

IN SUPPORT OF THE RED CROSS OF THE REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA



PEOPLE REACHED

Emergency Operations



68

Climate and environment



7,818

Disasters and crises



262

Health and wellbeing



12,658

Migration and displacement



2,826

Values, power and inclusion



847

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

in Swiss francs (CHF)

Red Cross of The Republic of North Macedonia			
Overview		Funding Sources	
Funding	Not reported	IFRC Secretariat	
Expenditure	Not reported	Participating National Societies	
		HNS other funding sources	

IFRC network

Country		Funding Requirement	
			1.6M
IFRC Secretariat	Longer-term	Funding Requirement	472,000
		Funding	284,000
		Expenditure	284,000
Emergency Operations		Funding	191,000
		Expenditure	173,000
Participating National Societies		Funding Requirement	329,000
		Funding	59,000
		Expenditure	35,000
HNS other funding sources		Funding Requirement	800,000
		Funding	Not reported



ONGOING EMERGENCY INDICATORS

MGR65002 / Ukraine and Impacted Countries Crisis

Disasters and crises	Number of people reached with emergency response and early recovery programmes	50
Health and wellbeing	Number of people reached by the National Society with contextually appropriate health services	35
	Number of people reached by the National Society with contextually appropriate water, sanitation and hygiene services	12
Values, power and inclusion	Number of people reached by the National Society's educational programmes	68
	Reached by protection, gender and inclusion programming	50

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Climate and environment

Number of people reached with activities addressing



Heatwave risk reduction, preparedness or response

8,000



Disasters and crises

Number of people reached with



Disaster risk reduction

262



Emergency response and early recovery programmes

71







Shelter support

170



Health and wellbeing

Number of people reached by the National Society with

 Contextually appropriate health services	• 3,000
 Training in first aid	• 13,000
 Psychosocial and mental health services	• 1,000
 Contextually appropriate water, sanitation and hygiene services	• 12



Values, power and inclusion

Number of people

 Reached by the National Society's educational programmes	• 161
 Reached by protection, gender and inclusion programming	• 847

THE NATIONAL SOCIETY

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

ENABLING FUNCTIONS



National Society development

- ✓ 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 a Protection of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) policy to enforce prevention and support survivors
- ✓ National Society has strengthened its integrity and reputational risk mechanism
- ✓ National Society is implementing a digital transformation roadmap in line with the IFRC strategy

IFRC NETWORK BILATERAL-SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

National Society	Funding Reported	Climate and environment	Disasters and crises	Health and wellbeing	Migration and displacement	Values, power and inclusion	Enabling Functions
Austrian Red Cross	59,000			●		●	
Bulgarian Red Cross				●			
Red Cross of Serbia				●			
Swiss Red Cross			●	●	●		
Turkish Red Crescent Society						●	

Total Funding Reported **CHF 59,000**

Q1. OVERALL PERFORMANCE

Context

The Republic of North Macedonia, a landlocked country in Southeast Europe, gained independence in 1991 as a successor state to Yugoslavia. It shares borders with Kosovo, Serbia, Bulgaria, Greece, and Albania. The population is approximately 1.84 million (2021 Census) with a density of 78.7 people per square kilometre. Ethnically, the country is diverse, comprising 54.21 per cent Macedonians, 29.52 per cent Albanians and smaller groups of Turks, Roma, Serbs, Bosniaks and Vlachs. North Macedonia operates as a parliamentary republic with a medium-developed industrial base.

North Macedonia is highly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change and natural hazards, including floods, droughts, earthquakes, extreme temperatures, and forest fires. Flooding has been the most frequent and damaging hazard between 1990 and 2023, causing significant damage to infrastructure and communities. Climate-related risks are projected to cost up to four per cent of GDP by 2050 if adaptation measures are not implemented. These risks underscore the need for robust climate adaptation, disaster preparedness and resilient infrastructure investments.

North Macedonia's economy is recovering from previous shocks but faces moderate growth challenges. GDP growth was projected to stabilize between 2.1 per cent and three per cent in 2024, despite weaker external demand and tighter financing conditions. Inflation, which reached nearly 20 per cent in 2022, eased to 6.6 per cent in late 2023 and is forecasted to decline further to 2.3 per cent in 2025, supported by central bank measures. The country's external position improved in 2023 due to reduced energy costs and significant infrastructure projects—particularly in renewable energy and road development—are expected to drive long-term growth. However, fiscal stability, climate vulnerabilities and inclusive economic development remain critical challenges. Poverty and social exclusion persist, particularly among vulnerable groups, including older persons, who represent a growing share of the population. Long-term unemployment among low-skilled individuals limits competitiveness in the labour market, while access to support systems remains uneven across communities.

Gender inequality remains a systemic challenge. Women face limited access to resources, markets, and decision-making processes and experience persistent wage and labour force participation gaps. Gender-based violence, abuse and exploitation continue to disproportionately affect women, reflecting entrenched structural inequalities. Addressing these disparities requires comprehensive policies to promote gender equality, protection mechanisms, and economic empowerment.

North Macedonia lies on the Balkan Route, a key transit corridor for migrants heading toward Western Europe. This position has created logistical and humanitarian challenges, necessitating effective resource coordination, protection measures and community engagement strategies to manage migration flows without exacerbating social tensions.

Key achievements

Climate and environment

During the first half of 2025, the Red Cross of the Republic of North Macedonia advanced its climate-smart programming by mobilizing volunteers to conduct household surveys, risk assessments, first aid, and public awareness activities. Community workshops and youth-led Training of Trainers initiatives empowered local leaders to deliver climate adaptation sessions, while nationwide campaigns on energy efficiency and sustainable living raised awareness among the public. Engagement with national institutions and international partners strengthened the organization's role in climate change response and contributed to community-driven adaptation planning.

Disasters and crises

The National Society enhanced its emergency preparedness and response capacities, with volunteers providing immediate support following a nightclub fire in Kočani and a severe snowstorm. First aid, psychological support, and targeted cash and in-kind assistance were delivered to affected communities, while specialized training and preparedness exercises improved readiness for future crises. The National Society also advanced cash and voucher

assistance systems and piloted anticipatory action measures in collaboration with local authorities and partner organizations, ensuring a timely and community-focused response to emergencies.

Health and wellbeing

The Red Cross of the Republic of North Macedonia strengthened health services and psychosocial support, delivering widespread first aid education, homecare, and community-based support for older people and persons with disabilities. Mental health and psychosocial interventions were scaled up, particularly following the Kočani fire, combining individual counselling, group sessions, and professional supervision for staff and volunteers. Awareness campaigns and preventive health programs addressed both infectious and non-infectious diseases, while partnerships with national authorities and international organizations enhanced institutional frameworks, training recognition, and access to quality healthcare.

Migration and displacement

The National Society provided humanitarian assistance and protection to people on the move, displaced populations from Ukraine, and those under subsidiary protection. Services included food, hygiene items, clothing, medical check-ups, access to social protection and employment support, cultural mediation, and educational assistance. Restoring Family Links services were strengthened, including multilingual tracing support, referral systems, and branch-level capacity development, ensuring that vulnerable individuals received timely and dignified assistance.

Values, power and inclusion

Community engagement and accountability, protection, gender, and inclusion were systematically integrated across all programs, fostering a rights-based approach and strengthening trust with communities. Youth empowerment initiatives, volunteer training, and inclusive activities for children, older people, and persons with disabilities were expanded. The National Society marked its 80th anniversary with high-profile events in collaboration with local authorities, universities, and national leaders, celebrating institutional partnerships and the organization's role in promoting humanitarian values and social cohesion.

Q2. CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS

No major changes in the context and the actions foreseen during the reporting period

Q3. MEASURING RESULTS OF THE IFRC NETWORK ACTION

ONGOING EMERGENCY RESPONSE

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

Name	Ukraine and Impacted Countries Crisis
Appeal number	MGR65002
People to be reached	1,300
Duration	February 2022 – December 2025
Funding requirements	Total: CHF 800 M (IFRC); CHF 2.7 billion (Federation-wide) North Macedonia: CHF 1.33 M (IFRC); CHF 1.54 M (Federation-wide)
Emergency Appeal	Revised Emergency Appeal
Operational Strategy	Revised Operational Strategy North Macedonia Response Plan
Latest operation update	Operation Update No. 11

The armed conflict in Ukraine, ongoing since 2022, continues to cause immense civilian suffering, widespread displacement and destruction of infrastructure and livelihoods. Millions have crossed into neighbouring countries, many displaced for nearly two years, with growing gaps in meeting their protection and assistance needs. The IFRC Emergency Appeal, first launched in February 2022 and revised in May 2023, now supports 18 National Societies, including the Red Cross of the Republic of North Macedonia, with expanded targets, funding and geographical coverage. The revision reflects the shift from immediate emergency to protracted crisis, requiring adaptable and long-term responses.

Since the escalation of the Russia-Ukraine international armed conflict and until the end of 2024, North Macedonia received [19,325](#) displaced individuals from Ukraine. Only a small proportion requested assistance, enabling the Red Cross of the Republic of North Macedonia to maintain regular communication and personal interaction with those supported. Assistance was provided during humanitarian aid distribution, registration and related activities, with a focus on people with disabilities, older persons and mothers with young children—identified as the most vulnerable among the displaced population.

Short description of the emergency operational strategy

Through the revised emergency appeal, the Red Cross of the Republic of North Macedonia provided targeted assistance to about 1,300 people in 2024. The interventions consisted of:

Shelter, housing and settlements

With the **Swiss Red Cross** support, assistance for clothing and footwear was provided twice a year through Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA). 100 vouchers were distributed to 50 vulnerable displaced people (including those with chronic illnesses, older people and children) to buy summer clothing and footwear. Additionally, 350 food parcels and essential household items were delivered to Ukrainians residing in North Macedonia.

Multi-purpose cash

35 host families received cash assistance, and 104 supermarket consumer cards were replenished for displaced people. To strengthen CVA capacity, 21 Red Cross representatives completed a Level II CVA training in Struga, while two

attended a CVA Data Management training in Sarajevo. The National Society adopted Kobo for beneficiary registration, [needs assessments](#) and Post-Distribution Monitoring.

Health and care

10 vulnerable individuals received health insurance coverage. 36 people requiring urgent medical treatment were supported, resulting in 73 medical interventions, including cardiac, dental and ophthalmology cases. Additionally, 52 people received chronic disease medication, and volunteers assisted with appointments, transport and prescription procurement. 20 group mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) sessions were organized for displaced individuals.

Protection, gender and inclusion (PGI)

The Children's Corner hosted 82 educational and recreational activities for 20 children, encouraging creativity and integration. 94 people attended 336 Macedonian language classes. A summer camp in June monitored early childhood development and offered MHPSS.

Excursions for 30 displaced people promoted socialization, while cultural visits and World Refugee Day activities raised awareness among 1,500 people. A Gaming Hub opened in partnership with UNHCR engaged 10 Ukrainian and local youth, offering digital skills training.

Community Engagement and Accountability (CEA)

Regular communication with displaced people ensured feedback and need-based support. Two staff attended CEA planning training in Montenegro. A profiling survey of 57 Ukrainian households identified key needs to inform better programming and integration into national plans.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Climate and environment

Progress by the National Society against objectives

During the summer heat waves, the Red Cross of the Republic of North Macedonia implemented extensive awareness and protection activities to safeguard public health from the impacts of extreme temperatures. Through its local branches, the National Society organized outreach efforts at high-traffic locations such as bus stops, hospitals, markets, and administrative centres, where volunteers distributed bottled water and educational materials on health protection during heat waves. Volunteers also provided first aid to those in need and offered free blood pressure measurements to vulnerable citizens. Across the country, these efforts reached thousands of people through direct assistance, awareness materials, and preventive health services. The National Society also conducted workshops on preventing heat-related illnesses and promoted public understanding of climate risks through both community engagement and social media campaigns. In addition, 32 branches, along with headquarters, undertook initiatives to raise awareness about climate change and encourage behavioural changes to reduce vulnerability to extreme weather.

IFRC network joint support

The National Society along with in collaboration with **the IFRC** and other partners, organized a workshop at the Solferino Training Centre in Struga titled "Positioning the Role of the Red Cross in Response and Adaptation to Climate Change." The event brought together representatives from the National Society, the Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning, the Institute for Public Health, the World Health Organization, and the United Nations Development Programme. Discussions focused on defining strategic priorities for strengthening the National Society's role in national climate change response and adaptation frameworks. The workshop concluded with recommendations to develop an internal system for improved coordination and to reinforce the integration of the Red Cross of the Republic of North Macedonia into the country's institutional climate and disaster management mechanisms, ensuring closer alignment with national authorities and international partners.



Disasters and crises

Progress by the National Society against objectives

Following the tragic fire at the Pulse nightclub in Kočani in March 2025, the Red Cross of North Macedonia mobilized an extensive emergency response through seven local branches in Veles, Vinica, Negotino, Probishtip, Delchevo, Kavadarci and Kumanovo. Trained first aid teams provided immediate medical and psychological support to those injured or in shock, as well as emotional and practical assistance to bereaved families. More than 160 volunteers and professionals participated in the response, including around 140 licensed psychologists who offered psychological first aid and mental health support. The National Society also activated three telephone helplines in Štip, Skopje and Kočani, which collectively handled over ten thousand calls, providing continuous emotional support, professional advice and referral services. Building on this experience, the National Society began preparatory work to establish a Regional Mental Health Centre in Kočani to provide sustainable psychosocial services for affected communities in the eastern region.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Red Cross of North Macedonia through a Disaster Response Emergency Fund allocation to strengthen the immediate emergency response and facilitate psychosocial recovery efforts. This partnership enabled the National Society to expand its mental health services and to integrate its forthcoming Regional Mental Health Centre into broader humanitarian recovery and resilience frameworks, in alignment with the IFRC Emergency Appeal for Ukraine and Impacted Countries Crisis.



Red Cross volunteers in North Macedonia provided food assistance to vulnerable populations in Shuto Orizari, the largest Roma community in the Balkans, located in Skopje (Photo: IFRC)



Health and wellbeing

Progress by the National Society against objectives

During the reporting period, the Red Cross of North Macedonia continued to strengthen its role in health, care, and humanitarian service delivery across the country. In partnership with the Institute of Transfusion Medicine, the National Society organized nationwide blood donation drives, resulting in a substantial number of blood units collected and over 30 coordination meetings to plan future campaigns.

The National Society maintained its strong first aid training programme, conducting hundreds of certified courses for drivers and workplaces, reaching thousands of people. Regional first aid competitions were held in Gevgelija and

Skopje, bringing together the top teams from municipal contests under the theme “First Aid in a School Environment.” The initiative encouraged youth engagement and strengthened community preparedness through knowledge and friendly competition.

Health and care activities focused on disease prevention, harm reduction and health promotion. Through its collaboration with the Ministry of Health, the National Society implemented harm reduction programmes in Kičevo, Veles and Prilep, distributing medical supplies and educational materials to people at risk. Campaigns such as “Healthy Living, Healthy Heart,” the “Week of Fight Against Cancer,” and “Yes! We Can End Tuberculosis” were marked nationwide with educational sessions, lectures, and social media outreach to promote healthy lifestyles and early detection.

The Red Cross of North Macedonia also expanded its mental health and psychosocial support work. The Centre for Mental Health and Psychosocial Support provided free counselling sessions for individuals in vulnerable situations, volunteers, and staff, in partnership with the Gestalt Institute Skopje and Amigdala psychotherapy school. Following the Kočani nightclub fire, more than a hundred psychologists and trained volunteers were deployed to hospitals and affected areas, offering psychological first aid, counselling and emotional support to victims and families. The National Society also established a referral system for ongoing psychosocial support and provided community sessions in schools, universities, and youth clubs. Two mental health corners were organized at national first aid competitions, introducing young people to psychological first aid concepts. In addition, a new support group for oncology patients was launched, offering regular workshops facilitated by psychologists and social workers to build resilience and emotional well-being among participants.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC together with partner National Societies such as the Austrian Red Cross, the Red Cross of Serbia, and the Bulgarian Red Cross, provided vital technical and financial assistance to strengthen psychosocial support services and post-crisis recovery. This collaboration enabled the Red Cross of North Macedonia to expand its counselling capacity, develop structured referral systems, and deliver specialized support to affected communities. Joint efforts also reinforced the National Society's integration of mental health programming within broader humanitarian response and community resilience initiatives, in line with the IFRC's strategic priorities on health and care.



Migration and displacement

Progress by the National Society against objectives

From January to June 2025, the Red Cross of North Macedonia implemented its National Programme for Humanitarian Assistance to Migrants and Refugees, focusing on reducing the vulnerability of people on the move and supporting their access to essential services. Through mobile teams deployed at two transit centres and one humanitarian service point, the National Society provided humanitarian aid, medical support, first aid, and referral services to migrants and displaced people, including those from Ukraine and individuals under subsidiary protection in North Macedonia.

The National Society facilitated medical transportation, first aid interventions, and referrals to health institutions, ensuring timely care for those in need. Assistance extended beyond emergency response to include access to social protection, healthcare, employment, and housing. People in vulnerable situations received support for vocational training, rental and clothing assistance, and healthcare interventions such as surgical procedures. Cultural mediation and mentorship were also provided to facilitate integration, helping newcomers navigate local systems and adapt to community life.

In addition, the National Society supported psychosocial well-being through counselling sessions, psychiatric evaluations, and mental health advocacy in transit centres. Educational assistance was provided for children through daily homeschooling and tutoring programmes in collaboration with local volunteers and educational institutions. One beneficiary successfully completed vocational training and secured employment through a protection advocacy course supported by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC alongside the Swiss Red Cross and the Jesuit Refugee Service, played an important role in supporting the humanitarian response. Their contributions helped sustain the work of mobile teams, strengthen psychosocial support activities, and ensure the continued provision of relief items and integration services. With this joint support, the Red

Cross of North Macedonia was able to expand its humanitarian outreach, enhance its protection and assistance mechanisms, and reinforce its coordination with national institutions and international partners in line with the IFRC's global migration and protection priorities.



Values, power and inclusion

Progress by the National Society against objectives

During the first half of 2025, the Red Cross of North Macedonia continued to strengthen its social protection and inclusion services for older people, persons with disabilities, and communities in vulnerable situations. Through nearly twenty local branches and the City Red Cross of Skopje, licensed home care and personal assistance services were delivered nationwide with financial support from the Ministry of Social Policy, Demography and Youth. These programmes ensured that several hundred trained caregivers and personal assistants provided daily support to older people and individuals with disabilities, helping them maintain dignity and independence at home.

The National Society also continued to build human resource capacity through verified Red Cross training programmes for caregivers and personal assistants, enhancing professional standards in community-based care. Six daily centres for active ageing provided educational, creative, and health-promoting activities, reaching older people in multiple municipalities, while additional home visits and nursing services were carried out regularly by volunteer teams. Eight daily centres for children and youth with disabilities, supported by Commercial Bank, promoted inclusion and socialization through structured educational and recreational programmes.

Support to people experiencing homelessness remained a vital part of the National Society's social mission. The Red Cross Homeless Point in Skopje provided individualized assistance, including medical care, psychosocial support, hygiene and bathing facilities, and access to clothing and meals. A 24-hour winter was activated during the cold months, offering food, warmth, and essential items, along with health promotion workshops and counselling. Efforts were also made to facilitate access to personal documentation and social protection services through professional social workers.

Complementing these ongoing services, the National Society implemented the "Strengthening Access to Healthcare, Participation and Social Equality in the Western Balkans" project, supported by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection. This initiative focused on improving healthcare access, social equality, and participation, with special attention to older people. A nationwide Week of Solidarity campaign further mobilized public donations of food and clothing for families in need.

Innovative services such as patient transport and the 24/7 Emergency Button system for older people and persons with disabilities continued to expand, ensuring rapid response and safety during emergencies. The National Society also operated "Kopche," a social enterprise that promotes environmental sustainability and social inclusion by collecting, recycling, and redistributing donated clothing. The enterprise not only provides affordable clothing for low-income groups but also creates employment opportunities for vulnerable populations and supports responsible consumption practices.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC together with the **Swiss Red Cross**, **Austrian Red Cross**, and the **Turkish Red Crescent**, provided financial, technical, and in-kind assistance to the Red Cross of North Macedonia's social programmes. This support contributed to the implementation of home care services, the SHAPE project, and the operation of shelters and innovative services. The Turkish Red Crescent's donation of clothing and bedding, distributed through local branches and the City Red Cross of Skopje, further strengthened community resilience and solidarity. These joint efforts reinforced the National Society's capacity to address the needs of vulnerable people while advancing the principles of humanitarian action and social inclusion.

ENABLING LOCAL ACTORS



Strategic and operational coordination

Progress by the National Society against objectives

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.

The **Austrian Red Cross** provides support to the Red Cross of the Republic of North Macedonia through bilateral and regional EU projects, focusing on capacity development, eing, social services, certified caregiver training, disaster preparedness, MHPSS crisis response. Key achievements include home care services for older people, the establishment of the Regional Training Centre in Strumica, caregiver training for the unemployed and innovative services such as the "Emergency Button" in Skopje to assist older adults and those with disabilities.

The **Italian Red Cross** supports the National Society's capacity-building initiatives, focusing on vulnerable groups, migrant assistance and volunteer training for crisis response. Promotes decentralized cooperation, including a twinning program between the Italian Red Cross Branch of Brescia and City Red Cross of Skopje, enhancing local-level volunteer engagement and branch development.

The **Swiss Red Cross** offers bilateral support to the Red Cross of the Republic of North Macedonia for capacity building, healthy and active ageing programmes, social services and caregiver training for older adults and people with disabilities. Key initiatives include humanitarian aid and MHPSS for displaced Ukrainians, referral services, CVA, child-friendly spaces and support for the Emergency Button service and homeless assistance.

Movement coordination

The Red Cross of the Republic of North Macedonia 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** provides support in the realization of training for general as well as IHL disseminations, activities for restoring family links and workshops with media representatives. The activities are aimed at spreading the idea, vision and mission of the Red Cross Movement. The ICRC also supports the National Society with essential supplies, medical assistance, capacity building and facilitating access to medical services for affected populations.

External coordination

The Red Cross of the Republic of North Macedonia collaborates with authorities, participates in coordination mechanisms and diverse partnerships illustrate its auxiliary role in supporting disaster response, long-term initiatives and humanitarian coordination at both national and international levels.

The Red Cross of the Republic of North Macedonia actively participates in the National Emergency Management Authority, that coordinates disaster management efforts nationwide. The Ministry of Interior usually leads this mechanism. The National Society also engages with the Ministry of Health for health-related emergencies and the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy for social support initiatives. The Red Cross of the Republic of North Macedonia participates in rapid assessments to evaluate the needs of affected communities and plays a significant role in providing immediate assistance, including shelter, food and essential supplies.

The National Society engages in longer-term work through collaborations with the Ministry of Education and Science on educational initiatives, the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Water Economy on rural development programmes and the Ministry of Social Affairs on social inclusion projects.

The Red Cross of the Republic of North Macedonia actively participates in inter-agency coordination mechanisms and working groups to ensure a coordinated humanitarian response. This includes collaborations with national and local actors such as UN agencies, NGOs, the private sector and academic institutions to facilitate joint initiatives, knowledge exchange and resource mobilization for community development and resilience-building efforts.

During the reporting period, the National Society actively contributed to shaping national integration policies, participating in the development of the Integration Strategy 2025–2030 and the accompanying Action Plan for 2025–2027.

Additionally, the National Workshop on Migration Challenges brought together 18 representatives from eight organizations to address critical issues such as financial constraints, sustainability and the need for improved coordination in integration efforts. The recommendations from this workshop, held in Sarajevo, will guide advocacy initiatives in 2025.



National Society development

Progress by the National Society against objectives

During the first half of 2025, the Red Cross of North Macedonia advanced implementation of the Transformation-28 Framework, achieving notable progress across its 25 priority areas. Following a national planning meeting in late 2024, a dedicated working group was established to coordinate and monitor implementation. Action plans were prepared for each area and integrated into the National Society's annual work and operational plans, supported by regular meetings, consultations, and the introduction of monthly monitoring and quarterly reporting. To raise awareness, the National Society also developed promotional materials and a web-based platform dedicated to the Transformation-28 initiative.

Key achievements included the revision of internal governance documents, enhancement of employment and salary systems, and development of a new membership model to foster inclusivity and participation. The National Society also expanded its use of digital tools, including centralized archiving, and launched national teams specialized in emergency response, first aid, and mental health. Training frameworks were prepared for staff, volunteers, and informal caregivers, while strategic documents on climate change adaptation and [epidemic preparedness](#) were initiated in cooperation with academic and private sector partners.

Volunteer management systems underwent significant modernization to better align with diverse community needs. Flexible volunteering formats were introduced, attracting participants from various age groups and social backgrounds, including people with disabilities and older persons. Volunteer coordination practices were also enhanced through participatory planning, improved task allocation, and structured recognition mechanisms. Volunteers engaged in emergency operations received dedicated training, safety equipment, and psychosocial support to ensure well-being and readiness.

Membership engagement remained strong, maintaining stability across branches and reflecting continued public trust in the organization. In line with the Transformation-28 objectives, the National Society began revising its membership framework to expand participation opportunities, improve fee payment systems, and strengthen member involvement in governance. Awareness campaigns were launched nationwide to attract and retain members, highlighting the humanitarian impact of their contributions. Work also began on developing membership benefits in collaboration with external partners.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided financial and technical support through the [Capacity Building Fund](#), contributing to the implementation of the Unified Financial System across several local branches. This assistance strengthened financial transparency, accountability, and operational efficiency. A capacity-building workshop for branch secretaries further improved their ability to manage the new system effectively. Ongoing cooperation within the IFRC network continued to ensure alignment of the National Society's transformation efforts with broader regional priorities, reinforcing its institutional resilience and modernization agenda.



Humanitarian diplomacy

Progress by the National Society against objectives

During the reporting period, the Red Cross of the Republic of North Macedonia (RCRNM) strengthened its humanitarian diplomacy and regional cooperation efforts. To mark its 80th anniversary, the National Society organized nationwide events celebrating eight decades of humanitarian service. Memorandums of Cooperation were signed with the National Societies of Bulgaria, Greece, Montenegro and Croatia, reaffirming commitments to regional collaboration, mutual assistance and knowledge exchange. Local commemorative ceremonies were held in all municipalities, where mayors were formally recognized for their continuous partnership and contributions to humanitarian action. The President of the country served as the patron of the anniversary, expressing deep appreciation and support for the National Society's role in serving vulnerable communities and advancing humanitarian values.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the RCRNM's engagement in regional humanitarian diplomacy through coordination within the Neighbours Help First (NHF) Network. In 2025, the National Society officially assumed the Secretariat of the NHF Network for a two-year term, following an agreement signed in Sofia. This appointment reflects the trust and recognition of RCRNM's leadership within the regional Red Cross and Red Crescent community and reinforces efforts to enhance cross-border coordination, preparedness, and collective response in Southeast Europe.



Accountability and agility (cross-cutting)

Progress by the National Society against objectives

During the first half of 2025, the Red Cross of the Republic of North Macedonia (RCRNM) implemented a unified software system to streamline financial, accounting, and archiving operations across all local branches. Following an in-depth analysis of internal processes at the central office, the National Society integrated the ERP solution PANTHEON into daily operations. Staff from all branches participated in presentations and hands-on training, supported by detailed manuals and online guidance, ensuring smooth adoption and consistent application of the system throughout the organization.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC through its Country Cluster Delegation to Central and South-Eastern Europe (CCD CSEE), supported the RCRNM in finalizing onboarding guidelines, procedures, and the Recruitment Policy. This guidance strengthened the National Society's operational capacity, ensuring standardized processes for human resources and facilitating effective implementation of the unified software system.

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.

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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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 2025 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

- [MK_North Macedonia 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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