

IN SUPPORT OF THE RUSSIAN RED CROSS



PEOPLE REACHED



FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

in Swiss francs (CHF)

Russian Red Cross		Funding Sources	
Overview			
Funding	Not reported	IFRC Secretariat	Not reported
Expenditure	Not reported	Participating National Societies	Not reported
		HNS other funding sources	Not reported

IFRC network

Country		Funding Requirement	
Country		50.8M	
IFRC Secretariat	Longer-term	Funding Requirement	900,000
		Funding	1.8M
		Expenditure	1.5M
	Emergency Operations	Funding Requirement	7M
		Funding	11.3M
		Expenditure	6.6M
Participating National Societies	Funding Requirement	1.6M	
	Funding	Not reported	
	Expenditure	Not reported	
HNS other funding sources	Funding Requirement	41.3M	
	Funding	Not reported	

Appeal number **MAARU003**

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



ONGOING EMERGENCY INDICATORS

MGR65002 / *Ukraine and impacted countries crisis*

Accountability and agility	National Society is implementing a digital transformation roadmap in line with the IFRC strategy	Yes
	National Society has strengthened its integrity and reputational risk mechanism	Yes
	National Society has a functioning data management system that informs decision making and supports monitoring and reporting on the impact and evidence of its actions	Yes
Climate and environment	National Society implements environmental or climate campaigns focused on behaviour change, plastic reduction, clean-ups or reducing GHG emissions	Yes
	National Society has received IFRC Network's support to adapt to longer-term impacts of climate change	Yes
Disasters and crises	Number of people reached with emergency response and early recovery programmes	42,000
	Number of people reached with livelihoods support	121
	Percentage of assistance delivered using cash and vouchers	87%
Health and wellbeing	Number of people reached by the National Society with contextually appropriate health services	35,000
	Number of people reached with psychosocial and mental health services	34,000
	Number of people reached by the National Society with contextually appropriate water, sanitation and hygiene services	4,000
	Number of people reached with restoring family links (RFL) services	3,000
Humanitarian diplomacy	National Society participates in IFRC-led campaigns	Yes
Migration and displacement	Migrants and displaced persons reached with services for assistance and protection	17,000
	National Society has undertaken any data collection, research, analysis or other information management initiatives to better assist and protect people on the move	Yes
	National Society has undertaken any advocacy, dialogues, educational or communication initiatives to change the legal, policy, or operational environment to better assist and protect people on the move	Yes
National Society development	There is a National Society Development plan in place	Yes
	National Society has developed and/or implemented a strategy for strengthening their auxiliary role	Yes
	National Society has created and implemented youth engagement strategies	Yes
Values, power and inclusion	Number of people reached by protection, gender and inclusion programming	17,000
	National Society has a Community Engagement and Accountability policy, strategy or plan	Yes

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Climate and environment

Number of people reached with activities addressing

THE NATIONAL SOCIETY

- has received IFRC Network's support to adapt to longer-term impacts of climate change
- implements environmental or climate campaigns focused on behaviour change, plastic reduction, clean-ups or reducing GHG emissions



Disasters and crises

Number of people reached with



Livelihood support

• 553



Emergency response and early recovery programmes

• 42,000



Shelter support

• 396



40%

assistance delivered using cash and vouchers



Health and wellbeing

Number of people reached by the National Society with



Contextually appropriate water, sanitation and hygiene services

• 4,000



Migration and displacement



Migrants and displaced persons reached with services for assistance and protection

• 34,000

THE NATIONAL SOCIETY

- has undertaken any advocacy, dialogues, educational or communication initiatives to change the legal, policy, or operational environment to better assist and protect people on the move
- has undertaken any data collection, research, analysis or other information management initiatives to better assist and protect people on the move



Values, power and inclusion

Number of people



Reached by the National Society's educational programmes

495,000



Reached by protection, gender and inclusion programming

17,000

THE NATIONAL SOCIETY

- has a Community Engagement and Accountability policy, strategy or plan

ENABLING FUNCTIONS



Strategic and operational coordination

11

Number of government-led coordination platforms the National Society is part of



National Society development

- ✓ National Society has created and implemented youth engagement strategies
- ✓ National Society has developed and/or implemented a strategy for strengthening their auxiliary role
- ✓ There is a National Society Development plan in place



Humanitarian diplomacy

- ✓ National Society participates in IFRC-led campaigns



Accountability and agility

- ✓ National Society has a functioning data management system that informs decision making and supports monitoring and reporting on the impact and evidence of its actions
- ✓ National Society has strengthened its integrity and reputational risk mechanism
- ✓ National Society is implementing a digital transformation roadmap in line with the IFRC strategy

Q1. OVERALL PERFORMANCE

Context

The humanitarian situation in the Russian Federation throughout the first half of 2025 continued to be shaped by the ongoing international armed conflict between Russia and Ukraine. Shelling and drone strikes persisted, notably affecting border regions, resulting in increased needs for humanitarian assistance from the affected population internally.

In recent years, the Russian economy has undergone significant changes due to urbanisation, migration, and infrastructure development. While some regions have adapted well to these changes, others have faced challenges, leading to shifts in employment patterns and economic dynamics.

Key achievements

Climate and environment

In the first half of 2025, the Russian Red Cross supported clean-up efforts following the major oil spill in the Black Sea. It provided volunteers with protective gear and essential tools to reduce health risks during manual operations, and deployed technical equipment such as mobile command tents, lighting units and generators to ensure safe working conditions. At the institutional level, it launched a recycling pilot initiative at its Moscow Headquarters to promote sustainable practices and reduce waste.

Disasters and crises

Between January and June 2025, the Russian Red Cross strengthened its emergency response capacity by certifying 15 members of its Federal Emergency Response Team as professional rescuers through EMERCOM, following rigorous assessments. These certified responders, now equipped with official credentials, enhance the National Society's ability to deploy swiftly and safely during emergencies. The team, now comprising 28 trained personnel, operates under a regionalised model with Regional Emergency Coordinators stationed in key cities such as Kursk, Voronezh, Rostov, Belgorod, and St. Petersburg. To further support emergency operations, trained psychologists have been embedded within the team to provide psychosocial support to affected communities and deployed staff.

Health and wellbeing

In the first half of 2025, the Russian Red Cross expanded its health initiatives nationwide, combining awareness campaigns, capacity building and psychosocial support with targeted recovery efforts. It celebrated the awarding of the Florence Nightingale Medal to two long-serving volunteers for their exceptional service. In partnership with regional authorities, it facilitated seaside retreats for civilians affected by shelling in Belgorod, aiming to support their physical and psychological recovery. The National Society led a tuberculosis prevention campaign across 69 regions and also strengthened first aid training by hosting a national gathering of instructors, introducing modules on bleeding control and psychological first aid. Family First Aid Championships promoted emergency preparedness among children and families. Regionally, the Kursk branch upgraded two sanitary vehicles to Class B ambulance standards, enhancing emergency care capacity. The National Society continued promoting blood and bone marrow donation, offering appreciation packages to frequent donors.

Migration and displacement

The Russian Red Cross continues to operate its Education Centre in Moscow, offering comprehensive support to migrants regardless of nationality. Services include legal aid, humanitarian assistance, medical care, and educational support for children, such as mathematics and Russian language lessons. In response to the evolving situation in Kursk region, the Russian Red Cross participated in four repatriation missions to assist residents returning from the Ukrainian territory. Working alongside the Commissioner for Human Rights of the Russian Federation, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the ICRC, regional authorities and other partners, the National Society provided immediate assistance including food, water, hygiene items and psychosocial support. Early needs assessments were carried out to ensure tailored assistance following arrival. Additionally, the Russian Red Cross expanded Restoring Family Links (RFL) services in response to the conflict, helping people reestablish or maintain contact with relatives.

Values, power and inclusion

In this reporting period, the Russian Red Cross reinforced its commitment to safeguarding, integrity and protection. It began implementing its Child Safeguarding Policy across Headquarters and regional branches, guided by a dedicated action plan. The National Society organised leadership training on compliance, fraud prevention and ethical practices. It strengthened its Ethics Commission and conducted educational sessions on ethics and integrity, including joint online trainings with IFRC's Office of Internal Audit and Investigations. It also participated in regional consultations and webinars to advance its Protection, Gender and Inclusion (PGI) efforts. In June, it conducted a case study on Family Centres using the Child Friendly Spaces methodology, with findings to be shared later in the year.

Enabling local actors

In the first half of 2025, the Russian Red Cross advanced its strategic goals by launching the Volunteer and Youth Council, formalising its structure and principles to strengthen youth engagement and volunteerism across the country. The Council, composed of representatives from 58 regional branches, aims to build a nationwide community of activists and support youth-led initiatives. The National Society also hosted its second Forum on Volunteering and Youth in Moscow, bringing together over 50 regional representatives for discussions, workshops, and research-based insights into youth motivations. To further strengthen its branches, the Russian Red Cross continued implementing Branch Organisational Capacity Assessment (BOCA) workshops, completing 10 more sessions in early 2025. It also began unifying its digital presence by consolidating regional websites under a single domain and developing a web-based portal for streamlined reporting.

At the institutional level, the Russian Red Cross made significant progress in reinforcing its auxiliary role and humanitarian leadership. The draft Federal Law 'On the All-Russian Public Organization Russian Red Cross' passed its first reading in parliament, paving the way for greater recognition and international cooperation. The National Society revitalised its hospital in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, serving over 60,000 patients annually, and supported humanitarian diplomacy through its Linguistic Centre. It actively participated in national platforms and commissions to advocate for vulnerable groups and promoted principled humanitarian action during its National Forum. The Russian Red Cross also strengthened accountability, digital capacity, and risk-informed decision-making, adopted a new fund transfer modality, and continued contributing to the Ukraine Emergency Appeal through consistent reporting and monitoring. Staff and volunteers engaged in ongoing learning via the [IFRC e-Learning Platform](#), while reputational risks were addressed through proactive dialogue and scenario planning.

Q2. CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS

There have been no major amendments to the Unified Plan during the first half of 2025. Activities continued in line with the original planning framework, with adjustments made only at the operational level in response to contextual developments and emerging needs, particularly related to the situation in Kursk region and the continued support to displaced populations.

The Federation-wide response remains shaped by broader structural constraints, including the ongoing international armed conflict and the complex operating environment in the Russian Federation. Sanctions, banking restrictions, and reputational considerations continue to pose significant challenges for international financial transactions, local fundraising, and partnerships, limiting the scalability and flexibility of programming.

Follow-up work related to the IFRC Governing Board Oversight Group continued, based on the recommendations endorsed in September 2024. Areas of ongoing attention include ethical standards, child safeguarding, partnership management, and data protection. These are being addressed through coordination with Russian Red Cross.

Q3. MEASURING RESULTS OF THE IFRC NETWORK ACTION

ONGOING EMERGENCY RESPONSE

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

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Name	Ukraine and Impacted Countries Crisis
Appeal number	MGR65002
Duration	18 February 2022 to 31 December 2027
Funding requirements	Federation-wide funding requirement: CHF 2.7 billion IFRC Secretariat funding requirement: CHF 800 million Federation-wide funding requirement for Russia: CHF 100 million IFRC Secretariat funding requirement for Russia: CHF 58 million
Emergency Appeal	Revised Ukraine Crisis Emergency Appeal
Operational Strategy	Revised Ukraine Crisis Operational Strategy
Latest operation update	Three-year Federation-Wide Report

Since the escalation of the international armed conflict between the Russian Federation and Ukraine in early 2022, displacement has continued to impact people across the region. As of mid-2025, humanitarian needs remain both among internally displaced persons (IDPs) and other vulnerable groups of the displaced people affected by the conflict. In Russia, the humanitarian impact has been concentrated in the western regions, including those bordering Ukraine, where displaced people have sought shelter, legal assistance, and essential services.

The Russian Red Cross, with support from its national and international partners, continues to implement a wide-ranging humanitarian response across more than 30 regions. Assistance has included multi-purpose cash support, mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS), first aid, basic relief item distribution and access to vocational training. Cash assistance remains a preferred modality, tailored to local contexts and needs. While the National Society does not operate temporary accommodation centres, it continues to support the equipping and improvement of such facilities when requested, as well as supporting people who stay there.

Capacity strengthening for staff and volunteers has remained a core component, along with targeted support to regional branches and Headquarters in programme management and emergency response mechanisms. The Federation-wide response continues to focus on supporting medium- to long-term solutions while maintaining the flexibility to respond to emerging needs.

Short description of the emergency operational strategy

Following the escalation of the international armed conflict, the Russian Red Cross assisted in equipping temporary accommodation points for displaced individuals as and when requested by the people residing there or the administration, offering essential services such as daily hot meals and unrestricted stays. Recognizing the limitations of these facilities for long-term living, the Russian Red Cross and its regional branches have been equipping them with household appliances and distributing humanitarian aid, hygiene kits, and drinking water. Mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) is provided through various channels including consultations, support groups, and referrals. The Russian Red Cross also facilitates access to social services and medical support, including the provision and rental of medical devices.

To promote self-reliance and integration, the Russian Red Cross launched vocational training and micro-entrepreneurship programmes. These initiatives offer financial coverage for short-term training and assistance in starting small businesses, including technical and business management support. The geographic reach of these programmes has expanded nationwide, reflecting the changing settlement patterns of displaced people. Additionally, the National Society continues to provide multipurpose cash assistance to newly arrived individuals based on specific vulnerability criteria, allowing recipients to prioritize their own needs as they navigate immediate challenges and begin integrating into local communities.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Climate and environment

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In response to the major oil spill in the Black Sea in late 2024, the Russian Red Cross continued to provide substantial support in the first half of 2025 to protect the health and safety of volunteers involved in clean-up efforts. Equipment and personal protective gear were delivered to the affected coastal areas. The assistance included protective suits, rubber boots, respirators, filters, waterproof sleeves, goggles, gloves, and large-volume waste bags, helping to minimise health risks during manual operations. To support field coordination and ensure safe working conditions, the Russian Red Cross also deployed technical equipment such as pneumatic tents for mobile command posts, lighting units, diesel generators and heaters. In addition, volunteers were supplied with essential tools for manual shoreline clean-up.

At the institutional level, the Russian Red Cross launched a recycling pilot initiative at its Headquarters in Moscow. The aim is to reduce general waste, promote recycling of usable materials and raise awareness among staff on sustainable workplace practices.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC uses its communication channels to raise awareness on climate change and to support the National Society in its outreach initiatives during heat and cold waves. It also ensures that the National Society staff and volunteers participate in relevant training on responding to climate and environmental crises. The IFRC continues to facilitate the involvement of the National Society in the technical reference group for climate action. It also supports the National Society by providing training for staff and volunteers in responding to climate and environmental crises.



Disasters and crises

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

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In the first half of 2025, 15 members of the Russian Red Cross Federal Emergency Response Team were officially certified as professional rescuers through the Ministry of Emergency Situations (EMERCOM). Following a series of theoretical and practical assessments, the certified rescuers received official identity cards, badges and logbooks. This milestone reinforces the National Society's ability to deploy rapidly and safely during emergencies—both within the Russian Federation and, when needed, internationally. Ongoing trainings and certification should result in 20 more staff being certified by the end of 2025.

The Federal Disaster Response Team now comprises 28 trained staff and volunteers, equipped with the necessary tools, training and systems for deployment. The team operates in a regionalised model, with trained staff assuming the role of Regional Emergency Coordinators. These coordinators can be deployed across regions depending on the scale and location of emergencies. Regional response units have already been established in key locations such as Kursk, Voronezh, Rostov, Belgorod, and St. Petersburg, with the federal team providing coordination and reinforcement as needed.

To enhance the integration of psychosocial support in emergency operations, trained psychologists have been embedded within the Russian Red Cross Federal Disaster Response Team. These specialists provide direct support to affected populations and ensure the mental well-being of deployed personnel.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provides both financial and technical assistance to the Russian Red Cross for emergency response mechanisms. IFRC mechanisms such as the Disaster Response Emergency Fund (DREF) and the IFRC Emergency Appeal are utilized by the National Society in times of disasters and crises to effectively support those who face immediate needs during times of emergency. In April 2025, the IFRC conducted a needs assessment training for the

Russian Red Cross staff and volunteers aimed at improving assessment methodologies, transparency and the overall effectiveness of emergency response.

The IFRC also encouraged National Society colleagues to access IFRC online course, 'CBRN Preparedness in the Humanitarian Sector,' which is now available in Russian. Translation is also underway for the IFRC online security training (Stay Safe 1-3).



The Russian Red Cross supports vulnerable families with essential supplies during times of disasters and crises. (Photo: Russian Red Cross)



Health and wellbeing

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In the first half of 2025, the Russian Red Cross continued to expand its health-related initiatives across the country, combining awareness-raising campaigns, capacity building, and psychosocial support with targeted recovery efforts.

A notable highlight was the awarding of the Florence Nightingale Medal — the highest international distinction for nursing professionals — to two long-standing Russian Red Cross volunteers: Elena Brezhneva from the Voronezh regional branch and Lyudmila Berdieva from Magadan. This rare honour recognises their exceptional commitment, compassion and professionalism in both routine and crisis settings.

As part of a rehabilitation programme launched in partnership with the Government of Belgorod Region, Rosmolodezh, and the Dobro RF project, the Russian Red Cross facilitated access to therapeutic seaside retreats for civilians affected by shelling in Belgorod. The programme aims to support physical and psychological recovery for injured people and those who lost their homes. Over 900 people are expected to access care at Black Sea resorts in 2025, with more than 2,000 people benefiting from the broader rehabilitation programme across Russia.

In March 2025, the Russian Red Cross led a nationwide tuberculosis prevention campaign in 69 regions, engaging more than 30,000 people through lectures, seminars, interactive sessions and creative public events. Activities focused on youth and used innovative formats such as peer-led sessions, public talks and workshops. Regional adaptations of the campaign included masterclasses and educational games in schools, outreach to parents, and awareness campaigns.

The National Society also strengthened its first aid activities. From 28 February to 2 March 2025, Russian Red Cross held its first national gathering of [first aid](#) instructors and trainers, bringing together over 100 professionals from 80

regions. The training introduced new modules on bleeding control using tourniquets and on delivering psychological first aid. Sessions were led by rescue professionals, emergency physicians and Ministry of Health experts, ensuring a high standard of instruction. Trainers are now equipped to teach both physical and emotional support techniques during emergencies.

In April 2025, the Russian Red Cross co-organised Family First Aid Championships three regions as part of a broader national project on youth and family preparedness. Participants — children aged 5 to 17 and their family members — took part in hands-on competitions and public education sessions to strengthen their skills in responding to life-threatening situations.

At the regional level, the Kursk regional branch of the Russian Red Cross upgraded two sanitary vehicles to meet the Ministry of Health's Class B ambulance standards. Originally used for medical transport and outreach to remote communities, the vehicles have been fitted with the equipment necessary to provide basic emergency care during transport or before the arrival of official emergency services.

The Russian Red Cross continues its programme on promotion of blood and bone marrow donation. Special motivation and appreciation packages were developed and are now distributed by the branches to the multiple-time donors.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supports the Russian Red Cross in non-remunerated blood donation, methodological materials, and best practices on hygiene services during pandemics. It also supports the National Society by facilitating technical assistance and funding access for initiatives related to health ageing, non-communicable diseases, and support for individuals with HIV, tuberculosis and other communicable diseases. The IFRC supports the National Society with relevant training to enhance its capacity in providing mental health and psychosocial support and integrates these activities in emergency response. It will also encourage the National Society's participation in networks and forums related to first aid and MHPSS.



Migration and displacement

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Russian Red Cross continues running its Education Centre in Moscow. The Centre provides support to migrants regardless of their nationality. The services include legal support, humanitarian assistance, medical services, and education for children (e.g. mathematics lessons or Russian language lessons).

Details of the ongoing response to the needs of displaced people from Ukraine, including multi-purpose cash assistance, case management, psychosocial support, and livelihoods initiatives, are covered in the Ongoing emergency response section of this report.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supports the Russian Red Cross in securing humanitarian aid from Movement Partners. IFRC supports the enhancement of the case management approach to ensure migrants have access to crucial public and protection services.

The ICRC provides support to the Russian Red Cross under the Restoring Family Links ([RFL](#)) initiative.



Progress by the National Society against objectives

In the first half of 2025, the Russian Red Cross strengthened its commitments to safeguarding, integrity, and protection, building on previous institutional developments. The National Society's implementation of the Russian Red Cross Child Safeguarding Policy — adopted in December 2024 — formally began in January 2025, guided by an action plan covering the period from January to September 2025. Activities are underway at both Headquarters and regional branch levels to integrate safeguarding measures into daily operations and ensure safe environments for children and groups in vulnerable situations.

In May 2025, the Russian Red Cross received a small-scale grant (CHF 3,195) through the IFRC Safeguarding Seed Funding for National Societies involved in the Ukraine and impacted countries crisis Emergency Appeal response. The funding will support a two-day in-person training for leadership at the Headquarters and regional level. The training will focus on topics such as monitoring compliance with the Fundamental Principles, implementing the Child Safeguarding Policy, preventing fraud and corruption, and addressing ethical concerns in both internal operations and beneficiary engagement.

The Russian Red Cross also continued to strengthen the internal functioning of its Ethics Commission, originally established in 2022. The National Society also conducted educational sessions on ethics and integrity for regional branches. To enhance investigations and reporting, two online sessions were held in cooperation with the IFRC Office of Internal Audit and Investigations (OIAI), alongside the distribution of a Russian-language version of the Good Practice Toolkit on Investigations.

In June 2025, the Russian Red Cross participated in a regional consultation on the implementation of the "Protection in the Movement" Resolution and joined a webinar on the launch of Safe Referrals Guidelines developed by the Danish Red Cross in collaboration with Movement partners. These engagements contributed to the continued development of the National Society's Protection, Gender and Inclusion (PGI) efforts.

Also in June, the Russian Red Cross conducted a case study on its experience with Family Centres using the Child Friendly Spaces methodology. The results are under review and will be shared in the third quarter of 2025 to support learning and future programme design. At the institutional level, the Russian Red Cross maintains designated focal points for Safeguarding and PGI at Headquarters, ensuring coordination and accountability across all levels of the organisation.

In 25 regions, the Russian Red Cross provided PGI services and MHPSS to externally and internally displaced children and their parents in Russian Red Cross Family centres, using the IFRC Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) methodology. Staff and volunteers from 25 regional branches taking part in the National Society Family Centres programme were trained in IFRC PGI and CFS methodology and how to work with displaced children and their parents.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supports the Russian Red Cross efforts in strengthening its capacity in protection, gender and inclusion (PGI) through the provision of essential resources, guidelines, and tools in the Russian language. It assists the National Society in establishing feedback mechanisms, identifying effective communication channels tailored to diverse communities, and addressing institutional gaps in community engagement approaches. The IFRC supports the National Society's youth-oriented initiatives such as social media campaigns and participation in regional youth activities.

ENABLING LOCAL ACTORS



Strategic and operational coordination

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.

Movement coordination

The Russian Red Cross ensures regular exchanges with the IFRC, the International Committee of the Red Cross and participating National Societies, for the alignment of support and action between Movement partners. In times of emergencies, closer coordination is organized. This is carried out in line with the Strengthening Movement Coordination and Cooperation ([SMCC](#)) principles and the newly adopted [Seville Agreement 2.0](#).

The ICRC's Moscow delegation maintains a dialogue on humanitarian and IHL issues and supports the Red Cross Societies of the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus.

External coordination

Resource mobilization: In 2025, the Russian Red Cross advanced its fundraising efforts by adopting the IFRC-reviewed Resource Mobilization Strategy to boost transparency, donor trust and long-term investment. Capacity-building included emergency-mode fundraising training for branch leaders and a nationwide forum on standardized partnership packages. Digital fundraising became the main source of unearmarked donations, supported by a new landing page for secure, high-volume transactions, while corporate fundraising gained momentum through industry events, resulting in partnerships with banks, pharmaceutical firms, and retailers and significant contributions to emergency responses for displaced Ukrainians, Crocus City Hall victims and the Emergency Response Fund.

The Russian Red Cross has been cooperating with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) for many years over the past decades and plans to continue cooperation going forward. The Russian Red Cross staff regularly participates in events organized jointly with UNHCR and monthly meetings of UNHCR partners, sharing experiences with colleagues and improving their professional skills. The first Cooperation Agreement between the Russian Red Cross and the UNHCR was signed in 2022, which provides comprehensive support in Russia to displaced people from Ukraine.



National Society development

Progress by the National Society against objectives

As part of the implementation of strategic tasks for the development and strengthening of the Russian Red Cross volunteer community, the National Society officially launched the volunteer and youth council in 2025. This year, important regulatory documents were adopted, working structures were formed and key activities were carried out aimed at strengthening the position of the council and expanding its influence.

On 18 April 2025, the National Society's Board approved the regulation 'On the Volunteer and Youth Council.' This document formalized the main principles of the Council's activities, its goals and objectives. The goal of the Council is to form a volunteer community of activists and representatives from the regional branches of the Russian Red Cross to develop the system of volunteerism within the Russian Federation. The Concept of the Council's activities was also approved, which defines the strategic directions of work, priorities, and mechanisms for implementing youth initiatives.

Also on 18 April 2025, a decree by the Russian Red Cross President approved the composition of the Volunteer and Youth Council. It includes representatives from 58 Russian Red Cross regional branches. This broad regional coverage ensures the representation of the interests of Russian Red Cross youth and volunteers from various parts of the country.

The National Society also held the second Forum on Volunteering and Youth in Moscow. The event gathered over 50 regional representatives, active volunteers, programme coordinators, and specialists in youth policy. During the forum, discussions were held on 'Volunteers as the Driving Force of Humanitarian Action,' foresight sessions on the accessibility of volunteering for new participants, motivational workshops and business games. Special attention was given to the results of sociological research on youth attitudes toward volunteer work. This allowed participants to better understand the motivations and barriers to engaging young people. In May 2025, the National Society hosted its III National Forum, bringing together over 250 participants from 65 regions to exchange best practices and discuss the future of community-based humanitarian action.

The Russian Red Cross successfully continued implementation of the Branch Organisational Capacity Assessment (BOCA) workshops to strengthen its branches. During the first six months of 2025, around 10 BOCA workshops were completed, making a total number of workshops 52 since 2024. Facilitators and trainers from among volunteers and staff of Russian Red Cross and from the 25 regional branches of Russian Red Cross continues to be active.

The Russian Red Cross is working on unification of the websites. They will be united under one domain, and all regional branches will have their dedicated webpages under redcross.ru. The National Society started working on creating a system of unification of reports from the regional branches. The system will be developed as a web-based portal where the branches will be able to add information.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC continues to support the National Society's efforts towards the passing of the Russian Red Cross Law and further development of the National Society legal framework. Efforts are also undertaken to ensure that the Russian Red Cross statutes are updated. IFRC funding mechanisms such as the IFRC-ICRC National Society Investment Alliance (NSIA) and the IFRC Capacity Building Fund (CBF) are utilized for National Society development initiatives. .



Humanitarian diplomacy

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In the first half of 2025, the Russian Red Cross continued working actively to strengthen its auxiliary role to the authorities on humanitarian matters and to advance towards the goal of becoming Russia's leading humanitarian agency, as envisaged in its Development Strategy 2028. Most notably, the draft Federal Law 'On the All-Russian Public Organization Russian Red Cross,' sponsored by the Ministry of Health, was approved in the first reading by the lower chamber of the country's parliament. The adoption of the law will reinforce the National Society's status as a neutral, impartial and independent humanitarian actor, lay ground for extended state recognition and secure space for international cooperation.

The Russian Red Cross is working closely with the Government of the Russian Federation and the Movement partners to develop corresponding decrees, which elaborate, among all, the bill's provisions on the protection of the Red Cross emblem.

The Russian Red Cross also contributes to humanitarian agenda on key influencing priorities at global and regional level and engages in humanitarian initiatives abroad. In the first half of 2025, the Russian Red Cross revitalized the work of its hospital in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, with the help of the Russian Health Ministry and Ethiopian authorities. This unique project remains an essential part of the area's healthcare system, providing assistance to more than 60,000 patients annually. In addition, the newly signed Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia and the IFRC on the use of Russian as a working language highlighted the role of the National Society's Linguistic Centre in supporting Russian-English translations and interpretation. This work expands accessibility of the Red Cross and Red Crescent knowledge and fora for the Russian-speaking audiences and ensures their participation in humanitarian discussions.

The Russian Red Cross is committed to promoting humanitarian solutions and sharing its expertise on issues of health, social protection, youth and volunteerism. The National Society is represented in the Public Chamber of the Russian Federation and in regions, interdepartmental commission on the development of volunteerism, regional Public Monitoring Commissions for places of detention, registers of social service providers, and other platforms allowing to stand for the interests of people in the most vulnerable situations.

On the 60th anniversary of the Fundamental Principles, the Russian Red Cross paid special attention to promoting principled humanitarian action among its staff, volunteers and interlocutors. For example, during its National Forum in May, the National Society held a separate session on the Fundamental Principles and its freshly adopted good partnership policy. The discussion helped to reveal existing gaps in the understanding and acceptance and shape further action for their elimination. The Russian Red Cross also works actively to integrate the provisions of the Humanitarian Diplomacy Policy adopted last year into the practices of its headquarters and regional branches to ensure a more coordinated approach and meaningful engagement.

Media visibility of the Russian Red Cross remains high, with a notable increase in media mentions since 2021. Although official 2025 statistics are not yet available, monitoring efforts are ongoing. The organization continues to face reputational challenges but has responded promptly through situation monitoring and the development of reactive messaging.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC continues providing assistance and advice to the Russian Red Cross on the issues of humanitarian diplomacy and advocacy. During the reporting period, the exchanges focused on reputational risks, the international armed conflict scenario planning and environment scanning. In the coming six months, the IFRC humanitarian diplomacy support will focus on promoting principled humanitarian action and humanitarian diplomacy capacity development in the regions.

In May 2025, the Russian Red Cross held a press conference with IFRC participation, which attracted significant attention from federal media outlets. Additionally, with IFRC support, the Russian Red Cross developed a new Communications Strategy, presented at the National Forum in May.



Accountability and agility (cross-cutting)

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In the first half of 2025, the Russian Red Cross continued to strengthen its accountability mechanisms, digital capacity and risk-informed decision-making.

Under Human Resources, all of the National Society's staff and volunteers have access to the IFRC e-Learning Platform, with ongoing encouragement to complete relevant online courses and certifications. Throughout the reporting period, the Russian Red Cross staff participated in a range of in-person and online learning opportunities.

The Russian Red Cross is also operating under a new fund transfer modality, which allows for improved financial tracking and timely support to ongoing operations.

The Russian Red Cross continues to monitor reputational and integrity risks while addressing it in an open and trusted dialogue between the IFRC and National Society leadership. This includes scenario planning and proactive discussion of potential mitigation strategies.

As part of its Planning, Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting (PMER) efforts, the Russian Red Cross consistently provides input into the Indicator Tracking Tool, financial overviews and operational updates for the Ukraine and Impacted Countries Emergency Appeal. The Russian Red Cross is also working to improve its digital maturity and infrastructure in line with its [digital transformation](#) objectives.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provides both technical and financial assistance to the National Society in its efforts under accountability and agility. The IFRC also reviewed the National Society's financial reports and verified the supporting documentation, ensuring its quality. Technical support for PMER activities is provided by the IFRC, including joint monitoring visits and regular data reviews.

Q4. AFFECTED PERSONS (PEOPLE REACHED)

See cover pages

Q5. PARTICIPATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR AFFECTED PEOPLE – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

See Strategic Priority on 'Values, power and inclusion' under Q3: MEASURING RESULTS OF THE IFRC NETWORK ACTION

Q6. RISK MANAGEMENT

This information is not available in Mid-Year Reports

Q7. EXIT STRATEGY AND SUSTAINABILITY

See Strategic Priorities or Enabling Local Actors, where relevant under Q3: MEASURING RESULTS OF THE IFRC NETWORK ACTION

Q8. LESSONS LEARNED

Nothing to report.

SUCCESS STORIES



I was completely lost when I arrived. The Red Cross became my source of support and my chance to help others.

Nadezhda

volunteer with Russian Red Cross

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Nadezhda, a Russian Red Cross Volunteer

Displaced from Donetsk, Nadezhda knows firsthand how hard it is to start from scratch in a new place. When she fled to Voronezh in Russia, the local Red Cross team supported her at the most trying times. Now she is volunteering with the Red Cross to be there for people in need.

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Natalia and her Mother

In 2022, Natalia and her 90-year-old mother had to flee the village of Novoluhanske (Donetsk region) due to the Russia-Ukraine international armed conflict. Their house was destroyed by shelling. After spending days in a neighbour's basement, they decided to move to Kaluga Oblast in Russia where Natalia's son had been living.

But as Natalia's son has a large family, she and her mother couldn't stay with him and had to look for an apartment to rent. Soon after moving to a new place, Natalia's mother broke her hip and has been bedridden ever since.

Struggling to take care of her mother, Natalia reached out to the Russian Red Cross for support. The Red Cross team delivered a medical bed for Natalia's mother and has been providing the family with much-needed hygiene items, bed linen and blankets.

Supported by the IFRC, Russian Red Cross has been working on individual cases of people displaced due to the armed conflict by providing tailored support for their urgent needs.

ANNEX 1. IFRC APPLICATION OF THE 8+3 REPORTING TEMPLATE

The IFRC network structures its result-based management along five Strategic priorities and four Enabling functions, developed based on the IFRC network's [Strategy 2030](#):

IFRC network Strategic Priorities	IFRC network Enabling Functions
SP 1 - Climate and environment	EF 1- Strategic and operational coordination
SP 2 - Disasters and crises	EF 2 - National Society development
SP 3 - Health and wellbeing	EF 3 - Humanitarian diplomacy
SP 4 - Migration and displacement	EF 4 - Accountability and agility
SP 5 - Values, power and inclusion	

The Federation-wide results matrix provides a standard way for the IFRC network to measure its progress towards Strategy 2030 implementation and supports consistent quality of the IFRC network planning, monitoring and reporting. To further advance coherence in monitoring across the IFRC network, a [Federation-wide Indicator Bank](#) has been developed and integrated into the Federation-wide monitoring systems for emergencies and longer-term work, structured along the Federation-wide results matrix as well. Signatory of the Grand Bargain Agreement, the IFRC has committed to its monitoring and reporting standards through integration of the [8+3 reporting template](#) contents into its results-based management approach. The following mapping demonstrate the way in which this report aligns with 8+3 reporting:

8+3 template	IFRC network Mid-Year Report (with variance in structure in red)
Core Questions	
1. Overall Performance	Overall Performance
2. Changes and Amendments	Changes and amendments
3. Measuring Results	Measuring Results
4. Affected Persons	Cover pages with indicators values
5. Participation & AAP	Under Q3 Strategic Priority 5: Values, power and inclusion – Community Engagement and Accountability
6. Risk management	Risk management
7. Exit Strategy and Sustainability	Under Q3 sub-sections by Strategic Priority/Enabling Function where relevant
8. Lessons Learned	Lessons learned
Additional Questions	
1. Value for Money/ Cost Effectiveness	Not included in mid-year reports
2. Visibility	Not included in mid-year reports
3. Coordination	Under Q3 Enabling Function 1: Strategic and operational coordination
4. Implementing Partners	Cross-cutting, with a focus on support to localization through the Q3 Enabling Functions 1 to 4
5. Activities or Steps Towards implementation	Cross-cutting in Q3 Strategic Priorities and Enabling Functions
6. Environment	Under Q3 Strategic Priority 1: Climate and environment



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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

- **Timeframe and alignment:** The reporting timeframe for this overview is covering the period from 1 January to 30 June 2025. However, due to the diversity of the IFRC and differences in fiscal years, this coverage may not fully align for some National Societies.
- **Financial overview:** This overview consolidates data reported by the National Society and its IFRC network partners, as well as data extracted from IFRC's financial systems. All reported figures should include the administrative and operational costs of the different entities. The financial data with a grey background is solely reported by the National Society, including the funding sources. Financial reporting is often times estimated depending on availability of financial figures, closing of financial periods, and may be incomplete. 'Not reported' could sometimes mean 'not applicable'. Also note that funding requirements are already reflected in the published 2024 IFRC network country plan. The total funding requirements show what the IFRC network has sought to raise for the given year through different channels: funding through the IFRC, through participating National Societies as bilateral support, and through the host National Society from non-IFRC network sources. All figures should include the administrative and operational costs of the different entities.
 - » Host National Society funding requirements not coming from IFRC network sources can comprise a variety of sources, as demonstrated when reporting on income in the IFRC Federation-wide Databank and Reporting System
 - » Participating National Society funding requirements for bilateral support are those validated by respective headquarters, and often represent mainly secured funding
 - » IFRC funding requirements comprise both what is sourced from the IFRC core budget and what is sought through emergency and thematic funding. This includes participating National Societies' multilateral support through IFRC, and all other IFRC sources of funding
- **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) 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.
- **Definitions:**
 - » **Local units:** ALL subdivisions of a National Society that coordinate and deliver services to people. These include ALL levels (provincial, state, city, district branches, sections or chapters, headquarters, and regional and intermediate offices, as well as community-based units)
 - » **Branches:** A Branch has its roles, responsibilities and relationship with the National Headquarters defined through the National Society's Statutes, including the level of autonomy given, especially in the area of its legal status, mobilising local resources and building local partnerships, and the decisions it makes. It has a local-level decision-making mechanism through its Branch members, board and volunteers, equally defined through the National Society's Statutes

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- [RU_Russia MYR Financials.pdf](#)
- [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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