

## IN SUPPORT OF THE COLOMBIAN RED CROSS



## PEOPLE REACHED

Climate and environment



**65,708**

Disasters and crises



**107,546**

Health and wellbeing



**37,485**

Migration and displacement



**152,517**

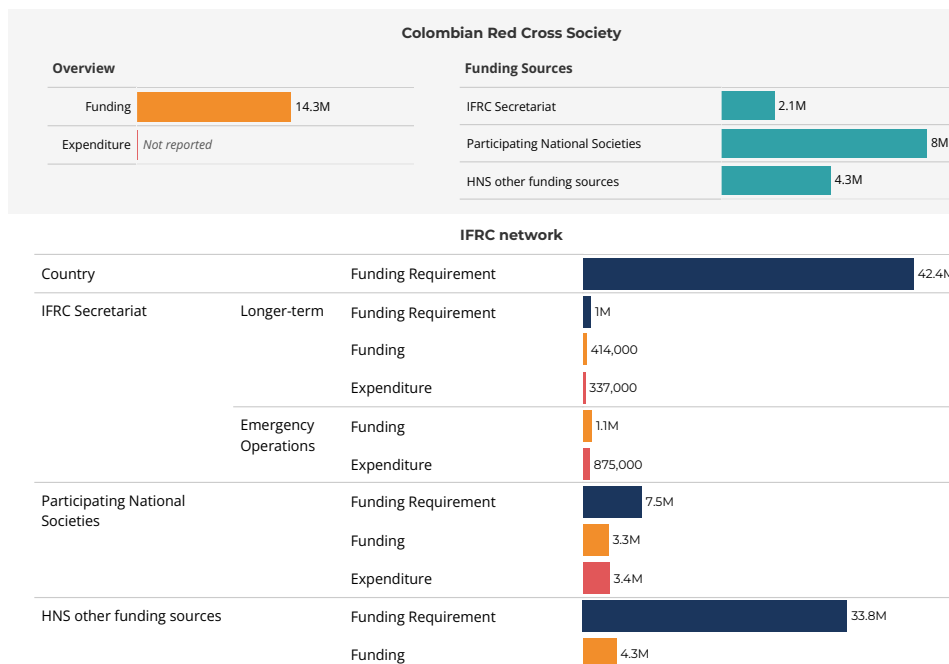
Values, power and inclusion



**89,551**

## FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

*in Swiss francs (CHF)*



Appeal number **MAACO002**

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

## STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Climate and environment	National Society has received IFRC Network's support to adapt to longer-term impacts of climate change	Yes
	National Society implements environmental or climate campaigns focused on behaviour change, plastic reduction, clean-ups or reducing GHG emissions	Yes
	National Society implements nature-based solutions (including those with a particular focus on the planting of trees and mangroves)	Yes
	Number of people reached with activities to address environmental problems	66,000
	Number of people reached with activities to address rising climate risks	56,000
	Number of people reached with heatwave risk reduction, preparedness or response activities	5,000
Disasters and crises	Number of people reached with disaster risk reduction	15,000
	Number of people reached with emergency response and early recovery programmes	108,000
	Number of people reached with livelihoods support	10,000
	Number of people reached with shelter support	2,000
Health and wellbeing	Number of people donating blood	37,000

	Number of people reached by the National Society with contextually appropriate health services	67,000
	Number of people reached by the National Society with contextually appropriate water, sanitation and hygiene services	22,000
	Number of people reached by the National Society with training in first aid	22,000
	Number of people reached with psychosocial and mental health services	14,000
<b>Migration and displacement</b>	National Society has undertaken any advocacy, dialogues, educational or communication initiatives to change the legal, policy, or operational environment to better assist and protect people on the move	Yes
	National Society has undertaken any data collection, research, analysis or other information management initiatives to better assist and protect people on the move	Yes
	Number of Humanitarian Service Points (HSPs) providing assistance and/or protection to people on the move along migration routes	10
	Number of migrants and displaced persons reached with services for assistance and protection	153,000
<b>Values, power and inclusion</b>	National Society has a Community Engagement and Accountability policy, strategy or plan	Yes
	Number of people reached by protection, gender and inclusion programming	45,000
	Number of people reached by the National Society's educational programmes	90,000
	Number of people whose access to education is facilitated through National Society's programming	27,000

## 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 strengthened its integrity and reputational risk mechanism	Yes
	National Society is implementing a digital transformation roadmap in line with the IFRC strategy	Yes
Humanitarian diplomacy	National Society has a domestic advocacy strategy developed aligning, at least in part, with global IFRC advocacy strategies	Yes
	National Society participates in IFRC-led campaigns	Yes
National Society development	National Society covers health, accident and death compensation for all of its volunteers	Yes
	National Society has created and implemented youth engagement strategies	Yes
	National Society has developed and/or implemented a strategy for strengthening their auxiliary role	Yes
	There is a National Society Development plan in place	Yes

## IFRC NETWORK BILATERAL-SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

National Society	Funding Reported	Climate and environment	Disasters and crises	Health and wellbeing	Migration and displacement	Values, power and inclusion	Enabling Functions
American Red Cross	478,000	●	●				
Canadian Red Cross Society				●	●		
German Red Cross			●	●	●	●	●
Italian Red Cross					●		
Norwegian Red Cross	1.3M		●	●		●	
Spanish Red Cross	1.2M	●	●	●	●	●	
Swedish Red Cross	227,000				●		

Total Funding Reported **CHF 3.3M**



*The Colombian Red Cross assisting people deported from the United States with health services, psychosocial support and basic orientation. (Photo: Colombian Red Cross)*

# Q1. OVERALL PERFORMANCE

## Context

Colombia is a country located in South America, bordered by Venezuela and Brazil in the east; Peru and Ecuador in the south; Panama in the west; and the Pacific Ocean and the Caribbean Sea. It shares maritime borders with Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica and the Dominican Republic. Its varied topography, characterised by large mountain areas, valleys and plains, favours the existence of all thermal floors and great biodiversity in its territory

Colombia is facing a [multidimensional humanitarian crisis](#) characterized by the convergence of three major factors: the internal armed conflict, natural disasters aggravated by the consequences of climate change and the dynamics of migration and mixed movements. In 2024-2025 it is estimated that approximately 8.3 million people (more than half of them women) will face humanitarian needs in Colombia. At least 23 per cent of these people belong to ethnic communities.

In 2024, eight non-international armed conflicts persisted in the country. Some of the [figures recorded report](#) that more than 145,000 people were affected by individual displacements, more than 50,000 by mass displacements and more than 47,000 by confinements.

Natural disasters and those aggravated by climate change and variability contribute significantly to humanitarian needs in Colombia, accounting for 11 per cent of the country's humanitarian emergencies and affecting more than [1.6 million people](#). In 2024, parts of Colombia experienced a severe drought in [February](#) and extensive [flooding in November](#), while a [volcanic eruption](#) alert in May affected an estimated 40,000 people across multiple departments.

Colombia also faces threats from seismic events and volcanic activity in the country. It is estimated that 83 per cent of the population is exposed to a medium or high seismic hazard. Currently, there are 25 active volcanic structures in the country.

Colombia hosts some [2.9 million Venezuelan](#) migrants and refugees, in need of support. Moreover, about [8.3 million Colombians](#) are registered as internally displaced by decades of armed conflict.

## Key achievements

### Climate and environment

In 2025, the Colombian Red Cross developed a Methodological Guide for the design of [nature-based solutions](#) in humanitarian contexts. The National Society work to integrate ecosystem criteria, risk analysis and community participation. It implemented Rapid Ecological Assessments to characterize biodiversity and water resources and strengthened territorial planning based on local evidence. It also participated in COP, held in Belém do Pará, where the Alliance for the Amazon was launched in the Colombian Pavilion with support from the Ministry of Environment. Additionally, the National Society engaged in this initiative led by Amazonian National Red Cross Societies with a shared long-term vision and participated in the International Summit on Sustainability and Environmental Innovation, presenting environmental initiatives implemented with communities. The Colombian Red Cross developed a project in the Amazon region for the design and prototyping of emergency kits with an eco-design approach. It implemented the Roots of Resilience project in Solano and conducted capacity-building activities on environment and climate such as a Cash Transfer Workshop as well as a specialized workshop on water, sanitation and hygiene in Barranquilla under an [Early Action Protocol](#) for Drought.

### Disasters and crises

During the reporting period, the Colombian Red Cross received IFRC Disaster Response Emergency Fund ([IFRC-DREF](#)) allocation for a food emergency. The National Society utilized the fast-track modality of IFRC-DREF, enabling timely actions such as preventive evacuations and support to families in areas likely to be affected by volcanic activity of Puracé Volcano after orange alert was declared. It also implemented transfers in Quibdó and Riosucio to enable households to meet essential needs with autonomy and dignity, while responding to forest fires, floods, accidents and disturbances of public order through a multi-hazard approach. The National Society strengthened coordination with partners and external actors and facilitated early recovery through cash transfers in affected areas. It also implemented the ACCESS RC self-registration tool to improve traceability of assistance and maintained operational

infrastructure, including water treatment plants, tanker trucks and telecommunications equipment, ensuring field connectivity and response capacity.

## **Health and wellbeing**

For the period January to December 2025, the Colombian Red Cross expanded delivery of health services through its network of authorized health service providers, including a children's hospital and specialized services. It advanced modernization processes for the upgradation of biomedical equipment and implemented health programmes comprising cervical cancer, oral health, epidemic control, mental health as well as vaccination. The National Society also continued running its mobile health units, a Smart Clinic and a Mobile Raft to facilitate smooth delivery of general medicine, nursing and mental health and psychosocial support ([MHPSS](#)) hard-to-reach communities. Blood services were strengthened through equipment modernization, strengthening of donation rooms and incorporation of a mobile collection unit. The Colombian Red Cross also implemented health assistance initiatives for populations affected by armed conflict, delivered specialized services to vulnerable groups and strengthened technical cooperation in blood services and livelihoods. Additionally, the National Society advanced institutional processes such as the development of its Child Protection Policy.

## **Migration and displacement**

For the period January to December 2025, the Colombian Red Cross responded to [two population movement](#) emergencies through IFRC-DREF allocations, assisting [forcibly displaced persons](#) as well as [returnees](#). Apart from the response operations, it implemented actions under the National Migration Strategy and provided comprehensive assistance to returning nationals Humanitarian Service Points ([HSP](#)) and Restoring Family Links ([RFL](#)) services, among others. The National Society strengthened its Route Assistance project, promoting response based on migratory routes and supporting community initiatives for inclusion between migrant populations and host communities. It also strengthened its role in regional coordination and humanitarian diplomacy by co-leading the Movement's Global Leadership Group on Migration and contributed to the establishment of regional migration networks. Additionally, the National Society conducted territorial assessments and coordination with local authorities as well as implemented health and protection activities in areas affected by migration and displacement.

## **Values, power and inclusion**

During the reporting period, the Colombian Red Cross strengthened institutional strategies to ensure safe humanitarian access in conflict-affected areas, improved coordination among priority operational zones and enhanced risk management and operational capacity in complex contexts. The National Society also enhanced its capacities for education on risks related to explosive devices and remnants of war and also implemented interventions to strengthen economic security through participatory approaches that supported livelihoods. The Colombian Red Cross strengthened knowledge and application of [International Humanitarian Law](#) through training for volunteers and staff and implemented educational brigades to promote humanitarian education. Access to education was improved for children and adolescents affected by armed conflict and multisectoral humanitarian assistance was provided to communities affected by internal displacement. Additionally, peacebuilding efforts were strengthened through participation in regional initiatives and cooperation mechanisms.

## **Enabling local actors**

In 2025, the Colombian Red Cross strengthened governance and institutional development through initiatives led by its National Board of Directors to reinforce sustainability. The National Society strengthened volunteering and implemented well-being and psychosocial support actions to reinforce individual and collective capacities of volunteers. Additionally, it advanced the participatory development of its strategic planning processes, while strengthening sustainability mechanisms through partnerships and strategic units supporting humanitarian action. It also strengthened its capacities in humanitarian diplomacy to improve advocacy with national and local authorities on climate-related vulnerabilities, displacement and migration. The National Society strengthened institutional dialogue and coordination and also advanced the formulation of its National Strategy for Humanitarian Diplomacy.

The Colombian Red Cross implemented a Policy on the Prevention and Response to Sexual Exploitation and Abuse ([PSEA](#)) and conducted regional workshops on violence prevention. Participation in international dialogue and coordination spaces on climate change and human mobility was strengthened alongside the promotion and application of [International Humanitarian Law](#) and reinforced coordination with relevant stakeholders to support humanitarian action in the country. Additionally, digital transformation was advanced, and innovation capacities were strengthened through the implementation of the National Innovation System.

## 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

In 2025, the Colombian Red Cross consolidated climate change and risk management as a cross-cutting axis of its humanitarian action through adaptation, mitigation and community strengthening programmes. The National Society implemented projects focused on climate change and the environment, structuring interventions to reduce territorial vulnerabilities, strengthen local capacities and promote resilience to hydrometeorological events.

The Colombian Red Cross developed a Methodological Guide for the design of [nature-based solutions](#) in humanitarian contexts, guiding sustainable and culturally relevant interventions. The National Society formulated projects to mitigate risks of mass movements in Copacabana and coastal erosion in Barranquilla, integrating ecosystem criteria, risk analysis and community participation. It implemented Rapid Ecological Assessments as a participatory methodology to characterize biodiversity and water resources, strengthening territorial planning based on local evidence. The National Society incorporated eco-design principles into humanitarian assistance kits, integrating traditional materials adapted to community contexts.

In the second half of 2025, the Colombian Red Cross participated in COP, held in Belém do Pará, where the Alliance for the Amazon was launched in the Colombian Pavilion with support from the Ministry of Environment. The National Society engaged in this initiative led by Amazonian National Red Cross Societies with a shared long-term vision. The Colombian Red Cross also participated in the International Summit on Sustainability and Environmental Innovation, presenting environmental initiatives implemented with communities.

The Colombian Red Cross also developed a project in the Amazon region for the design and prototyping of emergency kits with an eco-design approach. It implemented an initiative to strengthen urban resilience to floods and high temperatures in cities such as Neiva and Sincelejo through locally led actions. The National Society implemented the Roots of Resilience project in Solano, strengthening preparedness, response and adaptation capacities of indigenous communities through [nature-based strategies](#). The Colombian Red Cross strengthened strategic partnerships, consolidating cooperation with the World Wide Fund for Nature and establishing an agreement with National Natural Parks of Colombia to enhance conservation and adaptation capacities.

The National Society conducted capacity-building activities on environment and climate change for its branches. It organized a Cash Transfer Workshop, strengthening knowledge on cash-based humanitarian interventions and presented a technological tool to improve registration, monitoring, assistance, data management and accountability. The Colombian Red Cross also conducted a specialized workshop on water, sanitation and hygiene in Barranquilla under an [Early Action Protocol](#) for Drought, strengthening technical knowledge in the operation of drinking water treatment plants.

## IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided support to the Colombian Red Cross through the Alliance for the Amazon initiative. It also supported the National Society in carrying out the Roots of Resilience project in Solano.



## Disasters and crises

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

In 2025, the IFRC Disaster Response Emergency Fund ([IFRC-DREF](#)) was approved for three separate emergencies. For details on the floods related emergency, see below. Details on the population movement emergencies can be found in the 'Migration and displacement' section of this report.

### 1.

<b>Name of Operation</b>	<a href="#">Colombia - Floods</a>
<b>MDR-Code</b>	<a href="#">MDR0028</a>
<b>People Targeted</b>	8,000
<b>Duration</b>	5 months (21 November 2024 to 30 April 2025)
<b>Funding Allocation</b>	CHF 450,016
<b>Latest Operations Update</b>	<a href="#">DREF Operation Update</a>

The IFRC-DREF allocation of CHF 450,016 in November 2024 supported the Colombian Red Cross in assisting approximately 8,000 people affected by severe flooding caused by heavy rains and the collapse of three river basins - Alto y Medio Baudó, the Atrato river basin and the San Juan River basin. The National Society supported the targeted people over a five-month period with assistance including the distribution of sleeping kits, comprising hammocks and mosquito nets. Support also consisted of the distribution of kitchen kits, installation of water treatment plants in affected areas as well as provision of water and storage facilities to affected communities.

### Progress by the National Society against objectives

During the reporting period, the Colombian Red Cross developed a comprehensive and sustained response to emergencies of natural origin and events associated with social crises across multiple areas of the national territory. The National Society mobilized volunteers and staff to accompany families through humanitarian assistance, water and sanitation services, multipurpose cash transfers, delivery of kits and community support.

The National Society utilized the fast-track modality of IFRC Disaster Response Emergency Fund (IFRC-DREF), enabling timely actions such as preventive evacuations and support to families in areas likely to be affected by volcanic activity of Puracé Volcano after orange alert

During the rainy season, the Colombian Red Cross deployed humanitarian assistance across several departments, prioritizing access to safe water, basic services and multipurpose cash transfers to support early recovery. The National Society implemented transfers in Quibdó and Riosucio to enable households to meet essential needs with autonomy and dignity. The Colombian Red Cross also responded to forest fires, floods, accidents and disturbances of public order through a multi-hazard approach.

The National Society strengthened coordination with partners and external actors to expand the scope of response. It implemented actions to support communities affected by floods and facilitated early recovery through cash transfers in affected areas. The Colombian Red Cross also advanced partnerships with the private sector to provide services addressing social and environmental emergencies linked to natural disasters and unintentional anthropic events.

The Colombian Red Cross strengthened technical and logistical capacities as a cross-cutting component of its response. It implemented the ACCESS RC self-registration tool to improve traceability of assistance and maintained operational infrastructure, including water treatment plants, tanker trucks and telecommunications equipment, ensuring field connectivity and response capacity. Additionally, it conducted training in risk management and climate change to

enhance technical skills of staff and volunteers and promoted communication and advocacy initiatives, including the No Están Solos campaign.

### **IFRC network joint support**

The **IFRC** supported the Colombian Red Cross with its Disaster Response Emergency Fund (IFRC-DREF) mechanism to enable the National Society to respond to disasters and crises such as floods and volcanic eruption.



## **Health and wellbeing**

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### **Progress by the National Society against objectives**

For the period January to December 2025, the Colombian Red Cross strengthened Primary Health Care, prioritizing communities facing barriers to access and humanitarian needs. The National Society expanded service delivery through its network of authorized health service providers, including a children's hospital and specialized services. The Colombian Red Cross advanced modernization processes strengthened infrastructure and upgraded biomedical equipment.

The National Society implemented promotion and prevention programmes covering cervical cancer, oral health, epidemic control, vaccination and mental health across different sections. It also maintained mobile health units, a Smart Clinic and a Mobile Raft to deliver general medicine, nursing and mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) to rural and hard-to-reach communities and populations affected by emergencies. The Colombian Red Cross organized a Virtual Awareness Day on the Medical Mission to strengthen knowledge, promote safety recommendations and reinforce safe practices among health personnel.

The Colombian Red Cross strengthened blood services through the National Blood Bank by consolidating technical standards and improving transfusion quality. The National Society modernized equipment, strengthened donation rooms and incorporated a mobile collection unit, expanding coverage and ensuring timely provision of blood components to hospitals without their own facilities, thereby reinforcing the national transfusion safety network.

The National Society also supported the well-being of volunteers through mental health programmes, first aid, vaccination and specialized training in mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS). It implemented training initiatives and coordination spaces to strengthen capacities in healthy ageing.

The Colombian Red Cross expanded cooperation with Movement partners and external actors to strengthen health interventions. It implemented health assistance initiatives for populations affected by armed conflict and limited access to services, delivered specialized services to vulnerable groups, strengthened technical cooperation in blood services and livelihoods, enhanced cross-border mental health coordination for migrant and returnee populations and supported health responses for returning nationals. Additionally, the National Society advanced institutional processes such as the development of its Child Protection Policy.

### **IFRC network joint support**

The **IFRC** supported the Colombian Red Cross in the creation of its Child Protection Policy and provided it with training in developing its auxiliary role.

The **Canadian Red Cross** supported the Colombian Red Cross in conducting its health response for returning nationals.

The **Ecuadorian Red Cross** supported the National Society in strengthening its cross-border mental health coordination for migrant and returnee populations.

The **German Red Cross** supported the National Society in the implementation of specialized health service delivery to vulnerable populations.

The **Norwegian Red Cross** provided support to the Colombian Red Cross in implementing health assistance initiatives for populations affected by armed conflict and limited access to health services.

The **Spanish Red Cross** supported the Colombian Red Cross in strengthening technical cooperation in blood services and livelihoods.



## Migration and displacement

In 2025, the IFRC Disaster Response Emergency Fund ([IFRC-DREF](#)) was approved for two separate population movement emergencies.

### 1.

<b>Name of Operation</b>	<a href="#">Colombia Population Movement (Internal Displacement)</a>
<b>MDR-Code</b>	<a href="#">MDR0029</a>
<b>People Targeted</b>	12,000
<b>Duration</b>	4 months (06 March 2025 to 31 July 2025)
<b>Funding Allocation</b>	CHF 222,064
<b>Latest Operations Update</b>	<a href="#">DREF Final Report</a>

The [IFRC-DREF](#) allocation of CHF 222,064 in March 2025 supported the Colombia Red Cross to assist 12,000 people internally displaced by clashes between non-state armed groups in the municipalities of Ábrego, Convención, El Tarra, San Calixto, Teorama, Hacarí, Sardinata and Tibú, in Norte de Santander. The National Society supported the targeted people over a six-month period through interventions such as the distribution of kitchen kits, shelter and essential items. Support also included the provision of physical and psychological first aid along with the distribution hygiene kits to displaced communities.

### 2.

<b>Name of Operation</b>	<a href="#">Colombia Population Movement (Returnees)</a>
<b>MDR-Code</b>	<a href="#">MDR0030</a>
<b>People Targeted</b>	2,500
<b>Duration</b>	4 months (27 March 2025 to 31 July 2025)
<b>Funding Allocation</b>	CHF 76,878
<b>Latest Operations Update</b>	<a href="#">DREF Final Report</a>

The [IFRC-DREF](#) allocation of CHF 76,878 in March 2025 supported the Colombian Red Cross to assist 2,500 people affected by changes in immigration policy in the United States leading to mass deportations. The National Society supported the targeted people over a six-month period through interventions such as the provision of accommodation to returnees along with snack kits and cash vouchers. The returnees were also supported with physical first aid, psychological first aid and hygiene kits.

### Progress by the National Society against objectives

During the reporting period, the Colombian Red Cross strengthened its response to human mobility, migration and internal displacement across key migratory corridors and border departments. It implemented actions under the National Migration Strategy, prioritizing dignity, protection and access to rights. The National Society provided comprehensive assistance to returning nationals through humanitarian flights in coordination with national authorities, delivering food, hydration, hygiene kits through the Humanitarian Service Points (HSP) as well as psychosocial support, Restoring Family Links (RFL) services and guidance on access to services. The Colombian Red Cross activated support mechanisms to strengthen response capacities for deported nationals in line with evolving migration dynamics.

The National Society strengthened its Route Assistance project, promoting response based on migratory routes and supporting community initiatives for inclusion between migrant populations and host communities. It reinforced Attention and Orientation Centres, ensuring accompaniment across transit, stabilization and integration processes. It also made efforts to sustain humanitarian response to internally displaced populations through multisectoral protection and assistance approaches.

The Colombian Red Cross strengthened its role in regional coordination and humanitarian diplomacy by co-leading the Movement's Global Leadership Group on Migration and contributed to the establishment of regional migration networks. The National Society also hosted regional coordination spaces, advancing the development of strategies and training initiatives focused on migration and humanitarian diplomacy. It strengthened humanitarian assistance, protection activities and coordination with Movement partners and external actors. Additionally, the National Society conducted territorial assessments and coordination with local authorities as well as implemented health and protection activities in areas affected by migration and displacement.

### **IFRC network joint support**

**The IFRC** provided technical and financial support to the Colombian Red Cross for the formulation of its National Migration Strategy and the renewal of its Humanitarian Diplomacy strategy. IFRC mechanism of Disaster Response Emergency Fund was also drawn on by the National Society.

The **Canadian Red Cross** provided technical assistance to the National Society in strengthening humanitarian assistance to migrants.

The **Ecuadorian Red Cross** supported the Colombian Red Cross in strengthening its cross-border coordination through engagement with the Ecuadorian Red Cross.

The **Mexican Red Cross** supported the National Society in protection and humanitarian diplomacy.



## **Values, power and inclusion**

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### **Progress by the National Society against objectives**

During the reporting period, the Colombian Red Cross strengthened its humanitarian response to the effects of armed conflict and other situations of violence, promoting peaceful coexistence, reconciliation and protection of human dignity in affected communities. The National Society enhanced its capacity for safe access to highly critical territories, applying the principles of neutrality, impartiality and independence as well as implemented coordinated actions to support populations affected by conflict.

The Colombian Red Cross strengthened humanitarian response and community protection. It strengthened institutional strategies to ensure safe humanitarian access in conflict-affected areas, improved coordination among priority operational zones and enhanced risk management and operational capacity in complex contexts. The National Society also enhanced its capacities for education on risks related to explosive devices and remnants of war, implemented actions to improve access to safe water and sanitation through low-complexity technical solutions and promoted training in water, sanitation and hygiene to strengthen community practices and resilience.

It implemented interventions to strengthen economic security through participatory approaches that supported livelihoods, reduced structural gaps and promoted adaptation to economic and climate challenges. The Colombian Red Cross strengthened operational communication capacities through training processes and development of tools to ensure coherent and secure communication in humanitarian contexts. The National Society strengthened knowledge and application of [International Humanitarian Law](#) through training for volunteers and staff and implemented educational brigades to promote humanitarian education, leadership, and skills development among children, adolescents, and young people in school environments.

The Colombian Red Cross continued actions to protect children and adolescents affected by armed conflict, improving access to education and strengthening institutional protection systems. The National Society implemented multisectoral humanitarian assistance to populations affected by internal displacement, addressing needs in water, sanitation and hygiene, food security and protection, and strengthened peacebuilding efforts through participation in regional initiatives and cooperation mechanisms.

### **IFRC network joint support**

**The IFRC** supported the Colombian Red Cross in the implementation of coordinated humanitarian actions for populations affected by armed conflict. It also supported the National Society in advancing protection actions for children and adolescents affected by armed conflict.

# ENABLING LOCAL ACTORS



## Strategic and operational coordination

### IFRC membership coordination

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

Several National Societies also have longer-term partnerships with the Colombian Red Cross. These include the **American Red Cross, German Red Cross, Netherlands Red Cross, Norwegian Red Cross, Spanish Red Cross** and **Swedish Red Cross**

### Movement coordination

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

In Colombia, **the ICRC** carries out actions to support the victims of conflict and other situations of violence, and those affected by migration. Its cooperation with the National Society includes programmes in safer access, public and operational communications, economic security, health, WASH, restoring family links, protection and education in urban environments, IHL, prevention of and response to sexual violence and institutional strengthening.

### External coordination

The Colombian Red Cross focused on three primary areas of engagement with the Country Humanitarian Team (EHP) in 2024, and leveraged partnerships to enhance disaster response and resilience, especially in high-risk regions like La Mojana, where floods pose significant challenges. Drawing on insights from OCHA's Flagship Strategy, which emphasizes integrated solutions and community participation, the Colombian Red Cross has incorporated recommendations from agencies such as FAO, UNICEF, PAHO, and World Vision to improve its interventions.

The National Society is also seeking support from the Colombian Humanitarian Fund (Canasta Fund), promoting a collective, community-driven approach to humanitarian action. This initiative aligns with the Community Priorities Response Plan (PRPC) 2024-2025, prioritizing multisectoral responses and leveraging national and local actor leadership.

Regular engagement with the expanded and core EHP meetings ensures that the Colombian Red Cross Society remains aligned with both national and global humanitarian strategies. These platforms allow for the exchange of ideas and coordination on key issues, including preparations for the International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, reinforcing the National Society's strategic role in addressing ongoing crises.

Further, the Colombian Red Cross has taken a leadership role in the development of technical tables to prepare reports for the 33rd International Conference, in collaboration with entities like the IFRC, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the Presidential Agency for Cooperation. These reports contribute to important resolutions, such as Resolution 1, aimed at improving the implementation of International Humanitarian Law in Colombia, and Resolution 7, which focuses on inclusive disaster response.

In anticipation of the 34th International Conference, the National Society is assessing potential commitments from the Colombian government. Additionally, it has fortified inter-institutional agreements with key state entities, enabling

better knowledge sharing and cooperation on cross-cutting issues such as climate change, disaster risk management and human rights.

On climate change, the Colombian Red Cross has enhanced its coordination with critical national bodies like the National Unit for Disaster Risk Management, the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, and international partners like the World Wildlife Fund (WWF). These efforts have contributed to a more comprehensive and resilient disaster management approach in Colombia.



## National Society development

### Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2025, the Colombian Red Cross strengthened governance and institutional development through initiatives led by its National Board of Directors to reinforce sustainability. It prioritized strengthening territorial capacities by supporting institutional and operational development of its branches. The National Society implemented actions related to human resources support, institutional equipment and organizational strengthening, complemented by follow-up to improvement plans to enhance organizational, operational and administrative management.

The Colombian Red Cross strengthened volunteering through actions aimed at enhancing technical capacities, leadership and well-being. It implemented specialized training programmes for volunteer groups and conducted training in areas such as water rescue, search and rescue, leadership and community strengthening. The Colombian Red Cross also implemented well-being and psychosocial support actions to reinforce individual and collective capacities of volunteers.

The National Society also provided training in disaster risk management, climate change, project management, community participation and safer access in complex humanitarian contexts. Additionally, it advanced the participatory development of its strategic planning processes, integrating forward-looking approaches to identify emerging risks, humanitarian trends and institutional priorities, while strengthening sustainability mechanisms through partnerships and strategic units supporting humanitarian action.

### IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided technical and financial support for the Colombian Red Cross in the implementation of institutional strengthening, capacity development and coordination processes.



*The Colombian Red Cross delivering humanitarian assistance to communities in Ocaña, Tibú, Hacarí, Ábrego and Cúcuta amid escalating violence and displacement (Photo: Colombian Red Cross)*



## Humanitarian diplomacy

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### Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Colombian Red Cross strengthened its capacities in humanitarian diplomacy to improve advocacy with national and local authorities on climate-related vulnerabilities, displacement and migration. The National Society advanced analysis and research processes to support humanitarian programming and systematically integrated advocacy approaches into its programmes and interventions.

The Colombian Red Cross strengthened institutional dialogue and coordination through high-level engagements with Movement partners and national authorities. It also advanced the formulation of its National Strategy for Humanitarian Diplomacy and designed a virtual course on humanitarian diplomacy with an emphasis on migration to strengthen technical and strategic capacities of personnel and volunteers. The National Society co-organized high-level visits with national and international stakeholders to present the humanitarian context and institutional actions related to migration, internal displacement, access to health services and climate-related impacts.

The Colombian Red Cross participated in international dialogue and coordination spaces on climate change and human mobility, contributing to the positioning of humanitarian priorities and the exchange of experiences with other actors. It also strengthened inter-institutional coordination mechanisms to promote the protection of health personnel and reinforce the medical mission.

Additionally, the National Society contributed to institutional dialogue on the promotion and application of [International Humanitarian Law](#) and reinforced coordination with relevant stakeholders to support humanitarian action in the country.

### IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the National Society in the development of humanitarian diplomacy capacities, advocacy strategies and regional engagement. The **Swedish Red Cross** also supported the Colombian Red Cross in relation to this.



## Accountability and agility (cross-cutting)

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### Progress by the National Society against objectives

In the period from January to December 2025, the Colombian Red Cross strengthened institutional protection, accountability and inclusion mechanisms through the approval and implementation of the Policy on the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse ([PSEA](#)), establishing zero tolerance standards for misconduct towards communities. The National Society conducted regional workshops on violence prevention for staff and volunteers.

The Colombian Red Cross strengthened accountability to affected populations by enhancing feedback and complaints mechanisms. The National Society reinforced the 'Red Cross Listens to You' system to manage community requests and promote continuous improvement and implemented digital engagement solutions to improve communication and responsiveness. It also promoted transparency and accountability through institutional reporting, dissemination of progress and results, participatory lessons learned workshops and Community Engagement and Accountability (CEA).

It advanced digital transformation processes to strengthen institutional efficiency and communication. The National Society participated in global technology engagement spaces and implemented digital transformation initiatives within the National Blood Bank to enhance communication with donors. The Colombian Red Cross advanced the development of digital platforms for transactional services and strengthened institutional technological capacities through the acquisition and implementation of systems for project management, document management, data integration and analytical decision-making, while improving technological infrastructure across sections.

Additionally, it completed and began the implementation of its Digital Transformation Strategy, a roadmap detailing how it will strengthen its data practices, governance structures and approach to digital tools over the coming years.

The Colombian Red Cross strengthened innovation capacities through the implementation of the National Innovation System with support to develop institutional innovation structures and coordination spaces. It also promoted youth participation in innovation processes, strengthening capacities in leadership and innovation and supporting the development of initiatives addressing climate change challenges. The Colombian Red Cross advanced environmental and climate innovation through the development of eco-designed humanitarian assistance solutions adapted to local contexts and strengthened engagement with innovative financing mechanisms to support humanitarian action.

### IFRC network joint support

The **IFRC** and the **Netherlands Red Cross** provided support to the Colombian Red Cross in strengthening its accountability mechanisms and digital engagement systems. The IFRC also supported the National Society to strengthen its innovation capacities through the National Innovation System.

Through its 510 data and digital initiative, the **Netherlands Red Cross** supported the National Society in the development and implementation of its Digital Transformation Strategy.



*The Colombian Red Cross providing humanitarian assistance by distributing food, hygiene and cooking packages to families impacted by flooding (Photo: Colombian Red Cross)*

## **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)
<b>Core Questions</b>	
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
<b>Additional Questions</b>	
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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is the world's largest humanitarian network, with 191 National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and around 15 million volunteers. Our volunteers are present in communities before, during and after a crisis or disaster. We work in the most hard to reach and complex settings in the world, saving lives and promoting human dignity. We support communities to become stronger and more resilient places where people can live safe and healthy lives, and have opportunities to thrive.

### DATA SCOPE AND LIMITATIONS

- **Timeframe and alignment:** The reporting timeframe for this overview is covering the period from 1 January to 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

- [CO Colombia AR Financials.pdf](#) (Note: For emergencies for which a financial report is not yet available, see [MDRCO028](#), [MDRCO029](#), and [MDRCO030](#))
- [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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