not reported</i>

Funding Sources

IFRC Secretariat	<i>Not reported</i>
Participating National Societies	<i>Not reported</i>
HNS other funding sources	<i>Not reported</i>

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Climate and environment	Implementing nature-based solutions (including those with a particular focus on the planting of trees and mangroves)?	Yes
	People reached with activities to address rising climate risks	 561,000
Disasters and crises	People reached with disaster risk reduction	 561,000
Health and wellbeing	People reached with immunization services	1,000
Values, power and inclusion	People whose access to education is facilitated through National Society programming	12,000

IFRC NETWORK SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

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

OVERALL PROGRESS

Context

Over the last four decades, Thailand has made remarkable progress in social and economic development, moving from a low-income country to an upper-income country in less than a generation. It has the second largest economy in Southeast Asia propelled mainly by its manufacturing, agriculture, and tourism industries. Although poverty has declined over the last three decades from 65 per cent in 1988 to nearly 10 per cent in 2018, income inequality has increased. The country remains at risk of major disasters, including floods, tropical cyclones, and droughts. Other risks that have been identified are mainly related to health issues or crises, which have caused economic loss as well as loss of lives. The major health risks include pandemics, non-communicable diseases, infectious diseases (e.g., malaria and tuberculosis) as well as road traffic accidents.

Thailand's general election took place in May 2023, and as of July 2023, the Parliament is actively selecting a new Prime Minister.

Key achievements

Climate and environment

In 2023, the Thai Red Cross Society participated in the Asia Pacific Technical Working Group's anticipatory action donor roundtable in December. The National Society aims to develop recommendations and a simplified early action protocol to address the combined effects of air pollution and heatwaves. The Thai Red Cross launched a tree and mangrove plantation initiative with local communities and schools to build climate resilience. The National Society also continued developing its PhonPhai mobile app, which provides real-time relief during disasters, extending the project for two more years.

Disasters and crises

In 2023, the Thai Red Cross Society implemented a DREF operation from October 2022 to April 2023, providing relief to vulnerable people affected by the 2022 monsoon floods in Thailand.

Health and wellbeing

The Thai Red Cross Society procured IT equipment and a vaccination system to support COVID-19 vaccinations for residents without identity documents, completing the one-year project in June 2023. It launched a vaccination campaign providing HPV vaccines to girls in refugee camps along the Thailand-Myanmar border, using biometric systems to record identities and store data in the cloud. In December 2023, the National Society organized the Red Cross and Red Crescent Forum on Blood Transfusion Safety in Asia.

Migration and displacement

The Thai Red Cross Society procured IT equipment and developed a vaccination system to store data for individuals without identity documents. The National Society has rolled out a vaccination plan, providing HPV vaccinations to refugee girls in temporary camps across eight provinces.

Values, power and inclusion

In 2023, the Thai Red Cross Society held a three-day workshop on protection, gender, inclusion, and community engagement and accountability under the DREF flood operation. The workshop emphasized the need for more comprehensive PGI integration in future projects. The National Society also completed the Child Safeguarding checklist, supported the development of a Code of Conduct and Safeguarding policy, and conducted additional PGI and CEA training.

Enabling local actors

As part of the DREF operation, the Thai Red Cross received PGI training to help staff and volunteers address gender-specific needs, enabling them to better understand and respond to the diverse vulnerabilities within affected populations.

IFRC NETWORK ACTION

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Climate and environment

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2023, the Thai Red Cross Society participated in the Asia Pacific Technical Working Group on anticipatory action donor roundtable held in December. The roundtable focused on planning for the next five years and included a region-wide mapping of ongoing initiatives. It provided an opportunity for donors, private sector representatives and practitioners to discuss a shared five-year vision for anticipatory action. The [Disaster Law](#) team led the anticipatory action sub-working group on Law and Policy, Institutionalization, and Coordination, presenting key activities for 2024.

The National Society plans to develop practical recommendations and a simplified early action protocol to better manage the combined effects of air pollution and heatwaves. In November 2023, the Thai Red Cross Society conducted an EAP workshop. The National Society staff also attended the Regional Training of Trainers on the Road Map to Community Resilience via Enhanced Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment (R2R via eVCA) in May 2023 and the [nature-based solution](#) training in Kuala Lumpur. The Thai Red Cross Society plans to adapt the materials for Thai communities and implement [eVCA](#) training in upcoming projects.

As part of the Enhancing DRR Capacity in Thailand project supported by USAID, the National Society launched a tree and mangrove plantation initiative with local communities and schools to build resilience to climate-related hazards. The project promoted collaboration among stakeholders and fostered teamwork within communities. Additionally, it continued to develop its PhonPhai mobile application, which provides real-time relief during disasters. This project will extend for another two years.

In [Disaster Law](#), the Thai Red Cross Society received support to strengthen its auxiliary role and legal base. The format for this support will be determined after a disaster law mapping is conducted. The Disaster Law team also assisted in finalizing the Terms of Reference for a Disaster Law mapping project, which the National Society plans to pursue in 2024. This mapping will examine existing disaster risk management laws in Thailand, identify gaps and good practices, and make recommendations for enhancing the National Society's auxiliary role. The project will also engage law students in Thailand to conduct research and establish peer learning networks in the humanitarian sector.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Thai Red Cross Society with technical and financial support for various climate-related programmes. It also supported the National Society in conducting workshops.



Disasters and crises

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

In 2023, the IFRC Disaster Response Emergency Fund ([IFRC-DREF](#)) was approved for one emergency:

Thailand Monsoon Flood

NAME OF OPERATION	Thailand Monsoon Flood
MDR-CODE	MDRTH002
DURATION	6 months (18 October 2022 to 30 April 2023)
FUNDING ALLOCATION	CHF 670,868
PEOPLE TARGETED	62,200 people
LATEST OPERATION UPDATE	DREF Operations update

The IFRC-DREF allocation of CHF 670,868 supported the Thai Red Cross Society in nine provinces of Thailand. The National Society supported the targeted people over a six-month period with assistance including essential household items, multipurpose cash grants, health, and water, sanitation and hygiene services.

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2023, the National Society interventions were carried out as part of different response mechanisms such as the IFRC Disaster Response Emergency Fund ([IFRC-DREF](#)). The Thai Red Cross Society implemented a DREF operation from October 2022 to April 2023. Under this DREF operation, the Thai Red Cross Society provided relief assistance to more than 62,000 most vulnerable people affected by the 2022 monsoon flood in Thailand.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the National Society through timely review and processing of the IFRC Disaster Response Emergency Fund ([IFRC-DREF](#)) requests.



Health and wellbeing

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Thai Red Cross Society completed the procurement of IT equipment and a vaccination system to support COVID-19 vaccinations for residents without identity documents in Thailand. The one-year project concluded successfully in June 2023. The National Society launched a vaccination campaign, providing HPV vaccines to girls in temporary refugee camps along the Thailand-Myanmar border. The campaign used face recognition systems, iris scanners, and notebooks to record the identities of those receiving vaccines, with data stored on the National Society's cloud. The National Society and the National Electronics and Computer Technology Centre conducted training for admin staff and users on the Thai Red Cross Biometrics Authentication System in June 2023. By September 2023, 1,389 girls in eight provinces had received the HPV vaccination, and by the end of the year, the Thai Red Cross expanded the system to 14 Red Cross stations nationwide.

In December 2023, the National Society organized the Red Cross and Red Crescent Forum on the Blood Program in Asia 2023, titled Towards Safer Blood Transfusion.

In response to air pollution and heatwaves, which significantly impacted health and livelihoods in Thailand, the National Society developed a concept note for the Heat, Humidity, and Air Pollution Early Action Protocol in Thailand project. This one-year project aims to develop practical recommendations and a simplified EAP to address the combined effects of heat, humidity, and air pollution on human health.

The National Society personnel attended the Regional Training on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in National Emergencies from 28 August to 1 September 2023 in Tokyo, Japan. It plans to conduct similar training sessions for its staff to strengthen their capacity.

IFRC network joint support

The **IFRC** supported the National Society through technical and financial assistance towards effective implementation of its various projects and programmes. It also supported the National Society in developing a concept note for the Heat, Humidity, and Air Pollution Early Action Protocol in Thailand project.

The **Japanese Red Cross Society** supported the National Society in organizing the Red Cross and Red Crescent Forum on the Blood Program in Asia 2023, titled Towards Safer Blood Transfusion.



Migration and displacement

Progress by National Society against objectives

The Thai Red Cross Society procured IT equipment and developed a vaccination system to store data for individuals without identity documents. In collaboration with the Department of Disease Control, the Ministry of Public Health, NECTEC, and other relevant government agencies, the National Society has been rolling out a vaccination plan. This initiative has provided vaccinations to refugee girls in temporary camps and plans to extend coverage to migrant workers and their families in targeted provinces. It administered HPV vaccinations to 1,389 girls across eight provinces. In the future, the Thai Red Cross Society and its partners may expand the system to conduct annual health checks for migrant workers, starting with a pilot in areas of Bangkok.

IFRC network joint support

The **IFRC** provided the Thai Red Cross Society with technical and financial assistance for its activities.



Values, power and inclusion

Progress by National Society against objectives

In 2023, the Thai Red Cross Society organized a three-day protection, gender, and inclusion and community engagement and accountability workshop for its staff under the DREF flood operation. The workshop, attended by 27 participants from the Thai Red Cross Society headquarters and implementing branches, was part of post-monitoring distribution. It highlighted the need for a more comprehensive integration of PGI in future projects. The Thai Red Cross Society also completed the Child Safeguarding checklist for the DREF operation and held meetings with leadership to support the development of a Code of Conduct and Safeguarding policy. In June 2023, the National Society conducted an additional PGI and CEA training as part of the DREF operation. Additionally, the National Society organized the Be Safe Expo, which uses design thinking methodology to help youth in schools define and create solutions for school safety. In 2023, two schools participated, benefiting over 6,000 students.

IFRC network joint support

The **IFRC** provided the Thai Red Cross Society with technical and financial assistance for its activities. It supported the National Society in organizing workshop for its staff. Additionally, IFRC and the Prudence Foundation supported the Thai Red Cross Society in organizing the Be Safe Expo.

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.

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** has a regional presence in Bangkok and field offices in the north and south of Thailand. It provides its expertise in activities such as detention, restoring family links, helping vulnerable communities, and the promotion of international humanitarian law.

External coordination

The **Thai Red Cross Society** is actively represented in numerous meetings, workshops, and training sessions to enhance their expertise and improve coordination with other National Societies. The National Society has also provided substantial support to sister National Societies, such as through peer-to-peer collaboration with the Lao Red Cross and contributions to emergency appeals. Additionally, the Thai Red Cross Society has fostered strong partnerships with government bodies at all levels, supporting a wide range of humanitarian initiatives.



National Society development

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Thai Red Cross Society worked towards strengthening its auxiliary role and mandate.

IFRC network joint support

The **IFRC** supported the National Society with technical assistance.



Humanitarian diplomacy

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Thai Red Cross Society worked towards strengthening its auxiliary role and mandate.

IFRC network joint support

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



Accountability and agility (cross-cutting)

Progress by the National Society against objectives








As part of the DREF operation, Thai Red Cross received PGI training, so that its staff and volunteers can better identify and address gender-specific needs. As a result, the National Society gained a deeper understanding of the diverse needs and vulnerabilities within affected populations and this understanding will enable them to tailor their assistance and support more effectively.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the National Society with technical assistance.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW





in Swiss francs (CHF)

Country		Funding Requirement		1.7M
IFRC Secretariat	Longer-term	Funding Requirement		1.1M
		Funding		237,000
		Expenditure		2,000
Participating National Societies		Funding Requirement		565,000
		Funding		1.7M
		Expenditure		1.7M

Vietnam Red Cross Society			
Overview		Funding Sources	
Funding	<i>Not reported</i>	IFRC Secretariat	<i>Not reported</i>
Expenditure	<i>Not reported</i>	Participating National Societies	<i>Not reported</i>
		HNS other funding sources	<i>Not reported</i>

In addition to: CHF 400,000 DREF Funding







STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Climate and environment	Implementing nature-based solutions (including those with a particular focus on the planting of trees and mangroves)?	Yes
	People reached with activities to address rising climate risks	
Disasters and crises	People reached per year with support services, in-kind, cash and voucher assistance for emergency response and recovery	
	People reached with shelter support	
Health and wellbeing	People reached by National Societies with contextually appropriate water, sanitation and hygiene services	

ENABLING FUNCTIONS

Strategic and operational coordination	DREF / Appeal procedures are applied during the implementation of the operation	Yes
	Number of surge missions or deployments	2
National Society development	National Society has National Disaster Response teams trained and management systems in place	351

IFRC NETWORK SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

National Society	Funding Reported	Climate and environment	Disasters and crises	Bilateral Support				Enabling Functions	Multilateral Support
				Health and wellbeing	Migration and displacement	Values, power and inclusion	Through IFRC		
American Red Cross	4.6M								
Australian Red Cross									
Kuwait Red Crescent Society									
Swiss Red Cross	377,000								

Total Funding Reported **CHF 5M**

OVERALL PROGRESS

Context

Viet Nam is counted as one of the fastest growing economies of the 21st century and its economic and political reforms, launched in 1986, have spurred rapid economic growth and development, and transformed Viet Nam from one of the world's poorest nations to a lower middle-income country. Viet Nam has made significant progress on achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with a reduction in poverty rates and a primary education net enrolment rate of 99 per cent. Viet Nam is also one of the countries most affected by Climate Change. It is at continuous risk of natural disasters, including floods, tropical cyclones, landslides, droughts, and heatwaves.

Key achievements

Climate and environment

The Viet Nam Red Cross Society attended the regional training of trainers course on the Road Map to Community Resilience via Enhanced Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment (R2R via EVCA) and [Nature-Based Solution](#) (NbS) training in Kuala Lumpur. The Greening DRR Project was successfully implemented in Thanh Hoa province and extended until 2025 due to its relevance and achievements.

Disasters and crises

In 2023, the Vietnam Red Cross Society implemented a DREF operation from August 2023 to March 2024, providing relief to vulnerable people affected by flash floods in Vietnam.

Health and wellbeing

The Vietnam Red Cross Society addresses key health challenges, including water quality issues, changing disease patterns, and tropical diseases like dengue and malaria. Its objectives include preventing communicable and non-communicable diseases, promoting [first aid](#), improving [WASH](#), and enhancing pandemic preparedness.

Migration and displacement

The Vietnam Red Cross plans to conduct a national needs assessment for migrants and displaced people, hold a strategic workshop to address these needs, evaluate humanitarian aid efforts, and train staff on accountability principles in aid delivery.

Values, power and inclusion

In 2023, the Vietnam Red Cross trained staff on integrating [protection, gender, inclusion](#), cash and voucher assistance, and child safeguarding into its programs via an online platform.

Enabling local Actors

The Vietnam Red Cross Society is actively involved in South East Asia Networks for PGI, Corporate Social Responsibility, and Youth, participating in regional and global meetings to share its prevention practices. It also launched an annual digital fundraising campaign.

The National Society updated its project management regulations, revised its financial management guidelines, and completed its financial audit. Additionally, it developed a Fraud and Corruption Policy and applied for funding from the NSIA, CBF, and the Empress Shoken Fund for [National Society development](#) activities.

IFRC NETWORK ACTION

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Climate and environment

Progress by the National Society against objectives

Viet Nam Red Cross personnel attended the regional training of trainers course on the Road Map to Community Resilience via Enhanced Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment (R2R via eVCA) and [Nature-Based Solution](#) (NbS) training in Kuala Lumpur. Viet Nam Red Cross will aim to contextualize, translate all materials and organize a workshop for the integration of the R2R via eVCA approach in its existing Community-based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM) programme and pilot it in 10 communities.

The Greening DRR Project, funded by USAID's BHA, has been successfully implemented by Viet Nam Red Cross branches in Thank Hoa province and will be completed by 31 July 2023. Considering the project's relevance and achievements, the BHA has granted a cost extension until 2025.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Vietnam Red Cross with technical support in implementing its project and programmes. It also provided support to the National Society in organizing training for its staff and volunteers.

The **American Red Cross** provided support to the National Society in organizing workshops and events.



Disasters and crises

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

In 2023, the IFRC Disaster Response Emergency Fund ([IFRC-DREF](#)) was approved for the following emergencies:

Viet Nam Flash Floods 2023

NAME OF OPERATION	Viet Nam Flash Floods 2023
MDR-CODE	MDRVN023
DURATION	7 months (17 August 2023 to 31 March 2024)
FUNDING ALLOCATION	CHF 400,344
PEOPLE TARGETED	214,527 people
LATEST OPERATION UPDATE	DREF Operations update

The IFRC-DREF allocation of CHF 400,344 in August 2023 supported the Vietnam Red Cross Society in assisting approximately 214,527 people affected by the persistent rainfall in the affected regions leading to flash and landslides. The National Society supported the targeted people over a seven-month period with assistance including essential household items, multipurpose cash grants, health, and water, sanitation and hygiene services.

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2023, the National Society interventions were carried out as part of different response mechanisms such as the IFRC Disaster Response Emergency Fund ([IFRC-DREF](#)). The Vietnam Red Cross Society implemented a DREF operation

from August 2023 to March 2024. Under this DREF operation, the Vietnam Red Cross Society provided relief assistance to more than 214,000 most vulnerable people affected by the flash floods in Vietnam.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the National Society through timely review and processing of the IFRC Disaster Response Emergency Fund (IFRC-DREF) requests.



Health and wellbeing

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Vietnam Red Cross Society focuses on addressing key health challenges in the country, such as the lack of quality water due to saline intrusion, changing disease patterns, and the prevalence of tropical diseases like dengue fever, malaria, avian influenza, and hand, foot, and mouth disease. To tackle these issues, the National Society aims to prevent communicable and non-communicable diseases, promote first aid, improve WASH and enhance pandemic and epidemic preparedness. Its objectives include disseminating a revised WASH framework, integrating disease awareness into school curricula, establishing first aid stations in accident-prone areas, enhancing first aid trainer capacities, and developing a sustainable commercial first aid system.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the National Society through technical and financial assistance towards effective implementation of its various projects and programmes.



Migration and displacement

Progress by National Society against objectives

The Vietnam Red Cross Society plans to conduct a national-level needs assessment to identify the humanitarian needs of migrants and displaced people. It also aims to organize a national strategic workshop to address these needs and evaluate the current status of humanitarian aid implementation. Additionally, the National Society will provide training for its staff on upholding accountability principles in the delivery of humanitarian aid.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided the Vietnam Red Cross Society with technical and financial assistance for its activities.



Values, power and inclusion

Progress by National Society against objectives

In 2023, the Vietnam Red Cross received training on integrating protection, gender, and inclusion into its programs, with a focus on cash and voucher assistance, and child safeguarding, through an online training platform.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided the Vietnam Red Cross Society in mainstreaming PGI into their projects and humanitarian operations.

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 **Korean Red Cross** supports the Vietnam Red Cross Society in coordinating partnerships in youth and volunteering development.

The **Swiss Red Cross** supports the Vietnam Red Cross Society in resource mobilization.

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** has a regional presence in Bangkok and field offices in the north and south of Thailand. It provides its expertise in activities such as detention, [restoring family links](#), helping vulnerable communities, and the promotion of international humanitarian law.

External coordination

The **Vietnam Red Cross Society** is actively represented at South East Asia Networks for PGI, Corporate Social Responsibility and Youth, as well as to participate in sub-regional, regional, and global meetings to showcase the National Societies practices in prevention activities across various sectors. An annual digital fundraising campaign plan was also launched.



National Society development

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Viet Nam Red Cross Society updated its regulations on project management and revised its financial management guidelines. The National Society also conducted its financial audit and statement.

IFRC network joint support

The **IFRC** supported the National Society with technical assistance in revising its regulations and guidelines.



Humanitarian diplomacy

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Vietnam Red Cross Society worked towards strengthening its auxiliary role and mandate.

IFRC network joint support

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



Accountability and agility (cross-cutting)

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Vietnam Red Cross Society developed a Fraud and Corruption Policy and applied for funding for National Society development activities from the National Society Investment Alliance (NSIA), the Capacity Building Fund, and the Empress Shoken Fund.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the National Society in applying for various funding.



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DATA SCOPE AND LIMITATIONS

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- [IFRC Cambodia 2023 Financial Report](#)
- [IFRC Lao 2023 Financial Report](#)
- [IFRC Thailand 2023 Financial Report](#)
- [IFRC Viet Nam 2023 Financial Report](#)

Note: For emergencies for which financial report is not yet available, see: [MDRLA010](#), [MDRTH002](#), [MDRVN023](#)

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