

IN SUPPORT OF THE RED CROSS OF SERBIA



PEOPLE REACHED

Disasters
and crises



34,536

Health and
wellbeing



25,824

Migration and
displacement



9,567

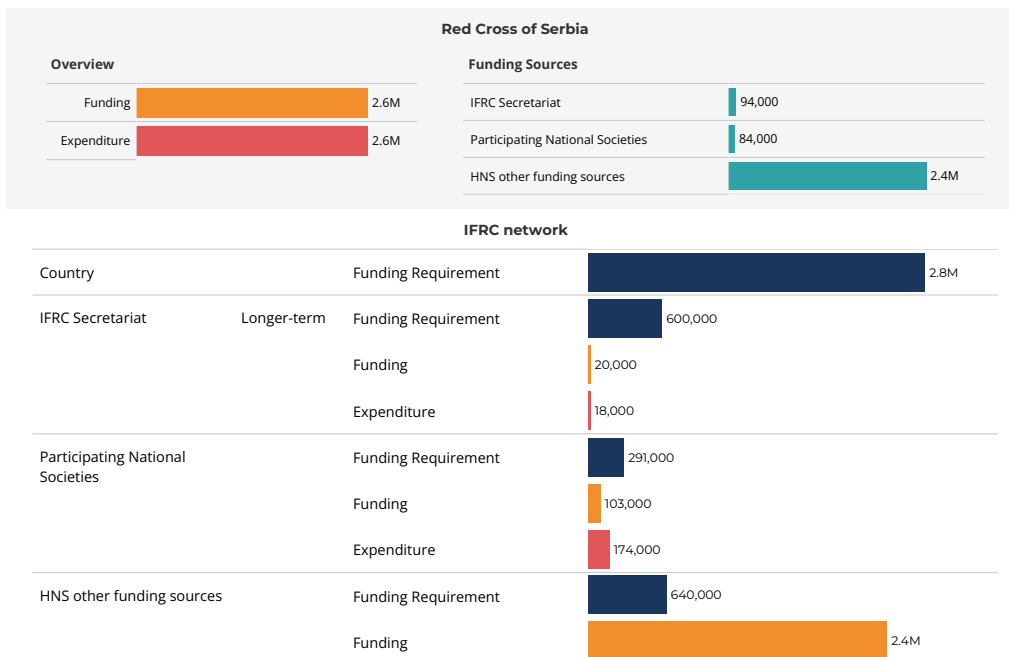
Values, power
and inclusion



64,335

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

in Swiss francs (CHF)



Appeal number **MAARS002**

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

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Disasters and crises	Number of people reached with disaster risk reduction	35,000
	Number of people reached with livelihoods support	2,000
Health and wellbeing	Number of people reached by the National Society with contextually appropriate health services	26,000
	Number of people reached by the National Society with training in first aid	21,000
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
	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	10,000
Values, power and inclusion	Number of people reached by the National Society's educational programmes	64,000

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 has a PSEA Action Plan to enforce prevention and support survivors	Yes
	National Society has strengthened its integrity and reputational risk mechanism	Yes
Humanitarian diplomacy	National Society participates in IFRC-led campaigns	Yes
National Society development	National Society has created and implemented youth engagement strategies	Yes

IFRC NETWORK 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	54,000		●			●	
Swiss Red Cross	49,000				●		

Total Funding Reported **CHF 103,000**

Q1. OVERALL PERFORMANCE

Context

There were no disasters, whether natural or manmade, during the reporting period and no significant emergency interventions were carried out by the National Society. However, following the collapse of a canopy at a recently reconstructed railway station in the town of Novi Sad on 1 November 2024, sixteen people lost their lives. [Protests](#) spearheaded by university students ensued, demanding accountability and reforms. The Prime Minister resigned in January 2025 and a new government under newly elected prime minister took office in April 2025.

During 2025, a significant decline in the [number of migrants](#) has also been registered. According to data from the Commissariat for Refugees and Migration of the Republic of Serbia, a total of 3,360 people were registered in reception and asylum centres, representing a 54 per cent decrease compared to the same period in 2024.

Regarding human trafficking, while up to date 2025 statistics are not finalized, the data from recent years indicate that Serbia continues to face [significant human trafficking issues](#) primarily involving sexual and labour exploitation, with active government and civil society measures aimed at addressing these problems. In February 2025, the Government of the Republic of Serbia increased funding for victim protection centres and non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and new labour inspectors have been appointed to tackle trafficking through cooperation with police and civil society. The labour exploitation trend was reportedly on the rise, especially among migrant workers and in sectors like construction and agriculture.

Key achievements

Climate and environment

In 2025, the Red Cross of Serbia implemented the [Early Warning Early Action](#) (EWEA) project as well as the [Preparedness for Effective Response](#) (PER) self-assessment. Activities under these included the development of a Disaster Management Policy, standardization of the early needs assessment formats, and drafting of contingency plans. In addition, the Red Cross of Serbia translated and adapted the [Public Awareness and Public Education](#) (PAPE) messages. It also translated the [Y-Adapt](#) and Climate Cards to engage young people in raising awareness about climate change. In cooperation with representatives of the [Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre](#), a Climate Risk Profile for Serbia was prepared, along with a Serbia Story Map that summarizes Serbia's main climate risks. In cooperation with representatives of the Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre, a Climate Risk Profile for Serbia was prepared, together with an analysis of climate risks to determine how current and future climate and hydro-meteorological conditions can be taken into account in operations, programs, plans and strategies, as well as how climate change in the country could affect the programmes and operational activities of the National Society, target groups and priority areas.

Disasters and crises

During the reporting period, the Red Cross of Serbia branches responded to disasters within their communities. In total, 5,204 kg of relief aid was distributed to those in need. In February, the Brus branch of the Red Cross of Serbia also provided mountain rescue services at the Brzeće ski slope. The National Society provided assistance to those affected by the [fire in Kočani in North Macedonia](#). In addition, as part of the 'Increase the Red Cross of Serbia's Capacities for Local Disaster Preparedness and Response' project, the National Society undertook two four-day workshops on [cash and voucher assistance](#) (CVA) as well as a four-day Training of Trainers titled 'Volunteer Management and Child Protection in Emergency Situations'. As part of its water rescue efforts, the National Society trained people and also carried out preventive educational activities.

Health and wellbeing

As efforts under health promotion, the Red Cross of Serbia undertook educational activities combating drug addiction and other addictive diseases through lectures, workshops, and reaching the youth. Educational activities on sexually transmitted infections and HIV/AIDS were also conducted. A vast demographic of people were also trained in [first aid](#) through standardized training, including preschool children, students from primary and secondary school, youth

volunteers, employees, driver candidates, and local communities. In the first half of 2025, the Red Cross of Serbia deployed trained volunteers to provide first aid at 390 public events. The National Society also progressed in forming an International Trauma Life Support (ITLS) Centre and obtaining the prestigious international license.

Migration and displacement

In 2025, the National Society undertook several initiatives to provide support, including providing direct assistance to migrants in transit in the form of hygiene items, dry meals, organizing volunteer actions, first aid training, as well as the detection and prevention of human trafficking and the activities of the Search Service. The Red Cross of Serbia also signed an agreement with the European Union (EU) to strengthen cooperation in the fields of migration and border management to reduce irregular activities, including smuggling, risks of human trafficking, and organized crime. Additionally, the Red Cross of Serbia in the communities with active migrant centres continued with the continuous implementation of Promotion of Human Values (PHV) activities. In June 2025, a new phase of the 'Response to Migration' project began.

Values, power and inclusion

In 2025, the National Society worked to increase public awareness of human trafficking. The network of peer educators and trainers conducted informative workshops, primarily for children and youth in vulnerable situations, socially disadvantaged, and marginalized people. It also undertook the [Strengthening Access to Healthcare, Participation and Social Equality in the Western Balkans \(SHAPE\)](#) project. The National Society focused on improving healthcare, social equality, and community participation, with a particular emphasis on supporting older people. As part of the project '[Reducing the Digital Gap](#)' in cooperation with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in Serbia, the National Society signed a Memorandum of Cooperation in May 2025. It actively contributed to the drafting of the Law on Prevention and Suppression of Trafficking in Persons and Protection of Victims, as well as the development of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for addressing the needs of human trafficking victims.

Enabling local actors

The development of the unified volunteer database for the Red Cross of Serbia was finalized and began in 2025. The use of the volunteer database at all levels of the National Society will improve volunteer management and increase volunteer recruitment and retention. The Capacity Building Fund ([CBF](#)) supported the 'Assessment of the Impact and Relevance of the Red Cross of Serbia Programmes and Services' initiative has been successfully implemented. In light of changes within state structures, the Red Cross of Serbia also prioritized effective representation of its programmes and beneficiaries to ensure the continuation of established cooperation mechanisms.

Q2. CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS

In this reporting period, no changes or amendments were made by the National Society

Q3. MEASURING RESULTS OF THE IFRC NETWORK ACTION

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Climate and environment

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Red Cross of Serbia started with the implementation of the [Early Warning Early Action \(EWEA\)](#) project as implementing partner in collaboration with the Irish Aid. Through implementation of [Preparedness for Effective Response \(PER\)](#) self-assessment, the National Society finalized the Plan of Action and deployed relevant set of activities.

The activities finalized during the reporting period included the development of a Disaster Management Policy, standardization of the early needs assessment formats, and drafting of contingency plans. Minimum standards of protection of groups in vulnerable situations were also developed for representatives across 16 National Society branches, representatives of National Organization of Persons with Disabilities, and the Women's Support Centre. Modular training package for National Disaster Response Teams (NDRT) and Local Disaster Response Teams (LDRT) was developed, and [Training of Trainers \(ToT\)](#) was organized in March. The purpose of ToT was to have trained people roll out the minimum standards into the response procedures and local level and in the operations run by the NDRT. The training module will be further integrated into the training of the NDRT and the LDRT.

In addition, the National Society translated and adapted the [Public Awareness and Public Education \(PAPE\)](#) messages. It also carried out a consultative process with selected branches to explore effective ways of communicating these messages to at-risk areas, aiming to encourage behavioural change among people in vulnerable situations and hard-to-reach communities in Serbia.

To engage young people in raising awareness about climate change and to educate them on their role in community preparedness, the Red Cross of Serbia translated the [Y-Adapt](#) and Climate Cards. These materials will be further adapted and contextualized for use in education and youth-focused activities in Serbia.

In cooperation with the representatives of the [Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre](#), a Climate Risk Profile for Serbia was prepared, together with an analysis of climate risks. Additionally, a Serbia Story Map, an interactive feature showing the summary of Serbia's main climate risks and the climate risk screening of the programmes and humanitarian operations was developed. At the conclusion of the project, a ToT on [Enhanced Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment \(EVCA\)](#) was organized for representatives from 24 branches and focal points from the headquarters (HQ).

The Red Cross of Serbia with the support of United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) started the project on energy poverty and energy efficiency. It aimed at assisting families with children in vulnerable situations by providing guidance on how to maintain energy-efficient households.

A project preparation training was held from 31 August to 2 September at the Red Cross of Serbia Aleksandrovac Resort in Mitrovo Polje, with two volunteers from each of ten branches. It covered project activities, household engagement methods, and volunteer roles.

Family mapping took place in September, followed by household visits in late November, where volunteers identified energy efficiency challenges and advised families—especially children and older persons—on energy-saving practices, health risks, and use of efficiency kits. In December, follow-up visits assessed uptake and shared information on available subsidies for home improvements.

On 11 December 2025, a workshop organized by the Standing Conference of Towns and Municipalities and UNICEF at the Red Cross of Serbia brought together stakeholders, with volunteers presenting field insights.

The project was implemented from August to December 2025 in ten locations: Babušnica, Kraljevo, Požarevac, Novi Pazar, Kragujevac, Čačak, Plandište, Kosjerić, Kruševac, and Čičevac..

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided support to the National Society with the 'One Volunteer, 100 Trees' initiative. The IFRC also assisted the Red Cross of Serbia with the implementation of the Early Warning Early Action (EWEA) project. Additionally, through its [Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre](#), it assisted the National Society with analysing the Climate Risk Profile for Serbia.



Disasters and crises

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

Progress by the National Society against objectives

During the reporting period, 25 Red Cross of Serbia branches responded to disasters within their communities. In total, 5,204 kg of relief aid was distributed to those in need. The National Society established a designated account to provide assistance to those affected by the [fire in Kočani, North Macedonia](#), but also to their families.

As part of the 'Increase the Red Cross of Serbia's Capacities for Local Disaster Preparedness and Response' project, a UNICEF-supported project, the National Society undertook two four-day workshops on [cash and voucher assistance](#) (CVA) as well as a four-day Training of Trainers titled 'Volunteer Management and Child Protection in Emergency Situations'. With trainees including young volunteers, youth leaders, and representatives from youth offices, the participation provided an excellent opportunity to strengthen connections between Red Cross organizations and volunteer services at the local community level, while also enhancing cooperation with local youth offices.

With the aim of further strengthening disaster response capacities, fostering regional collaboration, and enhancing partnerships, the National Society participated in a Training of Trainers for National Disaster Response Teams (NDRT), in a National Disaster Response Exercise hosted by the Austrian Red Cross, a Simulation Exercise of an Airplane Crash in Belgrade Nikola Tesla Airport, and the Inter-Municipal Simulation Exercise "[Jablanica 2025](#)" was organized by the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Serbia.

As part of its Disaster risk reduction efforts, the Red Cross of Serbia organized Disaster risk reduction (DRR) workshops, exercises and competitions were organized in 21 municipalities, covering 8,136 primary school students, their teachers and local community members.

As part of its water rescue efforts, the National Society and its lifeguard education centres held 14 professional training courses during the reporting period. A total of 50 people completed the training and, following the exam, obtained their new lifeguard licenses, while 40 people renewed their existing licenses. The Red Cross of Serbia branches also carried out preventive educational activities, reaching 1,459 people with the support of 49 volunteers and water rescuers. Representatives of the RCS participated in the activities of the International Life Saving Federation (ILS) and the International Life Saving Federation of Europe (ILSE), attending the annual meeting of the European Water Rescue Federation (EWRA) held in March in Rome, Italy.

In February, the Brus branch of the Red Cross of Serbia provided mountain rescue services at the Brzeće ski slope. It provided search and rescue services for the national paragliding competitions in Vršac and Rajac. During the competition, crews consisting of four mountain rescuers and members of the Organisation for Search and Rescue of Serbia (O.T.I.S.) and DM team from the Red Cross organizations of Kraljevo, Štrpce, Užice and Stari Grad were engaged. No interventions were required during the competitions. The National Society organized 10 lectures for 724 people in three mountainous/rural municipalities. Additionally, the Red Cross of Serbia organized training for 16 mountain rescuers, focusing on first aid skills, rescue from inaccessible terrain and the rescue of paragliders.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provides financial and technical assistance for emergency response mechanisms. IFRC mechanisms such as the disaster response emergency fund (DREF) and the IFRC Emergency Appeal are utilized by the National Society in times of disasters and crises to effectively support those who face immediate needs during times of emergency.



Following torrential rains and severe flooding in Serbia, the Red Cross of Serbia supported 2,700 people and over 500 households with evacuation, relief aid, disinfection, and dehumidification (The Red Cross of Serbia)



Health and wellbeing

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2025, the Red Cross of Serbia was ahead of the planned targets, achieving, on average, 70 per cent of the annual indicator values within the first six months of the year. Over 569 out of 600 planned health promotion workshops were already implemented and 92 workshops out of 100 planned on risky behaviour related to addiction were also already implemented.

Under health promotion, the Red Cross of Serbia undertook educational activities promoting healthy lifestyles. Over 92 National Society branches were active in combating drug addiction and other addictive diseases, through lectures and workshops, reaching youth. Educational activities on sexually transmitted infections and HIV/AIDS were conducted. These included 25 training sessions for young volunteers and 151 workshops for children. The aim was to promote safe behaviour and raise awareness of protective measures to reduce the risk of infection.

First aid was also a priority for the National Society. A vast demographic of people was trained in first aid through standardized training, including preschool children, students from primary and secondary school, youth volunteers, employees, driver candidates, and local communities. Additionally, 505 informal workshops, lectures, and forums were organized by National Society branches, and through this people learned the basic principles and skills of first aid. In the first half of 2025, 79 branches of the Red Cross of Serbia deployed trained volunteers to provide first aid at 390 public events. Additionally, in collaboration with the Serbian Armed Forces, three associates from the Military Medical Academy were trained in realistic injury depiction. This training follows an advanced two-day first aid course in the National Society's National First Aid Training Centre in Belgrade.

The National Society also progressed in forming an International Trauma Life Support (ITLS) Centre and obtaining a prestigious international license. These paths allowed the National Society to improve in the field of education and in out-of-hospital care of the injured. In the first half of 2025, four activities were carried out in cooperation with the ITLS Centre from Slovenia.

In March, the Red Cross of Serbia attended international course on out-of-hospital trauma care in specific circumstances, the High Threat ITLS Course, held in Novo Mesto, Slovenia. It also organized an advanced pre-hospital care course, the ITLS Advanced Provider Course, intended for healthcare workers. This intensive three-day training was attended by 16 participants and delivered by the RCS instructors, with mentorship from ITLS instructors from Slovenia.

In May, a one-day ITLS instructor workshop, involving 18 existing instructors from Serbia and Slovenia, was held at the National First Aid Training Centre of the National Society. Additionally, candidates who excelled in advanced training and met the demanding requirements for continuing education toward the instructor title attended the ITLS Instructor Course, which was organized at the National First Aid Training Centre. This two-day course was attended by 11 candidates, all of whom successfully passed the ITLS instructor exam.

Voluntary Blood Donation was also a priority for the National Society. In total, 1,825 voluntary blood donation drives were organized resulting in 72,150 units of blood being collected. In total, volunteers were trained in the field of voluntary blood donation through 120 training sessions.

On 16 September 2025, the Red Cross of Serbia organized a panel discussion, "[In the Rhythm of the Golden Hour – Challenges and Perspectives for Improving Post-Crash Care](#)," focusing on coordination and response during the critical post-accident phase. Experts from traffic safety, medicine, and emergency services explored ways to strengthen the rescue and care system.

In the field of voluntary blood donation, 3,714 drives were conducted across 178 branches, resulting in 143,277 blood units collected. Additionally, 2,675 volunteers were trained through 292 sessions.

To promote awareness, the Red Cross of Serbia organized the "Blood Means Life" art competition (15 September–31 October), engaging over 41,000 children and youth from 828 schools and emphasizing the importance of voluntary blood donation.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provides both technical and financial support to the National Society in its interventions under health and wellbeing.



Migration and displacement

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Red Cross of Serbia signed an agreement with the European Union (EU) to strengthen cooperation in the fields of migration and border management to reduce irregular activities, including smuggling, risks of human trafficking and organized crime.

The National Society undertook several initiatives to provide support. This included providing direct assistance to migrants in transit in the form of hygiene items, dry meals, organizing volunteer actions, first aid training, as well as the detection and prevention of human trafficking and the activities of the Search Service. Special emphasis was placed on activities within local organizations in cities and municipalities where there are active centres for the accommodation of migrants.

Additionally, the Red Cross of Serbia's branches in the communities with active migrant centres continued with the continuous implementation of Promotion of Human Values (PHV) activities. In addition to the thematic workshops that educators conduct with children from migrant families, the National Society's branches in nine municipalities also organized thematic round tables with their partners with the aim of assessing the position of migrants and mutual cooperation of institutions that implement activities for this target group.

In June 2025, a new phase of the 'Response to Migration' project started. In this phase, the National Society emphasized four key areas of action within the broader concept of protection. These included (a) the prevention of human trafficking through campaigns, workshops, and support for groups in vulnerable situations (b) promotion of tolerance, understanding, and respect in the context of migration (c) [Restoring Family Links](#) (RFL) activities and activities to prevent family separations (d) distribution of cash and voucher assistance (CVA) to refugees from Ukraine

As part of its international engagements, the Red Cross of Serbia, as a member of the state delegation, took part in an interactive dialogue on enforced disappearances, held within the mechanisms of the United Nations (UN). On this occasion, special attention was focused on the role of the Red Cross in preventing the separation and disappearance of migrants, as well as on activities aimed at finding missing persons and re-establishing family ties.

In October, a new project was launched in partnership with UNICEF, aiming to improve protection and provide psychosocial support (PSS) to children and youth among the migrant population. The project aims to strengthen protection mechanisms, provide psychosocial support and referrals to relevant services and is planned to run until mid-2026.k.

IFRC network joint support

The **IFRC** provides both technical and financial support to the National Society.

The **Swiss Red Cross** supported the National Society with the continuous implementation of Promotion of Human Values (PHV) activities. It also supported the new phase of the 'Response to Migration' project.



Values, power and inclusion

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2025, the National Society worked to increase public awareness of human trafficking. The network of peer educators and trainers conducted 591 informative workshops, primarily children and youth in vulnerable situations, socially disadvantaged, and marginalized people. These were both within the local population and among migrants. The aim was to convey the importance of protection and precautionary measures against human trafficking. Additionally, the National Society's branches also implemented five trainings for new peer educators.

As part of the project 'Strengthening Access to Healthcare, Participation and Social Equality in the Western Balkans (SHAPE)' an online meeting was held in April. The project received financial assistance from the Federal Ministry of Health, Social Protection, and Consumer Protection of the Republic of Austria and the Austrian Red Cross. It focused on improving healthcare, social equality, and community participation, with a particular emphasis on supporting older people. The project aimed to address the socio-economic challenges faced by groups in vulnerable situations, especially older people, in the Western Balkans region. A training titled 'Accessible Communication' was held in April for project partners. Participants had the opportunity to gain knowledge and skills on the importance of accessible communication when working with people with disabilities.

The Red Cross of Serbia also participated in both the second and third international theatre festivals held as part of the European project Age Against the Machine. The second festival took place in April in Italy and the third festival was held in June in Portugal. The goal of National Society's participation was to contribute to the promotion of intergenerational solidarity, active aging, and cultural exchange through theatre. The project is being implemented with the support of the European Union through the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV) Programme, as well as the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Serbia and the City of Novi Sad.

As part of the project 'Reducing the Digital Gap' in cooperation with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in Serbia, the National Society signed a Memorandum of Cooperation was signed in May 2025. The aim of the memorandum is to enhance the digital knowledge and skills of older people, promote healthy and active aging, and encourage volunteerism and intergenerational solidarity. Over 500 people participated in courses covering five key areas: creating and using email accounts, utilizing eservices and administration, understanding the basics of eBanking, ensuring Internet security and navigating digital public administration services. During the implementation of these activities, older people expressed interest in additional topics, particularly training on the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools like ChatGPT, as well as safe and simple online shopping.

The National Society also participated in the national event marking the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, joining the Commissioner for Protection of Equality and Austrian Embassy in the panel discussion 'Closing the Circle: How Far Have We Come in Addressing the Problem of Violence against Older Persons?'. Additionally, the National Society participated in the global observance of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, organized by the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA) and the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA).

The event, held virtually in June 2025, focused on the theme 'Addressing Abuse of Older People in Long-Term Care Facilities: Through Data and Action', highlighting the urgent need for reliable data and a human right-based approach..

IFRC network joint support

The **IFRC** provides both technical and financial support to the National Society in its interventions under values, power and inclusion.

The **Austrian Red Cross** financially supported the National Society with the 'Strengthening Access to Healthcare, Participation and Social Equality in the Western Balkans (SHAPE)' project.

ENABLING LOCAL ACTORS



Strategic and operational coordination

Progress by the National Society against objectives

IFRC membership coordination

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

The cooperation with the [IFRC reference centre for psychosocial support](#) is based on the sharing of knowledge and expertise. The centre provides inputs for training and other interventions by the Red Cross of Serbia in the [mental health and psychosocial support \(MHPSS\)](#) area, including support for training events, while the activities of the Red Cross of Serbia in this area are fed back to the centre to serve as experience sharing and case studies.

Movement coordination

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

The **ICRC** provides ongoing support in addressing the [restoring family links \(RFL\)](#) needs of migrants, the [Safer Access framework](#), IHL promotion and implementation and the MHPSS project. The ICRC and the Red Cross of Serbia collaborate through SMCC mechanisms. .

Coordination with other actors

The Red Cross of Serbia actively participates in various international and national networks, focusing on first aid education, disaster preparedness, and humanitarian response. It is part of coordination networks with the UN Agencies, specifically the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) and United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), as well as the European Commission, International Network for Prevention of Elder Abuse, HelpAge International, Age Platform Europe, European Disability Forum, Global Alliance – For the Rights of Older People, and the embassies of several countries.

At the national level, the National Society cooperates with government institutions and line ministries, thematic base cooperation with NGOs, and the private sector. It also works with academic institutions such as the University of

Belgrade, Niš, Kragujevac and Novi Sad, and more specifically Faculty for Security Studies University of Belgrade, Medical Faculty University of Belgrade, Faculty of Social Science, Military Academy, and Police Academy.

The Red Cross branches have developed cooperation with the civil society sector and institutions and the local level such as the Centre for Social Welfare, Health Institutions, schools and preschools as well as local associations for children and people with disabilities, Roma associations, other charity and humanitarian organisation working locally.



National Society development

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The development on the unified volunteer database for the Red Cross of Serbia was finalized in 2024 and the rollout started in 2025. The use of the volunteer database at all levels of the National Society will be improving volunteer management and increasing volunteer recruitment and retention. The informational workshops for branch secretaries have been organized in the first three months of 2025 with a view of facilitating the daily use of the new toolset for volunteer management.

The Capacity Building Fund (CBF) supported the 'Assessment of the Impact and Relevance of the Red Cross of Serbia Programmes and Services' initiative has been successfully implemented. As part of this initiative, the National Society continued to implement Branch Organisational Capacity Assessment (BOCA) workshops across its branches, organizing three sessions during the reporting period in the municipalities of [Pirot](#), [Kladovo](#), and [Kraljevo](#). These self-assessment exercises involved not only the secretaries and employees of the branches but also volunteers, members of governing bodies, and key local partners from relevant institutions. As part of the CBF initiative, a three-day workshop was organized, with over 30 participants from various levels of the Red Cross of Serbia coming together to develop and finalize the strategic document for the National Society's programmes.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supports the National Society in its National Society development initiatives. IFRC funding mechanisms such as the IFRC Capacity Building Fund (CBF) were utilized for National Society development initiatives.



Humanitarian diplomacy

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The National Society closely monitored developments in the country and adapted its activities to the evolving social context to ensure full implementation of its mandate, mission, and principles at all levels of organization, with particular emphasis on maintaining neutrality and impartiality. Significant attention was devoted to safeguarding the integrity of the National Society. In light of changes within state structures, the Red Cross of Serbia also prioritized effective representation of its programmes and beneficiaries to ensure the continuation of established cooperation mechanisms.

It also participated in over 37 international meetings. This includes the participation of representatives at regional meetings of the Movement, participation of associates (from different levels of the National Society) at meetings and workshops for special thematic areas, participation at regular annual meetings of working groups and networks of which the National Society is a member, as well as training in the standards prescribed by the IFRC and ICRC.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided technical support to the National Society with its efforts towards [Humanitarian Diplomacy](#).



Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Red Cross of Serbia has consistently met its reporting obligations to the government, submitting both narrative and financial reports in accordance with the agreed timeline. Additionally, the National Society's financial statements for 2024 were audited and received a positive evaluation. The National Society was also undergoing a comprehensive audit by the State Auditing Institution, as was routinely required for organizations receiving funding from the National Budget. The results of this review were expected to provide valuable insights, contributing to the enhancement of management procedures across all levels of the National Society.

In December 2025, in Sarajevo, the National Society attended the workshop on "Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Humanitarian Context" organized by the IFRC CCD CSEE and IFRC ROE. Through interactive sessions and practical exercises, participants gained valuable insights into how AI can enhance everyday humanitarian operations, strengthen disaster response efforts and support informed long-term planning and decision-making.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided technical support to the National Society.

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

- [RS_Serbia 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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