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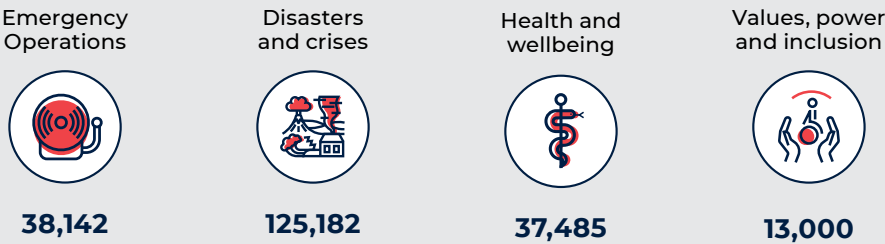


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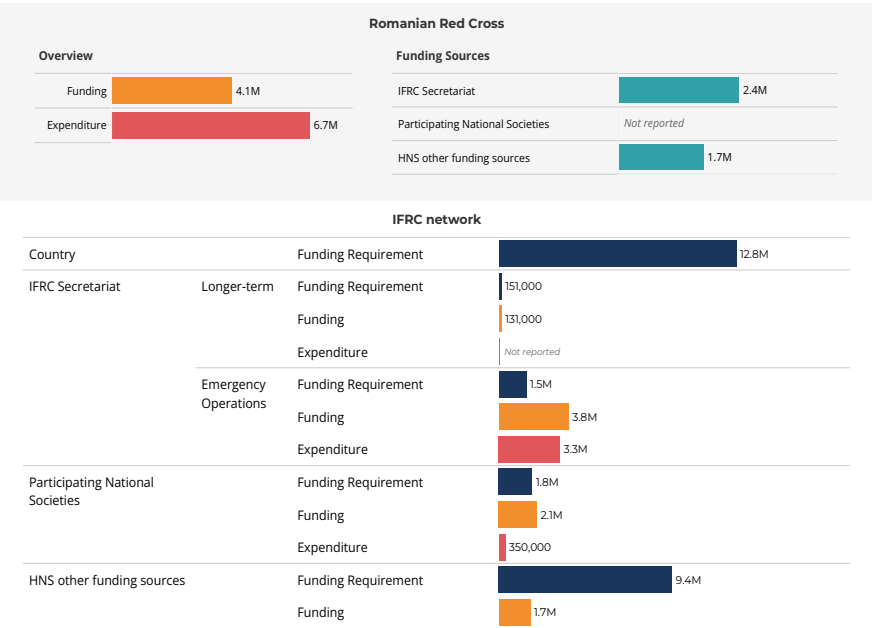


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FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

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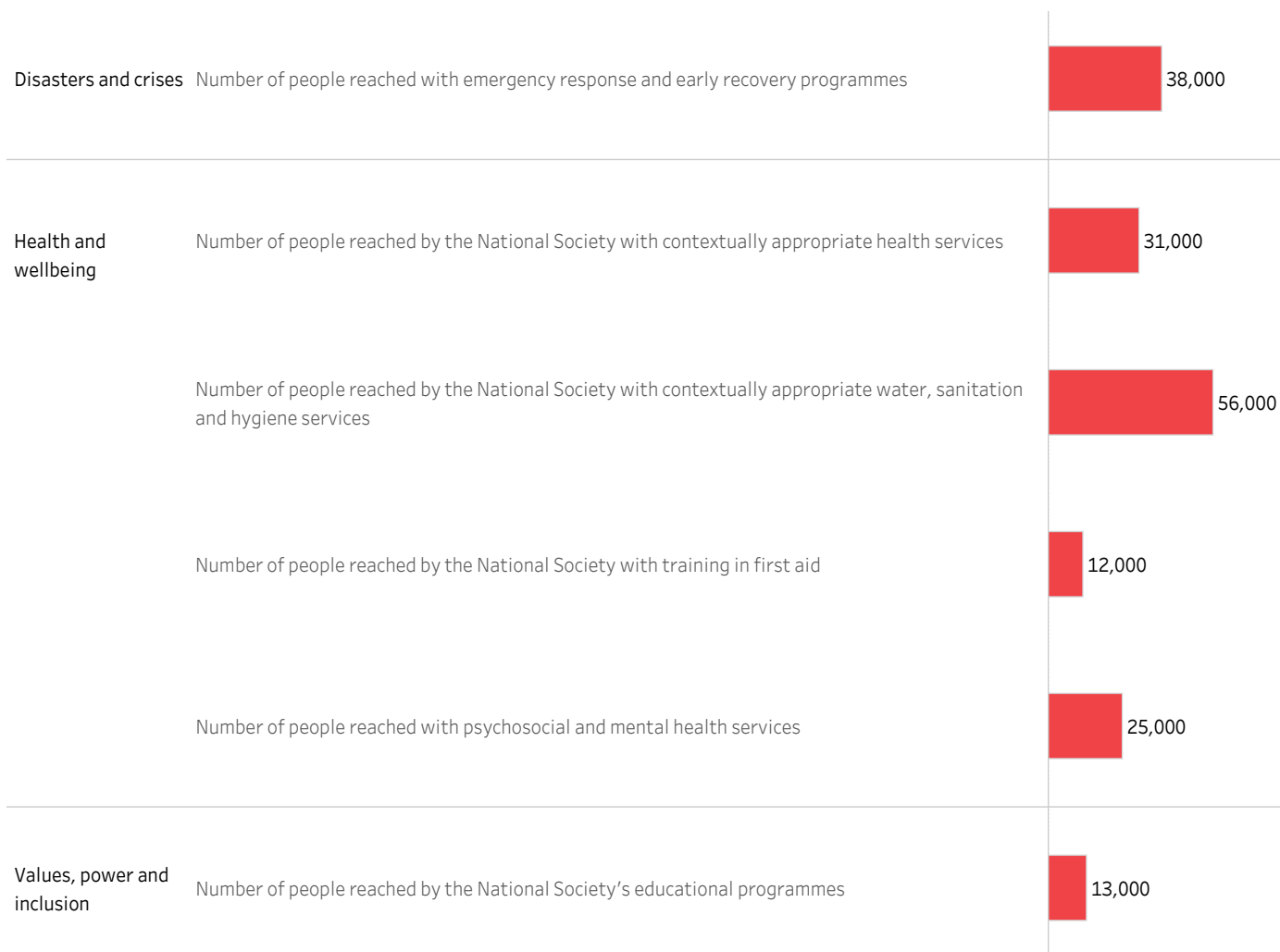
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ONGOING EMERGENCY INDICATORS

(MDR66001) / Ukraine and Impacted Countries

Disasters and crises	Number of people reached with emergency response and early recovery programmes	 38,000
Health and wellbeing	Number of people reached by the National Society with contextually appropriate water, sanitation and hygiene services	 56,000
	Number of people reached by the National Society with contextually appropriate health services	 31,000
	Number of people reached with psychosocial and mental health services	 12,000
	Number of people reached by the National Society with training in first aid	296
Humanitarian diplomacy	National Society participates in IFRC-led campaigns	Yes
National Society development	National Society has created and implemented youth engagement strategies	Yes
Values, power and inclusion	Number of people reached by the National Society's educational programmes	 13,000
	Percentage of those surveyed report receiving useful and actionable information	20%

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



ENABLING FUNCTIONS

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 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
British Red Cross	2M						
Swedish Red Cross	16,000						

Total Funding Reported **CHF 2.9M**

Q1. OVERALL PERFORMANCE

Context

Romania, a South-Eastern European country of approximately 19 million people, faced a complex socio-political, economic and humanitarian environment in 2025. The country's strategic location at the intersection of Eastern and Western Europe, combined with its proximity to the international armed conflict in Ukraine, continues to shape its security, migration and economic dynamics. Its diverse geography and exposure to climate risks, including floods and heatwaves, further influence national vulnerability and resilience.

2025 was marked by heightened polarization following the annulment of the December 2024 presidential elections and their rerun in spring 2025. Although the outcome reaffirmed a pro-European direction, tensions persisted, reflecting broader public dissatisfaction and declining trust in institutions. This environment, alongside ongoing reforms and governance challenges, affected policy continuity and the operational landscape for humanitarian actors.

Romania experienced renewed pressure despite previous growth trends. Inflation rose significantly in 2025, driven by regional instability, rising food and housing costs and the ongoing impact of the conflict in Ukraine, reducing household purchasing power. Fiscal adjustment measures introduced by the government further affected vulnerable populations, particularly those already at risk of poverty or social exclusion.

Structural challenges also persisted, including poverty, unemployment (especially among youth) and disparities in access to education, healthcare and social services. Rural communities, Roma populations and low-income households continued to face disproportionate risks of deprivation, while demographic trends such as ageing and emigration contributed to labour shortages and long-term vulnerability.

Migration remained a defining factor in Romania's context. By the end of 2025, over 200,000 displaced people from Ukraine were residing in the country under Temporary Protection or refugee status. While legal frameworks remain in place, evolving policies and economic uncertainty have increased the need for sustained support and integration efforts, particularly in areas such as employment, housing and access to services.

Overall, Romania in 2025 operated within a challenging environment shaped by political uncertainty, economic pressures, social inequalities, climate risks and the continued impact of the conflict in Ukraine. These factors collectively influenced humanitarian needs and required a gradual transition from emergency response to longer-term, resilience-focused and integration-oriented approaches.

Key achievements

Climate and environment

In 2025, the Romanian Red Cross strengthened the integration of environmental considerations into its operations by promoting more sustainable resource use across emergency and long-term programmes. Key achievements include initial steps towards reducing environmental risks in operations and embedding environmentally responsible practices within programme design and delivery.

Disasters and crises

During the reporting period, the Romanian Red Cross demonstrated strong emergency response capacity, rapidly mobilizing assistance following flood events and supporting 5,000 people through DREF-funded operations. Key achievements include timely delivery of essential relief, activation of a structured six-month response plan and successful national fundraising efforts. The National Society further strengthened preparedness by finalizing CVA Standard Operating Procedures, updating disaster response guidelines, enhancing Emergency Operations Centre functionality and conducting simulation exercises to improve coordination and readiness. Lessons from operations also informed improvements in needs assessment, logistics and early psychosocial support.

Health and wellbeing

In 2025, the Romanian Red Cross expanded community-based health and mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services, strengthening access to integrated care for vulnerable populations. Key achievements include scaling up the Health Caravan and Health Promotion Centres, advancing cross-border health cooperation and training 221 staff and volunteers in MHPSS in emergencies. The National Society also strengthened strategic frameworks for health and MHPSS, expanded preventive health initiatives and achieved global certification for first aid training, reinforcing quality, consistency and long-term sustainability of services.

Migration and displacement

The Romanian Red Cross consolidated its role in migration response by strengthening institutional frameworks and delivering integrated support for displaced and migrant populations. Key achievements include the expansion of multi-sectoral services promoting integration and self-reliance, alongside the development of a migration and displacement framework informed by organizational capacity and needs assessments, improving the evidence base and coherence of future interventions.

Values, power and inclusion

The Romanian Red Cross advanced the institutionalization of PGI and CEA as core organizational approaches. Key achievements include the integration of these standards into policies, procedures and programme areas, the establishment of a PGI-Safeguarding Working Group, and strengthened staff and volunteer capacities. Enhanced feedback mechanisms and cross-sectoral collaboration further improved accountability to affected populations and ensured programmes remained responsive and inclusive.

Enabling local actors

During the reporting period, the Romanian Red Cross strengthened its organizational capacity, volunteer systems and resource mobilization. It developed a standardized volunteer management system and planned e-learning platform, introduced face-to-face fundraising to diversify income and strengthened humanitarian diplomacy through legal and policy engagement. The National Society also enhanced communication capacity, including training volunteers in digital storytelling and expanding in-house content production. The Romanian Red Cross also reinforced accountability and operational efficiency through strengthened PMER systems, safeguarding, financial management and digitalization. The National Society advanced safeguarding systems, adopted a Cost Recovery Policy and expanded digital tools such as Red Connect and CRM systems, contributing to improved internal control, reporting and organizational agility.

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

ONGOING EMERGENCY RESPONSE

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

Name	Ukraine and Impacted Countries Crisis
Emergency Appeal number	MGR65002
People to be assisted	22.7 M (total); 600,000 (in Poland)
Duration	28 February 2022 to 31 December 2025
Funding requirements	Total: CHF 800 M (IFRC): CHF 2.7 billion (Federation-wide) Romania: CHF 100,196,409 (IFRC): CHF 117,667,201 (Federation-wide)
Link to Revised Emergency Appeal	Revised Emergency Appeal
Link to Latest Operational Strategy	Revised Operational Strategy Romania Final Report
Latest Operations Update	Operations Update No. 13

The international armed conflict in Ukraine continues to cause widespread human suffering, resulting in large-scale civilian harm, destruction of livelihoods and infrastructure and prolonged displacement both within Ukraine and across borders. Many displaced people have now been living in displacement for an extended period, with gaps in assistance continuing to grow and urgent needs for protection, stability and sustainable recovery persisting.

Launched in February 2022 and revised in May 2023, the IFRC Emergency Appeal supports the response of 18 National Societies, including the Romanian Red Cross. The Romanian Red Cross initially responded to urgent needs and progressively transitioned towards longer-term integration and resilience support for displaced people and vulnerable host communities.

In 2025, Romania remained both a transit and destination country, with many displaced people continuing to face challenges related to inclusion, access to services, employment and psychological wellbeing. At the same time, broader socio-economic pressures, including rising living costs and strain on public services increased vulnerabilities across affected populations.

The Romanian Red Cross delivered multi-sectoral support including cash assistance, health and mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services, integration and protection activities, while strengthening its internal capacities to ensure a more sustainable response. Amid declining international funding, the National Society adapted by prioritizing essential services, reinforcing partnerships and focusing on capacity-building, enabling continued support and contributing to long-term community resilience.

Short description of the emergency operational strategy

Through the Ukraine and impacted countries crisis revised emergency appeal, the Romanian Red Cross provided targeted assistance to about 600,000 people. The operation focused on:

Shelter, housing and settlements

Stocks were replenished in 2025, with 2,500 sleeping bags and 2,500 folding beds procured for people affected by disasters. Items are stored in the central warehouse and ready to be delivered in case of need.

Livelihoods

Continued to deliver livelihoods support through its nationwide branch network, focusing on employability, skills development and socio-economic integration for displaced populations and vulnerable host communities throughout 2025. Activities included career clubs, entrepreneurship sessions, vocational training and CV writing support, while capacity-building efforts were strengthened through collaboration with the IFRC Livelihoods Centre, supporting headquarters and 10 branches to deliver tailored employability services.

Multi-purpose cash

Cash and Voucher Assistance ([CVA](#)) remained a central response modality, with the strengthening of CVA Preparedness Plan and maintaining an active Cash Working Group. Capacity-building efforts enabled branches to independently implement programmes, while CVA supported 4,056 displaced people from Ukraine and 4,072 vulnerable host community members, reinforcing flexible and needs-based assistance.

Health and care

Expanded integrated health and mental health and psychosocial support ([MHPSS](#)) services through its network of Health Promotion Centres and mobile Health Caravan, ensuring access to healthcare in underserved areas. Community-based initiatives were scaled up through trained volunteers, while eight MHPSS service platforms, including a national call centre and specialized centres, provided psychological first aid ([PFA](#)) and support. The National Society also strengthened national frameworks and continued its leadership role in coordination, including co-chairing the national MHPSS Working Group.

Water, sanitation and hygiene ([WASH](#))

The Romanian Red Cross continued to provide hygiene and essential household item assistance through branch-level distributions and social shops in Bucharest and Constanța, ensuring regular access to essential items such as hygiene products, food and clothing. These mechanisms provided structured and dignified support to displaced populations and vulnerable families, with a gradual transition towards more inclusive coverage of both migrants and host communities.

Protection, gender and inclusion ([PGI](#))

PGI remained mainstreamed across all programmes, with the strengthening of [safeguarding](#) systems, institutional procedures and staff capacities. With technical support from partners, the National Society enhanced its ability to identify protection risks, provide referrals and ensure safe, inclusive and equitable service delivery, with a focus on displaced populations, persons with disabilities and other vulnerable groups.

Community engagement and accountability ([CEA](#))

The Romanian Red Cross strengthened its CEA approaches by enhancing communication, feedback and participation mechanisms. Post-distribution monitoring activities were expanded through cross-sectoral collaboration, providing insights into beneficiary needs, particularly in health and accommodation, and showing high satisfaction with cash assistance as a flexible and dignified support modality.

Migration

Migration remained a key focus, with a transition towards structured, long-term integration programming. Services included health and MHPSS support, CVA, language training, social cohesion activities and support with administrative procedures. Institutional capacity was strengthened through collaboration with partners, including the development of a migration framework and implementation of assessments to better understand needs and operational capacity.

Education

Continued to support education and skills development through after-school programmes for displaced children and language and vocational training for migrants. Romanian language courses were linked to vocational training participation, strengthening access to employment opportunities and supporting long-term integration.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Climate and environment

Progress by the National Society against objectives

During the reporting period, the Romanian Red Cross integrated environmental considerations into its programming, working to reduce environmental risks in operations and minimize its carbon footprint across activities. This included adopting measures to ensure more sustainable use of resources in both emergency and long-term programmes.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC, along with the **Swedish Red Cross** provided technical guidance to the Romanian Red Cross on its [green response](#), helping the National Society strengthen its environmental practices and incorporate greener approaches in humanitarian programming.



Disasters and crises

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

In 2025, the IFRC Disaster Response Emergency Fund ([IFRC-DREF](#)) was ongoing for a flood emergency in Romania.

Name of Operation	Romania Floods
MDR-Code	MDRRO006
People assisted	5,000
Duration	6 months (30 September 2024 to 31 March 2025)
Funding requirements	CHF 465,192
Latest Operations Update	Romania Floods DREF Operation Final Report

The DREF allocation of CHF 465,192 in September 2024 supported the Romanian Red Cross in aiding 5,000 people under the flood operations. The Romanian Red Cross responded rapidly to the flood emergency by mobilizing its branch network to deliver essential relief, including food assistance, essential household items and hygiene supplies to affected communities. Emergency distributions were carried out through coordinated efforts at national and branch levels, supported by private sector donations and internal emergency funds.

Operationally, the Romanian Red Cross activated a six-month response plan to address urgent needs while strengthening branch capacities and coordination mechanisms. Although initially planned, mental health and psychosocial support ([MHPSS](#)) services were not implemented due to limited specialized personnel, competing operational priorities and existing mandates of local authorities. Despite this, the National Society maintained focus on key sectors such as [first aid](#), water, sanitation and hygiene ([WASH](#)) and basic needs assistance.

Response efforts were guided by continuous field assessments and supported through coordination with national emergency services, including the use of contingency plans and the Emergency Operations Centre, which ensured centralized information management, procurement and staff training. A national fundraising campaign launched in September successfully mobilized significant financial and in-kind contributions from individual and corporate donors, further supporting relief and recovery efforts.

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2025, the Romanian Red Cross continued to strengthen its disaster preparedness and response capacity by reinforcing operational systems, procedures and coordination mechanisms. A key milestone was the finalization of Cash

and Voucher Assistance (CVA) Standard Operating Procedures, providing a unified framework for implementing cash-based interventions across headquarters and branches and supporting their integration into contingency planning.

Internal disaster response procedures were also updated, clarifying roles, coordination mechanisms and operational processes, thereby enhancing the consistency, timeliness and effectiveness of emergency responses and reinforcing the National Society's auxiliary role to public authorities. Operational coordination was further strengthened through the continued functioning of the Emergency Operations Centre, which plays a central role in information management, communication and coordination during emergencies, supported by the central warehouse facility enabling timely deployment of relief items.

Preparedness capacities were further enhanced through simulation exercises, including a headquarters-level tabletop exercise and a national disaster simulation involving staff, branch representatives and volunteers. These exercises helped test procedures and strengthen coordination across organizational levels and with national authorities. At the same time, the Romanian Red Cross remained actively engaged in responding to climate-related emergencies, including floods affecting Galați and Vaslui, using prepositioned stocks and established logistics systems to deliver timely assistance, while identifying areas for improvement in needs assessment, logistics and early psychosocial support deployment.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC and the **British Red Cross** supported the Romanian Red Cross in the development of the CVA Standard Operating Procedures, contributing to the institutionalization of cash-based assistance. The IFRC also supported response operations through coordination and the DREF mechanism during flood response.

In addition, the **Italian Red Cross** supported preparedness efforts through the secondment of a technical delegate and contributed to the establishment and functioning of the Emergency Operations Centre, further strengthening coordination and operational readiness.



Health and wellbeing

Progress by the National Society against objectives

Health and wellbeing remained a central component of Romanian Red Cross programming in 2025, with continued focus on strengthening community-based health services and improving access to healthcare for populations in vulnerable situations, including displaced people, migrants and marginalized communities. Building on initiatives from previous years, the Romanian Red Cross sustained and expanded its flagship 'Health Caravan and Health Centre' project. The network of Health Promotion Centres continued to deliver integrated services, including medical consultations, mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) and specialized counselling, while facilitating referrals to public health systems. Mobile health services were maintained through the Health Caravan, ensuring access to healthcare and health promotion in underserved and rural areas.

The Romanian Red Cross also advanced cross-border cooperation through the Interreg-funded project, which entered its implementation phase in 2025, focusing on strengthening community health systems and preparing for the expansion of Health Caravan services in the Republic of Moldova. At the same time, the National Society strengthened preparedness for mental health and psychosocial support in emergencies by delivering training to staff and volunteers, reaching 221 individuals through a cascade approach following the training of facilitators. These efforts enhanced the National Society's capacity to provide psychological first aid (PFA) and integrate psychosocial support into emergency responses.

Access to MHPSS services was further expanded for displaced people from Ukraine and host communities, with activities implemented across multiple programmes, including EU4Health and community-based MHPSS initiatives. Interventions included PFA, community-based support and care for staff and volunteers, contributing to a holistic response to both physical and psychological needs. At the strategic level, the Romanian Red Cross developed its National Health Framework and an MHPSS working framework, strengthening coordination, sustainability and institutional guidance for health and psychosocial support programming.

Preventive health activities were also reinforced, including the continuation of the dental hygiene programme for primary school children and the rollout of the Community Health Volunteers programme across multiple counties, promoting health education, awareness and community resilience. In addition, the Romanian Red Cross achieved [Global First Aid Reference Centre](#) certification for its [first aid](#) training programmes, confirming alignment with international standards and further strengthening the quality and consistency of first aid education.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC, together with the **French Red Cross** and the **Danish Red Cross**, supported the expansion and scaling up of MHPSS activities and capacities across programmes. The French Red Cross also supported the implementation of the Health Caravan and Health Centre project.

The **Red Cross Society of the Republic of Moldova** supported the Romanian Red Cross to advance cross-border cooperation for community health systems and the expansion of Health Caravan services in the Republic of Moldova.



Romanian Red Cross emergency response teams assisted communities impacted by floods, delivering vital aid to households affected by the disaster.

(Photo: Romanian Red Cross).



Migration and displacement

Progress by the National Society against objectives

Migration and displacement remained a key focus area for the Romanian Red Cross in 2025, reflecting the ongoing impact of the international armed conflict in Ukraine and broader migration trends. Building on institutional developments from 2024, including the establishment of the Migration Unit and the Migration and Displacement Working Group, the Romanian Red Cross continued to strengthen its operational and strategic capacities in this area.

Throughout the year, the Romanian Red Cross provided integrated support to displaced and migrant populations, including health and mental health services, social cohesion activities, cash and voucher assistance ([CVA](#)), language courses and professional training opportunities aimed at promoting integration and self-reliance. These services contributed to a comprehensive approach addressing both immediate needs and longer-term inclusion.

Progress was also made in advancing the National Society's migration and displacement framework, which aims to provide clearer operational guidance for headquarters and branches. As part of this process, the Romanian Red Cross conducted a capacity assessment, along with two needs assessments targeting displaced populations, enabling a better understanding of evolving vulnerabilities and strengthening the overall response.

IFRC network joint support

The **IFRC** supported the Romanian Red Cross to strengthen its strategic alignment and operational capacity.

The **British Red Cross** provided ongoing support to the development of the migration and displacement framework.

The **ICRC** supported the Romanian Red Cross in improving its migration response strategies.



Values, power and inclusion

Progress by the National Society against objectives

During the reporting period, the Romanian Red Cross continued to strengthen the integration of Protection, Gender and Inclusion ([PGI](#)) and Community Engagement and Accountability ([CEA](#)) as cross-cutting approaches across all programmes and operations. Building on progress from 2024, the National Society further institutionalized these standards, with a focus on embedding PGI and CEA as core organizational approaches rather than project-based components.

Efforts were guided by findings from self-assessments and field-level analyses, which informed the development of a structured plan for mainstreaming and institutionalization. These activities helped identify good practices, gaps and challenges, contributing to a clearer understanding of how PGI and CEA should be applied across programme areas. At the institutional level, key internal documents including Codes of Conduct, HR procedures and regulations were reviewed to ensure alignment with these standards and to reinforce organizational accountability and [safeguarding](#) commitments.

Capacity building remained a priority, with awareness sessions delivered to staff and volunteers to strengthen understanding of PGI and CEA principles. An internal PGI-Safeguarding Working Group was established to support knowledge sharing, address challenges and promote consistent implementation across the National Society.

Mainstreaming efforts were further advanced through the integration of PGI and CEA considerations into standard operating procedures, training materials, operational plans and programme frameworks across sectors, including health and mental health and psychosocial support ([MHPSS](#)), community-based health and first aid ([CBHFA](#)), migration, Restoring Family Links ([RFL](#)), cash and voucher assistance ([CVA](#)) and communications. The Romanian Red Cross also actively engaged in inter-agency coordination mechanisms, including protection and child protection working groups, contributing to service mapping, referrals and the protection of vulnerable populations.

A strong focus was placed on enhancing accountability to affected populations. Communication channels and feedback mechanisms were strengthened to ensure that community perspectives inform programme design and adaptation. Cross-sectoral collaboration supported the implementation of post-distribution monitoring, enabling the collection of feedback on assistance and improving programme relevance, accessibility and safety. CEA was also incorporated into multiple sectoral plans and operational processes, reflecting growing ownership and demand for these approaches across headquarters and branches.

IFRC network joint support

The **IFRC** supported the Romanian Red Cross in strengthening PGI and CEA systems, including facilitating discussions on the translation and localization of key training materials through the IFRC Learning Platform.

The **Swedish Red Cross** supported the Romanian Red Cross with technical expertise to enhance the institutionalization and mainstreaming of PGI and CEA standards across programmes and organizational systems.

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.

The Romanian Red Cross benefits from strong and coordinated support from participating National Societies, contributing to both operational delivery and institutional development.

The **British Red Cross** supports capacity strengthening in cash and voucher assistance ([CVA](#)) preparedness and migration programming, including the development of procedures, staff training and delivery of services for displaced and vulnerable populations.

The **Danish Red Cross** supports the development of mental health and psychosocial support ([MHPSS](#)) programming

The **French Red Cross** contributes to both operational activities and National Society development.

The **Italian Red Cross** supports disaster preparedness through the secondment of a technical delegate, strengthening readiness and operational systems.

The **Spanish Red Cross** supports volunteer development initiatives.

The **Swedish Red Cross** provides technical expertise in strengthening Protection, Gender and Inclusion ([PGI](#)) and Community Engagement and Accountability ([CEA](#)) systems and their institutionalization.

The **Turkish Red Crescent** provides support in enhancing volunteer capacity and engagement.

These partnerships are complemented by regular coordination mechanisms, including monthly meetings convened by the Romanian Red Cross with the IFRC as co-convenor and participation from participating National Societies present in the country or region, ensuring aligned, coherent and complementary support across the Movement.

Movement coordination

The Romanian Red Cross ensures regular exchanges with the IFRC, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) 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 continues to support the Romanian Red Cross in activities related to Restoring Family Links ([RFL](#)) and International Humanitarian Law ([IHL](#)).

External coordination

The Romanian Red Cross continued to strengthen its external coordination with national authorities and institutional partners in 2025, reinforcing its [auxiliary role](#) in the humanitarian sector. Cooperation with public institutions was further enhanced through joint [preparedness](#) initiatives, including a headquarters-level tabletop exercise and a national disaster simulation exercise in Fetești, which brought together headquarters teams, branches, volunteers and relevant authorities to test response procedures and improve coordination during emergencies.

The National Society also maintained an active role in national coordination mechanisms, co-chairing the Cash Working Group alongside UNHCR and Save the Children, and the inter-agency Mental Health and Psychosocial Support ([MHPSS](#)) Working Group. Through these platforms, the Romanian Red Cross contributed to aligning humanitarian interventions, strengthening coordination among actors and ensuring a more coherent response to the needs of displaced populations and vulnerable communities.



National Society development

Progress by the National Society against objectives

Volunteer management continued to evolve in 2025, with further steps taken to strengthen and standardize the Volunteer Management System across the Romanian Red Cross network. The National Society continued to develop procedures and operational guidance for volunteer engagement. Complementing these developments, the Romanian Red Cross will establish a dedicated e-learning platform, a significant step forward in volunteer development. The platform is set to be populated with a series of courses developed in consultation with relevant stakeholders, offering volunteers across the network structured learning opportunities and contributing to a more consistent and accessible approach to capacity building within the National Society.

During the reporting period, the Romanian Red Cross also explored new approaches to expand its base of individual supporters and ensure the sustainability of its humanitarian activities. Among these initiatives, the National Society introduced Face-to-Face fundraising, a method based on direct engagement with potential donors in public spaces, and the promotion of recurring monthly contributions through direct debit mandates. This approach contributed to increasing public awareness of the National Society's mission while supporting the development of a more stable base for individual donors. The experience gathered through these activities will support the further development of long-term fundraising strategies and the diversification of financial resources.

IFRC network joint support

The **Spanish Red Cross** supported the Romanian Red with technical assistance aimed at improving volunteer management processes and strengthening volunteer engagement across branches.

The **Turkish Red Crescent** funded the project for establishing the e-learning platform for volunteer development.



Humanitarian diplomacy

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2025, humanitarian diplomacy efforts focused on strengthening the Romanian Red Cross' auxiliary role to public authorities and reinforcing its mandate in key humanitarian areas. This included the recruitment of a legal adviser and the initiation of a review of national migration legislation and the Red Cross law to identify opportunities to further strengthen the National Society's role in supporting migrants and displaced populations.

Engagement with national authorities also continued through the preparation of a document clarifying the Romanian Red Cross' role in migration-related support for discussion with the General Inspectorate for Immigration. In parallel, efforts were made to strengthen the protection and proper use of the Red Cross emblem, including the update of the central database on emblem-related agreements and partnerships. Cooperation with academic institutions also continued through partnerships on International Humanitarian Law (IHL), including the organization of the national IHL competition, promoting humanitarian principles among students and future professionals.

While exploring to strengthen its auxiliary role, efforts were made in contracting a private advocacy institution to work on improving the National Health Law and the Disaster Intervention Law, to consolidate the role of the National Society. In December 2025, 36 volunteers involved in communication activities from 24 branches participated in the Communication Training: Developing Storytelling Skills for Impactful Social Media Content. The training was organized by the Romanian Red Cross. The objectives of this training were to develop visual and narrative communication skills on social media, improve the ability to recognize and combat misinformation, and foster a culture of responsibility and ethics in the online communication of volunteers and staff. The training was designed for personnel in the communication departments of the branches. Participants emphasized the need for this training, the first in many years, to involve volunteers and staff from the communication departments. The overall message of this training was that the Romanian Red Cross must keep up with the times and new communication techniques to remain relevant as a humanitarian organization. At the end of the training, the volunteers involved received resources to help them apply what they had learned in their daily work (storytelling methods, templates, ways to connect with the media, know-how and access to modern communication tools).

In 2025, the Romanian Red Cross's communications department took another important step in expanding its capacity by creating a full-time position for a videographer/photographer to support the department's communications activities. This has increased the level of in-house content production and, consequently, amplified the impact of the entire team's work.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the National Society with both technical and financial assistance for the National Society in its efforts for humanitarian diplomacy. The IFRC supported the Romanian Red Cross in organizing the Communication training in December 2025.



Accountability and agility (cross-cutting)

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2025, the Romanian Red Cross strengthened its accountability and agility through enhanced planning, monitoring, evaluation and reporting (PMER), safeguarding systems, financial management and digitalization. The PMER function played a central role in supporting evidence-based programming and institutional learning, providing data collection, analysis and reporting across headquarters and branches. It supported programme implementation under multiple funding streams and produced three Post Distribution Monitoring (PDM) reports for cash programmes, generating insights on effectiveness and beneficiary feedback. The PMER team also facilitated lessons learned workshops, supported inter-organizational reporting and trained field staff in data collection processes, ensuring consistent and accurate reporting.

The Romanian Red Cross further strengthened its monitoring systems through the development of a Unified Reporting System, aimed at streamlining data collection across sectors and enabling real-time tracking of activities and reach.

These efforts were complemented by strengthened feedback mechanisms and needs assessments among displaced Ukrainian communities, supporting more responsive, evidence-based programming.

Safeguarding remained a priority, with initial steps taken to strengthen institutional systems under the Safeguarding Plan of Action. A Safeguarding Working Group was established to guide implementation, while progress was made in drafting a Prevention and Response to Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) Policy. Awareness-raising sessions for staff and volunteers further reinforced understanding of safeguarding responsibilities and standards.

Progress was also achieved in strengthening financial management systems. The Romanian Red Cross developed new financial procedures and finalized and adopted a Cost Recovery Policy, improving financial planning and reporting efficiency, particularly in relation to partnerships and donor compliance.

Digitalization efforts continued through the further development of the Red Connect platform, designed to centralize organizational data and support management of equipment, operations and first aid certification processes. Additional advancements included the development of a CRM database, establishment of standard operating procedures for data access and collection in line with GDPR requirements, and the creation of a roster of volunteer information management experts, contributing to improved data governance and organizational efficiency.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported capacity development of relevant staff in financial management systems, contributing to improved reporting and compliance across the National Society.

The **British Red Cross** supported the development of financial procedures, the Cost Recovery Policy and the Safeguarding Plan of Action.

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

- Lessons learned exercises and workshops conducted across programmes highlighted the importance of improving programme delivery, coordination and monitoring, informing future design and operational approaches
- Integration and inclusion reflections emphasized the need to strengthen longer-term support for displaced populations, particularly by improving access to language learning, employment opportunities and community-based integration activities, alongside stronger coordination with public institutions and continued focus on vulnerable groups
- Findings from the SEM programme underlined the importance of maintaining flexibility in programme design to adapt to evolving needs, while reinforcing the continued relevance of financial assistance, improved service access, stronger coordination between programme components and better communication with beneficiaries
- Lessons from the EU4Health programme demonstrated the effectiveness of integrated approaches combining medical care, MHPSS and community engagement, with evidence showing improved social inclusion outcomes when beneficiaries participate in complementary services, highlighting the value of multidisciplinary teams and coordinated service delivery
- The DEC-funded CVA programmes confirmed the effectiveness of cash assistance in addressing immediate needs, while identifying the need to strengthen internal procedures, data management systems and coordination between branches
- Reflections from the DEC final report further highlighted the importance of enhancing coordination among partners and improving consistency in data collection and reporting to support more efficient programme delivery
- DREF lessons emphasized the critical role of strong preparedness systems and clear coordination between headquarters and branches, while identifying areas for improvement in logistics coordination and information flow during emergency response
- Outcomes from the PMER workshop identified opportunities to further strengthen monitoring practices and data collection processes, supporting more consistent and reliable reporting across programmes.

SUCCESS STORIES



Integrated Support for Displaced Families in Romania

In 2025, the Romanian Red Cross continued to operationalize its strategic priorities at community level through integrated programmes focused on health, mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS), social inclusion and community resilience. Across its branch network, community centres played a central role as safe and inclusive hubs for displaced people from Ukraine, offering a combination of health services, psychosocial support, language classes, educational activities and social cohesion initiatives. These centres enabled families to access services, build social connections and gradually adapt to life in Romania.

Complementary activities implemented under programmes such as DEC and SEM further strengthened social cohesion by bringing together displaced people and host communities through shared experiences. Community events such as workshops, cultural activities and collaborative initiatives helped foster mutual understanding and local engagement. In parallel, volunteer-led health initiatives expanded access to basic health knowledge and services in underserved areas, demonstrating the effectiveness of community-based approaches.

The impact of these integrated interventions is reflected in the experience of Oksana, a displaced mother from Ukraine, whose family benefited from the comprehensive support provided at a Romanian Red Cross centre.

She says, “One of my daughters has complex medical needs and receives both medical and psychological support here, while my other daughter attends sessions with a psychologist. As a family, we have taken part in various MHPSS activities, and the staff have even accompanied us to hospital appointments. The psychological support has made a real difference; my daughter looks forward to the sessions every week and feels excited about attending them. I am truly grateful for the referral, as I can see how much it has helped her. When she feels worried or stressed, she now uses simple techniques she learned, like imagining a ball of light, which helps her feel calmer and more positive. For me, this support has brought a sense of relief. I no longer feel that I must manage everything on my own. Before, I was constantly worried about how to cope with daily challenges, but now much of that burden has eased. The activities offered here, from communication sessions to arts and crafts, have been incredibly helpful. They create a space where children can express themselves and where mothers can connect and support each other. This centre is essential for my family and for many others like us.”

In addition to psychosocial and health support, the Romanian Red Cross also enabled displaced individuals to rebuild their livelihoods and regain independence. Through integrated employment and inclusion programmes, individuals were supported in accessing opportunities, rebuilding professional pathways and strengthening their sense of purpose and belonging. This demonstrates how a holistic, community-based approach: combining health, psychosocial support, social inclusion and livelihoods, can significantly improve wellbeing, resilience and long-term integration for displaced populations.

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

- [RO_Romania AR Financials.pdf](#) (Note: The financial report link will be fed when the report is available)
- [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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