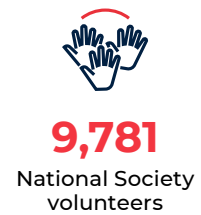


IN SUPPORT OF RED CROSS SOCIETY OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA



PEOPLE REACHED

Climate and environment



22

Disaster and crises



14,452

Health and wellbeing



26,000

Migration and displacement



159,690

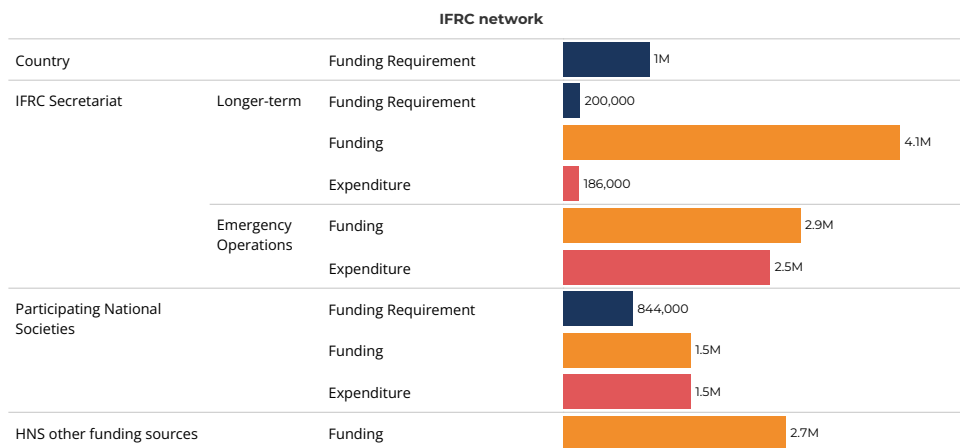
Values, power and inclusion



1,500

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

in Swiss francs (CHF)



Appeal number **MAABA003**

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

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Climate and environment	Number of people reached with activities to address environmental problems	22
	Number of people reached with activities to address rising climate risks	20
Disasters and crises	Number of people reached with disaster risk reduction	14,000
	Number of people reached with emergency response and early recovery programmes	5,000
	Number of people reached with livelihoods support	25
	Percentage of assistance delivered using cash and vouchers	100%
Health and wellbeing	Number of people reached by the National Society with contextually appropriate health services	19,000
	Number of people reached by the National Society with contextually appropriate water, sanitation and hygiene services	26,000
	Number of people reached by the National Society with training in first aid	190
Migration and displacement	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 has undertaken any data collection, research, analysis or other information management initiatives to better assist and protect people on the move	Yes
	Number of Humanitarian Service Points (HSPs) providing assistance and/or protection to people on the move along migration routes	3
	Number of migrants and displaced persons reached with services for assistance and protection	160,000

Values, power and inclusion	Number of people reached by protection, gender and inclusion programming	2,000
	Number of people reached by the National Society's educational programmes	68
	Number of people whose access to education is facilitated through National Society's programming	3
	Percentage of those surveyed report receiving useful and actionable information	100%

ENABLING FUNCTIONS

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	Yes
	National Society has a Protection of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) policy to enforce prevention and support survivors	Yes
	National Society is implementing a digital transformation roadmap in line with the IFRC strategy	Yes
Humanitarian diplomacy	National Society participates in IFRC-led campaigns	Yes
National Society development	National Society covers health, accident and death compensation for all of its volunteers	Yes
	There is a National Society Development plan in place	Yes

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	21,000	●					
German Red Cross			●				
Italian Red Cross					●		
Qatar Red Crescent Society						●	
Swiss Red Cross	1M		●	●			
Turkish Red Crescent	483,000				●		

Total Funding Reported **CHF 110,000**

Q1. OVERALL PERFORMANCE

Context

Bosnia and Herzegovina is facing significant demographic, political and economic challenges that are often closely tied to high migration flows out of the country. Bosnia and Herzegovina faces serious challenges related to poverty and an aging population. A significant portion of the population lives near or below the poverty line, especially in rural areas, due to high unemployment and limited economic opportunities. At the same time, the country has one of the fastest-aging populations in Europe, driven by low birth rates and massive emigration of young people seeking better lives abroad. This demographic shift puts pressure on the pension and healthcare systems and threatens long-term economic sustainability.

Inflation remains a key economic challenge for Bosnia and Herzegovina. Rising food and service prices, along with public sector wage increases, contribute to inflationary trends. This persistent inflation undermines purchasing power, deepens social inequality and complicates efforts to retain the workforce, especially as many citizens continue to seek better living standards abroad.

In addition to these structural challenges, Bosnia and Herzegovina is highly exposed to natural hazards, particularly floods. Recurrent flooding has caused significant damage to homes, infrastructure, agriculture and livelihoods, disproportionately affecting already vulnerable communities. These climate-related shocks further strain household coping capacities, increase the risk of poverty, and slow down recovery and development efforts.

Key achievements

Climate and environment

In 2025, the Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina strengthened its institutional capacity and community impact through several key initiatives, including the launch of a national learning platform offering first aid and disaster risk reduction courses in local languages for volunteers and staff, the empowerment of young leaders under the Empress Shōken Fund-supported project on climate action to build community resilience, and the successful implementation of a livelihoods-focused project in Bijeljina and Kiseljak that enhanced the well-being of vulnerable households through agricultural support and the promotion of healthy lifestyles.

Disasters and crises

In this reporting period, the Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina demonstrated strong leadership in disaster response and preparedness following the October 2024 floods and landslides, delivering a comprehensive humanitarian operation that included cash assistance, in-kind relief, health and hygiene support, and mental health and psychosocial services to affected communities, while conducting detailed damage and vulnerability assessments that informed wider response efforts and mobilising over CHF 2 million in support; alongside this, the National Society advanced early recovery and resilience-building through disaster risk reduction planning, community training, development of nationally recognised [disaster risk reduction](#) and psychosocial support manuals, large-scale stakeholder engagement, simulation exercises and contingency planning, significantly strengthening institutional readiness, coordination mechanisms and community-level preparedness for future crises.

Health and wellbeing

Between January and December 2025, the Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina advanced health and wellbeing through strengthened [first aid](#) capacity, community health outreach and support to vulnerable populations, including organizing the 21st National First Aid Competition and hosting the FAEEN Annual Meeting, which brought together National Societies and partners to promote innovation, inclusivity and resilience in first aid education, while contributing to the regional project 'First Aid – Everywhere and for Everyone' that expanded training and equipped communities with lifesaving tools; at the same time, the National Society enhanced care for older people through the 'Aging and Health' programme, expanded home-based services and community engagement, marked key public health campaigns such as World Tuberculosis Day to raise awareness and promote preventive care, and mobilised volunteers and partnerships to strengthen community health, active ageing and humanitarian support initiatives.

Migration and displacement

In 2025, the Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina continued to play a critical role in addressing migration and displacement along the Balkan route through the implementation of the 'BRAT – Balkan Route, a Welcoming Transit' project and broader partnerships, delivering essential services including food, non-food items, WASH, first aid, public health activities and outreach to people on the move, while strengthening community-based health capacities and public awareness; in parallel, the National Society reinforced its leadership and coordination role through collaboration with IOM and government institutions, capacity-building initiatives such as enhanced vulnerability and capacity assessment (eVCA) training, regional cooperation and knowledge exchange, and high-level conferences on migration, while advancing institutional frameworks through the development of a Migration Strategy for 2026–2030, Preparedness for Effective Response (PER) analysis and formalized cooperation agreements, thereby enhancing both operational response and long-term strategic preparedness in migration management.

Values, power and inclusion

In this reporting period, the Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina strengthened community safety and support to vulnerable groups through seasonal assistance, public awareness and risk education initiatives, including the distribution of winter clothing to children and a significant donation of humanitarian supplies and emergency assets that enhanced response capacity, while actively promoting mine risk awareness through national campaigns, public events and school competitions that engaged communities and young people in understanding and preventing risks associated with landmine contamination, reinforcing safer living environments across the country.

Enabling local actors

In 2025, the Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina strengthened its institutional development, coordination and strategic positioning within the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement through high-level engagement and internal capacity-building initiatives, including the organisation of a Seville 2.0 workshop that enhanced understanding of Movement coordination frameworks and promoted stronger collaboration with IFRC, ICRC and Partner National Societies, as well as follow-up training on crisis communication to improve preparedness and public trust; the National Society also expanded its external engagement through participation in global events marking the 60th anniversary of the Fundamental Principles, reinforcing its commitment to humanitarian values and principles in an increasingly complex operating environment.

At the same time, the Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina advanced its long-term strategic and organisational growth by launching the statutory revision process and leading the development of its first comprehensive 2026–2030 Strategy, while strengthening its institutional role through formalised cooperation with government authorities in migration management, enhancing its auxiliary position and operational responsibilities; further efforts to improve sustainability and effectiveness were reflected in targeted workshops on resource mobilisation and organisational development, contributing to a more resilient, coordinated and forward-looking National Society.

Q2. CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS

During this reporting period (January – December 2025), no changes or amendments have been made to the Unified Plan.

Q3. MEASURING RESULTS OF THE IFRC NETWORK ACTION

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Climate and environment

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2025, within the Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina project proposal awarded under the Greening the Red competition organized by the Centre for the Cooperation in the Mediterranean, the National Society finalized the learning platform. Similar to the IFRC learning platform, the platform includes courses in local languages of Bosnia and Herzegovina, initially focusing on first aid and disaster risk reduction (DRR). It is intended for the education of volunteers and staff across the entire National Society structure.

In the reporting period, the National Society received support from the Empress Shōken Fund for the project 'Empowering Young Climate Ambassadors: Leadership and Local Climate Action in Bosnia and Herzegovina' for the period from June 2025 until June 2026. The project aimed to develop the capacities of young leaders to plan and implement concrete climate actions that respond to the needs of their communities, strengthening local resilience to climate risks. Through online workshops and discussions, young climate ambassadors acquired the key skills and tools needed to initiate sustainable change in their communities.

The Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina successfully implemented the project 'Strengthening the Social Position and Improving the Quality of Life of the Local Population in Bijeljina and Kiseljak.' Activities under the project strengthened the capacity of socially disadvantaged households through greenhouse production, the distribution of seeds and fertilizers and the promotion of healthy lifestyles. The project was implemented from November 2024 to July 2025.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supports the National Society in training and educating volunteers and staff, enhancing community-based activities such as awareness campaigns and tree planting, and developing educational materials. These efforts aim to raise climate awareness and provide guidance on protecting health and property from the impacts of climate change and increasingly severe weather events.

The **Austrian Red Cross** provided support through collaborative effort under climate and environment.



Disasters and crises

For real-time information on emergencies, visit IFRC GO page [Bosnia and Herzegovina](#).

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In the days during and after 4 October 2024, flash floods and landslides affected communities across Bosnia and Herzegovina, causing severe impacts on both the population and infrastructure in the municipalities and cities of Jablanica, Konjic, Fojnica, Kreševo, Kiseljak and Mostar. This natural disaster directly affected more than 1,600 households and over 4,000 people, resulting in 27 fatalities. In its response, the Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina developed an Operational Strategy, spanning October 2024 to December 2025, aimed to address both immediate and long-term needs. Its objectives were to assist people in restoring basic living standards and preparing for winter, emphasizing essential support for shelter, food and health services. Targeted groups included those in

severely affected households, with particular attention to older people, women, children and people with disabilities. Cash assistance was provided to households in five flood-affected communities, while support from other Movement and non-Movement partners significantly contributed to the successful implementation of major components of the operational strategy.

As part of the Operational Strategy, a detailed assessment was conducted to collect data on the extent of damage to residential and auxiliary structures, household vulnerability (based on the National Society's established criteria), the number of affected people and their specific needs and to identify socially vulnerable population groups. Based on data collected, it was recorded that 1,656 households were directly affected, 951 housing units were damaged, including 87 completely destroyed and a large number of housing units no longer met minimum living standards. Specifically, 186 housing units were damaged to an extent that does not allow households to continue living in them. This primary data was also widely used by other governmental and non-governmental actors in the response.

Based on activities implemented, it has been preliminarily recorded that the total value of project interventions supporting the humanitarian response to the natural disaster of 4 October 2024 exceeds CHF 2 million. Funding sources included humanitarian appeals, project partnerships with international organizations and bilateral donations.

The Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina delivered a comprehensive humanitarian response addressing the immediate and early recovery needs of affected communities. Emergency in-kind assistance was provided to households, alongside livelihood and shelter recovery support benefiting an estimated 900 people. In parallel, multi-purpose cash assistance was distributed to households, enabling families to meet diverse priority needs, including winterization, while preserving dignity and choice. Health and hygiene interventions included the distribution of hygiene and disinfection kits to households, the provision of bottles of safe drinking water, and the delivery of health promotion and first aid activities to reduce disease risks in areas with compromised water sources. Mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) was prioritized through community outreach, referral mechanisms and capacity-building, including five psychological first aid (PFA) trainings for volunteers and the distribution of psychosocial support (PSS) kits. To enhance accountability and effectiveness, the National Society actively collected community feedback and engaged local stakeholders in decision-making processes.

Following the initial emergency phase, efforts also shifted toward disaster risk reduction and climate adaptation, laying the groundwork for strengthened community resilience through risk assessments, early warning systems and disaster risk management training.

Under the project 'Strengthening Local Resilience to Climate-Induced Disasters in Bosnia and Herzegovina,' activities were planned and preparations were put in place to support community-level recovery following the 2024 floods. After ensuring coordination of efforts to avoid duplication, communities were selected and the plan was agreed with all actors. The assessment of capacities and risks in the communities was developed, followed by evaluation of humanitarian structures, accompanied by joint training for the development of community DRR plans. This was followed by two workshops for drafting DRR plans in five communities and awareness-raising activities on disaster risk reduction at the community. Within this project, all documents for DRR were developed, as well as trainers' manuals on both DRR and PSS, which combine theoretical and practical parts and facilitator advice. Both DRR and PSS manuals received reviews from IFRC global resource centres, and a procedure was initiated for copyright protection (Institute for Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina) and registration of the manuals under an ISBN number (National University Library of Bosnia and Herzegovina), making the manual eligible for export outside Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Through a combination of assessments, trainings and practical engagement, the capacities of the National Society were strengthened, coordination improved and the roles of local actors in disaster response more clearly defined. People were directly engaged across five municipalities through workshops, school activities, simulation exercises and awareness campaigns. Representatives from institutions and communities actively participated in the activities. In addition, students were reached through disaster risk reduction workshops in schools, while people were engaged through flyers, visibility materials and social media outreach. Additionally, staff and volunteers were mobilized to support community preparedness and coordination.

The project improved risk understanding through more systematic mapping and direct work with communities, particularly in relation to the 2024 floods. At the same time, cooperation among local actors was strengthened, creating a more functional network for preparedness and response, alongside fostering a culture of learning and continuous improvement. Implementation confirmed the capacity of the National Society to lead complex processes and connect community-level work with institutional structures. The assessments conducted in five communities provide a strong

basis for further action and decision-making at higher levels, contributing to a more systemic approach to disaster risk reduction. The achieved results provide a foundation for continued activities through the implementation of developed plans, strengthened cooperation with institutions and expansion to other at-risk communities. The project also opens space for a multi-year approach focused on flood risk reduction, further capacity development, and strengthening the role of the Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina as a key partner in future initiatives.

Additionally, the Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina organized a training for volunteers providing assistance to people affected by floods in the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The training focused on strengthening capacities related to mental and physical health care in crisis situations. Volunteers and professionals from the Red Cross branches of Kiseljak, Mostar and Konjic, as well as from the Youth Club of the Red Cross of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, participated in the training.

On 4 June 2025, within the Institutional Preparedness (IP) Project, the Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina organized, for the first time at the structure level, an earthquake and fire simulation exercise for multipurpose field units, with active involvement and significant support from the entire National Society structure. The exercise had multiple objectives – from testing procedures and communication, to demonstrating existing capacities and improving the the National Society's readiness to respond to complex crisis situations. The event was conducted in coordination with nine Emergency Response Units and Emergency Response Teams from the structure of the National Society, as well as partners in the Protection and Rescue System.

Under the flood project supported by the International Organization for Migration (IOM), Within the framework of the IOM DRR project, on 20 November 2025, a panel discussion was organized at Jahorina, during which activities in the field of providing PFA in crisis situations and disasters, as well as relevant manuals and regulations, were presented. Additionally, within the same project, seven workshops were conducted with the participation of various actors, including civil protection, social work centres, mental health centres, police officers, firefighters, representatives of local authorities, mountain rescue service, Red Cross volunteers, as well as local school staff (pedagogues and psychologists). The workshops covered 13 communities across Bosnia and Herzegovina. Additionally, comprehensive PSS and DRR manuals and trainer guides were developed, integrating theoretical knowledge, practical exercises and facilitator guidance. Both manuals were reviewed by the IFRC Global Resource Centres and steps were taken to secure copyright protection through the Institute for Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as to register the manuals with an ISBN number through the National University Library of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Working Group for the development of the Contingency Plan, including the joint Movement Contingency Plan in Bosnia and Herzegovina, was re-established, with the plan itself scheduled for development later in 2025. The objective of this Contingency Plan is to strengthen the preparedness of the National Society to respond effectively to various types of disasters by promoting a systematic approach to contingency planning. From 8 to 12 December 2025, a Contingency Plan workshop was held to develop a preparation and response plan for crises and emergencies of the National Society and the Movement components. The workshop represented a key step in strengthening institutional readiness and coordination within the Movement. Upon finalization, the Contingency Plan will be submitted to the Presidency of the Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina for review and approval.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC will continue to collaborate closely with the National Society to enhance its disaster response infrastructure, training programmes and coordination mechanisms, ensuring a more effective and efficient response to emergencies. The IFRC has supported the Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina's emergency response to severe floods over the years through IFRC Disaster Response Emergency Fund ([DREF](#)) allocations, including the most recent support provided in October 2024 in response to devastating floods that resulted in 27 confirmed fatalities. Overall, the IFRC's collaboration with the National Society encompasses capacity-building, disaster preparedness and post-disaster recovery aimed at strengthening the National Society's ability to effectively address and mitigate the impacts of disasters and crises.

The **British Red Cross** provided support to the National Society under the project 'Strengthening Local Resilience to Climate-Induced Disasters in Bosnia and Herzegovina.'

The **German Red Cross** provided support through collaboration in response to the October 2024 floods.

The **Swiss Red Cross** provided support to the National Society under the Institutional Preparedness project.



The National Society volunteers distributed humanitarian aid in the aftermath of floods (Photo: Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina)



Health and wellbeing

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2025, the Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina held its 21st National First Aid Competition, bringing together knowledge, skills and humanitarian values. A total of 10 teams, comprising 66 competitors, demonstrated their first aid competencies across 10 simulation stations, including both practical and recreational scenarios. The event was supported by youth volunteers and professionals who contributed to the organization and implementation of the simulations. This year's competition was organized within the framework of the project 'BRAT: Balkan Route – A Welcoming Transit.'

In September 2025, the Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina hosted the Annual Meeting of First Aid Educational European Network (FAEEN). Over three days, 33 National Societies from Europe, Central Asia and beyond, as well as numerous international partners – including the Global First Aid Reference Centre (GFARC), IFRC and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Partner National Societies (PNSs) present with their activities in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Ministry of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina and other relevant partner organizations and companies working in the field of first aid education came together to share knowledge, ideas and innovations in first aid education. Key themes included: the impact of climate change on first aid education worldwide, growing importance of resilient communities with first aid skills during emergencies and disasters, research and advocacy in first aid, advancing first aid education for people with disabilities. During the FAEEN Meeting, a simulation exercise was held, led by National Society Youth Volunteers, showcasing a water rescue operation with integrated Psychological First Aid.

The project 'First Aid – Everywhere and for Everyone', implemented by the Red Cross of Slovenia with its experts and volunteers, in cooperation with the experts and volunteers of Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina and funded by the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Slovenia, was carried out from 2022 to 2025. Within the project, in addition to first aid trainings and donations of AED devices, as well as school mannequins for Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) education and practice, a traffic safety component was also implemented. Representatives of the Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina structure attended the Educational/Evaluation event organized on the occasion of the completion of the project 'First Aid - Everywhere and for Everyone' from 17 to 18 December 2025,

implemented with the support of the Red Cross of Slovenia in Osilnica, Slovenia. On that occasion, a professional part of the evaluation was organized with the presence of first aid experts (trainers and volunteers) from Slovenia in Kočevje, as well as a visit from representatives of the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Slovenia, which financed this significant project. Through the three-year project (2023- 2025): volunteers and trainers from the Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina were trained, citizens and members of the armed forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina were educated and AED devices and mannequins for education and practice were donated.

Under the project 'Aging and Health', beneficiaries were supported through home care and household assistance services, as well as visits conducted during the reporting period. Services were delivered across 13 Red Cross local branches, with cooperation agreements signed with three additional branches in December (Vukosavlje, Zvornik, and Srebrenik), further expanding service coverage. Sustainability of services has already been achieved in six municipalities (Tuzla, Lukavac, Živinice, Šamac, Doboj, and Brčko District), while in three additional municipalities (Kalesija, Foča, and Prnjavor) sustainability is expected to be reached in 2026.

The programme engaged group members. Among them, members provided voluntary support to people in need within their communities, demonstrating strong community engagement and peer support. The International Day of Older Persons was marked with a central event in Tuzla, gathering participants. In addition, the results of the four-year project were presented during a dissemination event held in Sarajevo in the summer. The event brought together representatives of local authorities, health and social institutions, Red Cross organizations, partner organizations and the Swiss Embassy, highlighting achievements and fostering continued collaboration.

World Tuberculosis Day and the Week of the Fight against Tuberculosis were marked through a series of public health education activities led by the Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Activities were organized for school children and the general public with the aim of raising awareness about tuberculosis prevention, and early detection. Additionally, blood glucose and blood pressure measurements were provided, along with distribution of informational and promotional materials. Volunteers and health professionals engaged with communities to share key messages on disease prevention and encourage regular health check-ups, contributing to improved public awareness and community health promotion.

The Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina participated in the Diplomatic Winter Bazaar (DWB), where the National Society's Active Aging Network was presented and all proceeds from the sale of handicrafts and cakes were donated to the joint DWB fund, intended for humanitarian activities. The activity was carried out with the support of the ICRC, the Swiss Red Cross and the IFRC.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the National Society by strengthening its capacity in healthcare provision in disaster response, with a focus on integrating MHPSS across all programmes. It will provide technical assistance, facilitate training and resource allocation and promote collaboration with other Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. These efforts will aim to enhance health and wellbeing services and improve response capabilities in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The **Italian Red Cross** provided support to the National Society in organizing the 'BRAT: Balkan Route – A Welcoming Transit' competition.

The **Swiss Red Cross** supported the National Society in the project 'Aging and Health'.



Migration and displacement

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2025, the Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina continued to implement the project 'BRAT – Balkan Route, a Welcoming Transit'. Within this framework, numerous logistical and educational activities were carried out, including the procurement of food and non-food items (NFI) and to people on the move. The training Community Based Health and First Aid (CBHFA) was also held within the BRAT project. During the training, participants had the opportunity through simulation exercises to review and practically apply the knowledge acquired during previous training sessions within the project. Volunteers and experts from the Italian Red Cross provided support to the National Society in implementing planned activities and exchanging experiences. In October, the Red Cross Society Bosnia and

Herzegovina, through the BRAT project, launched a campaign dedicated to the prevention and strengthening of public health. During the campaign, the most common diseases of today were discussed, as well as ways to prevent them—because prevention saves lives: from diabetes and cancer to mental health and the importance of vaccination—the goal was to raise awareness, share verified information and support healthy habits.

The Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina continued to play a frontline humanitarian role alongside IOM in support of migrants, including in TRC Blažuj in Sarajevo Canton. The National Society provided water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), food, NFI, first aid, public health workshops and referrals and support mobile outreach at key locations. The project is financed by the Government of Italy and the European Union (EU) through Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA)-IPA funds. The project was originally scheduled to conclude by the end of March 2025, but it was extended until 30 June and the Italian-funded component until 31 August 2025.

The Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina organized an Enhanced Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment (eVCA) Training of Trainers (ToT). Participants from the Red Cross of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Red Cross of Republika Srpska strengthened their knowledge and skills in assessing community vulnerabilities and capacities and were introduced to practical tools and methodologies to support effective implementation of eVCA processes at the local level. This training contributed to strengthening institutional capacities and advancing disaster risk reduction efforts.

In February 2025, representatives of the Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina visited TRC Blažuj to distribute winter jackets to beneficiaries. From 18 to 19 November 2025, a two-day regional conference on migration jointly organized by IPSIA and the National Society was held. The conference presented the results of two important projects aimed at improving the response to migration in the region: 1) 'BRAT: Balkan Route – Transit Reception' Funded by AICS - the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation, implemented with the support of IPSIA, Caritas Italy, Italian Red Cross, Caritas Bosnia and Herzegovina, MFS-Emmaus and the National Society. The project is focused on supporting people on the move through health, dignity, and inclusion and 2) 'Migration Program in the Balkan Region – Second Phase with the support of the Swiss Red Cross, focused on strengthening the capacities of organizations in the region, especially in the areas of health, cooperation and experience exchange. National Red Cross Societies' representatives from Slovenia, North Macedonia, Serbia, Croatia, Montenegro and Bulgaria attended the Migration Conference in Sarajevo, presenting their various models and activities in migration, as well as representatives from the Ministry for Human Rights and Refugees of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ministry of Security of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Service for Foreigners Affairs. During the conference, participants had the opportunity to visit an interactive exhibition about the migrants' journey, as well as the TRC Blažuj and discuss the Red Cross activities in the field.

On 26 December 2025, the completion of the project 'Strengthening the Role of the State and Sustainable Interventions as Support to the Transition in Bosnia and Herzegovina' was ceremoniously marked, attended by donors, international and domestic partners. Through this project, the technical and personnel capacities of the Ministry for Human Rights and Refugees of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the National Society were improved. Particularly significant is the signing of the Protocol on Cooperation with the Ministry and the Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina, through which the National Society assumed a key role in providing humanitarian services in Lipa and Blažuj.

The Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina's Migration Strategy for the period from 2026 to 2030 has been developed. After finalization, the document will be submitted for consideration and adoption by the National Society Presidency.

Furthermore, a Planning for Effective Response (PER) analysis of the migration situation was conducted with the aim of assessing existing capacities, identifying key challenges and formulating recommendations to strengthen the overall response. Upon finalization of the analysis, the document will be submitted to the Presidency of the Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina for consideration and approval.

A study visit to Montenegro was conducted from 8 to 10 October 2025 with the aim of facilitating the exchange of experiences, strengthening regional cooperation and adopting best practices in working with migrants.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supports the Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina in its migration-related work through strengthened advocacy and capacity building, ensuring sustained and comprehensive assistance to migrants and refugees in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The IFRC will facilitate coordination and collaboration among National Societies involved in migration activities, creating opportunities to share information, resources and best practices across borders.

The **Turkish Red Crescent** provided support in distribution of winter jackets to beneficiaries under migration and displacement interventions.

The **Swiss Red Cross** provides support to the National Society in its interventions under migration and displacement.



Values, power and inclusion

Progress by the National Society against objectives

Within the framework of the project 'Warm Winter', winter jackets were procured and distributed to children across Bosnia and Herzegovina through the Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina structure. On 5 June 2025, a ceremony was held to mark the handover of a donation from the Embassy of the Slovak Republic in Bosnia and Herzegovina, part of a series of initiatives supporting the National Society in fulfilling its humanitarian mandate. The donation benefited people in vulnerable situations across the country, particularly children from socially disadvantaged families. It included an ambulance, hygiene items, microfiber blankets, seasonal clothing and shoes for children, women and men, healthy corn snacks for children and an initial stock of humanitarian materials to strengthen rapid response capacities in crises and health emergencies.

On 4 April 2025, a central event organized by the Centre for Demining in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BHMACH) was held in front of the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina in Sarajevo to mark the International Mine Action Day under the slogan 'Be safe, every step is important', with the support of the United Nations Development Programme in Bosnia and Herzegovina (UNDP). The event was attended by representatives of a large number of foreign and domestic organizations and diplomatic missions, citizens and the media. The purpose of marking this significant date was to raise awareness among the population and participants about the appearance and dangers of landmines. Promotional materials bearing the message 'Think Mines!' were distributed, accompanied by an exhibition of mine explosives. A demonstration exercise and simulated minefield operation were also conducted, during which representatives of the Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina showcased the use of detection dogs and the manual procedures employed by the demining battalion.

On 23 and 24 April 2025, the 14th state mine awareness competition 'Think Mines' was held in Trebinje, with financial support from the ICRC in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Seven teams from elementary schools, representing the Red Cross of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Red Cross of Republika Srpska and the Red Cross of Brčko District of Bosnia and Herzegovina, participated in this important event. The aim of the competition was to raise awareness of the dangers of landmines and to promote safe living in communities affected by landmine contamination.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC continues to support a range of educational programmes implemented by the Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina. This includes training and workshops on Protection, Gender and Inclusion (PGI), as well as initiatives promoting the dissemination of humanitarian values among volunteers of the National Society and the wider community.

The **Qatar Red Crescent Society** provided support to the National Society in the implementation of the Warm Winter project which targets children and youth needs.

The ICRC supports the National Society to continue implementing activities related to information dissemination, youth engagement, tracing services, Restoring Family Links (RFL) and mine-risk awareness. These efforts contribute to strengthening protection services and ensuring that affected communities have access to critical safety information.

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.

Several sister National Societies provide long-term support to the Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina, remotely or with presence in-country.

The **Emirates Red Crescent** office is in Sarajevo. Its primary contribution is in social projects such as support to orphans and people in rural areas, and infrastructural projects. Currently, the Emirates Red Crescent implements projects directly on its own with limited and ad-hoc cooperation with the Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina Headquarters and Movement partners. The signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Emirates Red Crescent and the National Society is planned for 2026.

The **Italian Red Cross** office is based in Podgorica, Montenegro, with a regional focus, having supported the Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina for many years. Its primary contributions have been in areas such as migration response, social services, health and care projects, disaster response and National Society development. The three-and-a-half-year 'Balkan Route - Assistenza in Transito' (BRAT) project, funded by the Italian Agency for Cooperation and Development, concluded at the end of 2025. Looking ahead to 2026, there will be new opportunities to re-engage with the Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina to explore further joint cooperation, either in migration or other priority areas in Bosnia and Herzegovina, such as National Society development, health and disaster management.

The **Qatar Red Crescent** has been a key partner in supporting the Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the implementation of social projects. In 2026, this collaboration will continue with support for health-related initiatives.

The **Swiss Red Cross** Delegation based in Sarajevo, has been supporting the Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina since 1995, working through its established structure in areas such as health and care services, social services, disaster response, migration and National Society development. The Swiss Red Cross also maintains a regional focus in the areas such as migration and displacement, as well as health and wellbeing. In 2026, the Swiss Red Cross will support the National Society in implementing a four-year programme 'Ageing and Health'. In collaboration with the IFRC, the Swiss Red Cross will continue to contribute to migration response efforts and the development of the National Society. Additionally, in the upcoming period, there will be new opportunities to extend support for strengthening institutional preparedness and enhancing operational capacities in disaster management, as well as preparedness in cash and voucher assistance (CVA).

The **Turkish Red Crescent** office in Sarajevo primarily contributes to social projects such as the Qurbani project, disaster response and National Society development. An action plan for joint activities has been agreed upon, with a particular focus on the Ageing and Health Programme, as well as cooperation between the branches of the two sister National Societies at the local level. This collaboration will strengthen the overall capacity of the Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina structure and includes support from the Turkish Red Crescent for the renovation of the National Society building.

Movement coordination

The Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina 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 Delegation in Sarajevo primarily supports the Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina in tracing services, Restoring Family Links (RFL), mine risk education, first aid, mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS), dissemination of Red Cross values and National Society development.

External coordination

The Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina plays a vital role within the country's emergency management system, fulfilling its auxiliary role to the public authorities. The National Society closely coordinates with a range of partners, including local and cantonal authorities, the Ministry for Human Rights and Refugees, the Service for Foreigners' Affairs, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), International Organization for Migration (IOM), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), World Health Organization (WHO) and other UN agencies, as well as national and international NGOs. This coordination ensures a comprehensive and effective humanitarian response across sectors.



National Society development

Progress by the National Society against objectives

A workshop dedicated to the Seville 2.0 Agreement was organized by the Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina, in cooperation with the ICRC and IFRC. The workshop aimed to disseminate the key provisions of the Seville 2.0 Agreement and to analyse its benefits, risks and coordination challenges within the Movement. The importance of continuous institutional development and capacity strengthening of the National Society was highlighted, in order to ensure the effective implementation of its mandate and public authorities as defined by the legislation of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The workshop also provided a platform for the exchange of experiences and for strengthening collective efforts towards the further development of the Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina as a key humanitarian actor, capable of responding effectively to crises and disasters.

The workshop brought together representatives from all levels of the National Society, including the Red Cross of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Red Cross of Republika Srpska, and the Red Cross of Brčko District of Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as international partners from the IFRC, ICRC, Swiss Red Cross, Italian Red Cross and the Turkish Red Crescent.

The renewed Statutory Revision Process was launched in the autumn, with a strong commitment from the National Society leadership to finalize it by the end of 2026. At the same time, a key milestone has been achieved in the organization's strategic development. The Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina leadership has taken an active role in initiating and guiding the preparation of the 2026–2030 Strategy, which will represent the first comprehensive strategic document of the National Society. In 2025, the Presidency Board endorsed the strategic direction and entrusted the process to the core Organizational Development group, with the objective of adopting the Strategy by the end of June 2026.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provides technical support to strengthen the overall capacity and sustainability of the National Society. This support focuses on improving governance organizational systems through statutory revision process and strategic planning cycle. 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

On 16 January 2025, the Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina signed a Protocol on Cooperation in the field of migration with the Ministry for Human Rights and Refugees of Bosnia and Herzegovina and IOM. This agreement, established within the framework of the transition and the institutional response of the state of Bosnia and Herzegovina to migration processes, assigns the National Society a significant role in the management of TRCs for migrants. The implementation of these activities is of great importance for strengthening the institutional capacities and visibility of the National Society. The transition plan covers the period from 2027 to 2030.

From 20 to 21 June 2025, the Italian Red Cross organized the event “60 Years of the Fundamental Principles: New Challenges for Humanitarian Action” in Solferino, marking the 60th anniversary of the adoption of the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross Red Crescent (RCRC) Movement. The event brought together presidents and representatives from 23 National Societies. The delegation of the National Society was led by the President of the Presidency. Through thematic discussions, participants reaffirmed the relevance of the Fundamental Principles in today’s complex humanitarian environment, with a focus on humanity, neutrality and impartiality. The event also included symbolic activities honouring the historical roots of the Movement, such as the ceremonial opening of the new wing of the RCRC Museum and participation in the Fiaccolata (torch procession).

In September 2025, a one-day Communication in a Crisis Workshop was held, as a follow – up of Seville 2.0 workshop, with participation of the National Society, ICRC, IFRC and PNS representatives in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The session was organized with support by the ICRC and IFRC. The objective of the Workshop was to support the Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina be better prepared to communicate in a crisis including in coordination with the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. At the workshop the importance of communication in crisis situations was discussed, emphasizing that timely and professional communication helps the public understand the role of the organization, strengthens trust and community support, reduces reputational risks, contributes to fundraising and provides information as a form of assistance.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supports the Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina in building its capacities, providing guidance and resources to strengthen the National Society’s diplomatic efforts. It assists in establishing vital partnerships with government bodies, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and donors to strengthen advocacy for humanitarian principles, ensure access to vulnerable communities and safeguard humanitarian personnel. The IFRC continues supporting the National Society to actively participate in various humanitarian diplomacy exchanges, including sharing of best practices, joint initiatives and information exchange. This ongoing support contributes to strengthening coordination, fostering cooperation, enhance internal capacities and mainstreaming humanitarian diplomacy across the National Society’s operations and the wider cluster.



Accountability and agility (cross-cutting)

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina organized a workshop focused on strengthening the strategic approach to fundraising and resource mobilization. This activity represents an important step towards building a financially sustainable structure within the National Society, aimed at enhancing capacity to engage domestic donors and reduce dependence on international funding.

The workshop brought together representatives from different levels of the organization to discuss key topics, including the fundamentals of resource mobilization, establishing an effective organizational and revenue management model, and ensuring long-term sustainability through strategic development. This initiative is part of the National Society’s capacity-building project on fundraising and resource mobilization.

IFRC network joint support

The **IFRC** assists the Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina in promoting accountability at all levels of the National Society, ensuring adherence to ethical standards and enhancing financial and administrative systems. The IFRC also supports the National Society in implementing monitoring and evaluation processes to assess the impact and effectiveness of its programmes.

The **Swiss Red Cross** provides support to the National Society's capacity building project on fundraising and resource mobilization.

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 Annual 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 Annual 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 annual reports
2. Visibility	Not included in annual 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 31 December 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

- [BA Bosnia and Herzegovina 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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