




## IN SUPPORT OF ALGERIAN RED CRESCENT



## FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

in Swiss francs (CHF)

Country	Funding Requirement		16.8M
IFRC Secretariat	Longer-term Funding Requirement		16.5M
	Funding	Not reported	
	Expenditure	Not reported	
Participating National Societies	Funding Requirement		289,000
HNS other funding sources	Funding	Not reported	

### Algerian Red Crescent

#### Overview



#### Funding Sources

IFRC Secretariat	Not reported
Participating National Societies	Not reported
HNS other funding sources	Not reported

## STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Climate and environment	National Society is implementing nature-based solutions (including those with a particular focus on the planting of trees and mangroves).	0
	National Society is supported in developing and implementing strategies and plans that address rising climate and environmental risks.	0

## ENABLING FUNCTIONS

National Society development	National Society has created and implemented youth engagement strategies.	0
	National Society has One National Society Development country plan created.	0
Accountability and agility	National Society has a Protection of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) policy to enforce prevention and support survivors.	0

# OVERALL PROGRESS

## Context

Algeria's economy is significantly dependent on hydrocarbon production and export revenues, which accounted for 19 per cent of the country's gross domestic product (GDP), 93 per cent of product exports, and 38 per cent of budget revenues between 2016 and 2021. To promote economic diversification and tackle high unemployment rates, particularly among the youth, Algeria aims to expand its income sources.

In 2021, the economy experienced a 3.4 per cent GDP growth, recovering from the COVID-19-induced recession in 2020, primarily due to increased hydrocarbon output. However, growth slowed in 2022, influenced by declining crude oil and natural gas production, although non-hydrocarbon sectors such as agriculture and consumer-oriented manufacturing saw growth. Favourable global hydrocarbon prices improved Algeria's external and budget balances in 2022, resulting in an expected current account surplus of 5.7 per cent of GDP and a reduction in the budget deficit to 0.9 per cent. Public debt reached 50.9 per cent of GDP in 2022, with inflation at 9.3 per cent, mainly affecting vulnerable populations. Algeria's previous economic progress, including poverty reduction and improved human development indicators, was largely driven by the [hydrocarbon boom](#).

To address youth unemployment and diversify the economy, Algeria has initiated economic reforms aimed at encouraging investment, enhancing the business environment, and transitioning to a private sector-led growth model.

Tensions between Algeria and neighbouring Morocco over the [Western Sahara issue](#) have long been a contentious matter in North African geopolitics. The prolonged conflict has had significant humanitarian consequences, with many Sahrawi refugees living in camps in Algeria for decades. The unresolved status of Western Sahara and ongoing tensions have impeded efforts to address the humanitarian needs of these vulnerable populations.

## Key achievements

### Climate and environment

In the first half of 2024, the Algerian Red Crescent made progress in its climate and environment sector by responding promptly to climate-related alerts from the IFRC. Key achievements included conducting awareness campaigns on climate crisis risks such as floods and wildfires, promoting [Green Response](#) initiatives, adopting [eco-friendly solutions](#) such as solar systems and recycling programs, and enhancing volunteer capacities in rapid assessment and knowledge management. These efforts strengthened community resilience and sustainable disaster response.

### Disasters and crises

Between January and June 2024, the Algerian Red Crescent strengthened its readiness and response capabilities by hosting national training for volunteers on disaster risk management and emergency response. The National Society completed the IFRC disaster response and emergency fund ([DREF](#)) operation for the Jijel floods, conducted lessons-learned workshops from previous wildfire responses, and developed a comprehensive action plan to address gaps, such as improving equipment and procedures for multi-hazard responses. It also engaged communities in preparedness efforts and finalized and disseminated disaster risk management and emergency operations centre SOPs, enhancing its overall operational efficiency.

### Health and wellbeing

In the first half of 2024, the Algerian Red Crescent promoted COVID-19 vaccination through the Saving Lives and Livelihoods Programme, completing its first phase and planning the second. It revised its first aid manual for IFAA accreditation and provided [mental health support](#), safe water, and hygiene kits to wildfire-affected communities. Health campaigns addressed pandemics, NCDs, and maternal and child health, while blood donation events were organised. The National Society also developed and disseminated a risk communication and community engagement (RCCE) strategy, training volunteers, leaders, and health workers to enhance community resilience.

### Migration and displacement

While the Algerian Red Crescent recognizes the importance of addressing the needs of migrants and displaced persons, there are no specific actions to report during this period. Migration and displacement remain an area of

potential development and action in the future, with possible interventions including assessing the local needs of migrants and the capacity of the National Society branch to adopt an evidence-based approach in activities planning, food aid and non-food items to migrants and displaced persons and responding to increased needs for assistance to migrants.

### Values, power and inclusion

In this reporting period, the Algerian Red Crescent promoted humanitarian values, youth engagement, and social inclusion through various initiatives. It supported programmes for the elderly, persons with disabilities, and other vulnerable groups, while expanding the SOS village in the capital, which now houses over 60 children. The National Society ensured women's inclusion in all activities and participated in community engagement and accountability (CEA) meetings under the Saving Lives and Livelihoods programme. It also raised awareness on non-discrimination, diversity, and violence prevention through protection, gender, and inclusion (PGI) training for volunteers and regular focus group discussions. Additionally, the National Society's youth development initiatives emphasised skills such as empathy, critical thinking, non-violent communication, and conflict resolution, fostering a culture of peace and inclusion.

### Enabling local actors

The Algerian Red Crescent has advanced its digital transformation by adopting an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system, improving archiving and communication channels. Awarded the Empress Shôken Fund, the National Society is developing a national platform to enhance coordination and efficiency. Additionally, it is preparing a new Emergency Operations Centre at its headquarters to strengthen emergency response capabilities. The communications team also conducted workshops to improve health messaging through flyers and brochures, ensuring effective awareness campaigns and crisis communication.

The National Society updated its internal bylaws in early 2024, emphasizing gender equality and inclusion in leadership roles. It is also supporting the establishment of a Status Agreement between the IFRC and Algeria's Ministry of Foreign Affairs to formalize the IFRC's operational and legal framework in the country, reflecting its commitment to humanitarian principles and organizational development.



*The Algerian Red Crescent responding to a local gathering in Algeria. (Photo: Algerian Red Crescent)*

# IFRC NETWORK ACTION

## STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



### Climate and environment

#### Progress by National Society against objectives

In the first half of 2024, the Algerian Red Crescent made progress in its climate and environment sector, with frequent alerts on climate-related events from the IFRC, enabling prompt and effective responses. Key initiatives in this reporting period included conducting awareness campaigns on climate crisis risks such as floods and wildfires and their impact on natural resources in targeted communities, promoting the implementation of [Green Response](#) during relief operations and advocating for the use of green logistics and supply chain guidelines, implementing [eco-friendly solutions](#), such as using solar systems to support and enhance generators and initiating recycling programmes. The National Society also built the capacities of volunteers in rapid assessment and knowledge management.

#### IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided both technical and financial support to the National Society in its efforts to undertake climate and environment-related initiatives in Algeria. This included efforts such as supporting the National Society in strengthening the capacity of its volunteers, conducting campaigns to increase awareness on climate, and developing relevant tools to further climate initiatives in the country.



### Disasters and crises

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

Between January to June 2024, an IFRC disaster response emergency fund (DREF) was activated for [floods](#) in Algeria.

<b>NAME OF OPERATION</b>	<a href="#">Jijel floods</a>
<b>MDR-CODE</b>	MDRDZ010
<b>DURATION</b>	15 March 2024 to 30 September 2024
<b>FUNDING ALLOCATION</b>	CHF 110,842
<b>PEOPLE TARGETED</b>	1,000
<b>DREF OPERATION DOCUMENT</b>	<a href="#">Algeria Jijel Floods 2024</a>

The DREF allocation of CHF 110,842 supported the Algerian Red Crescent to assist 1,000 people who are affected by floods in the area of Jijel. The National Society supported the affected people over a six-month period with planned interventions such as distribution of mattress under shelter support, procurement of food parcels, distribution of hygiene kits under WASH, and more.

#### Progress by National Society against objectives

The Algerian Red Crescent continues to demonstrate its readiness and response capabilities by hosting a national response team training for volunteers from all branches across the country, as well as a national disaster risk management training. The National Society has completed the DREF operation for Jijel floods and responded to this natural disaster and conducted lessons learned workshops of the previous wildfire DREF operation and key outcomes.

The National Society developed a plan of action to systematically enhance its capacities to re-pond to multiple hazards, improve procedures and systems, and provide adequate equipment for emergency responses based on identified gaps, such as special clothing and personal protective equipment (PPE). It also engaged with communities to anticipate and prepare for upcoming emergencies. The National Society successfully developed disaster risk management and emergency operations centre statement of purposes (SOP) with the support of the regional office and are currently disseminating the SOPs.

### **IFRC network joint support**

**The IFRC** continues to support the Algerian Red Crescent in its efforts to bolster its capacities in responding to disasters and improve its readiness. The IFRC supported the National Society through the launch of an IFRC disaster response and emergency fund (DREF) related to floods and conducted the preparedness for effective response (PER) process, where it initiated the preparation of the training which will be held in the latter half of the year.



## **Health and wellbeing**

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

Within the first half of 2024, the Algerian Red Crescent disseminated COVID-19 vaccination-related health messages via the Saving Lives and Livelihood Programmes in collaboration with the IFRC and the Africa Centre for Disease Control (AfCDC). It successfully completed the first phase of the programme and is currently participating in the planning of the second phase. The National Society is also currently undertaking live sessions to correct their manual based on the comments provided by the International First Aid Accreditation (IFAA) to receive the accreditation later this year. This effort aligns with evidence-based health promotion and disease prevention strategies.

Key activities in this reporting period included such interventions as providing mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) to individuals affected by wildfires, including women and children; supplying safe drinking water to wildfire-affected communities to meet their water needs and prevent waterborne diseases, distributing hygiene kits to affected populations, conducting health awareness campaigns for pandemics, non-communicable diseases (NCDs), and maternal, newborn, and child health based on community-based health and first aid (CBHFA) and epidemic control for volunteers frameworks. It also conducted blood donation event with local authorities across the country.

Under the phase one of AfCDC collaborative programme, the National Society worked on the publication, design, translation, printing and dissemination of the risk communication and community engagement (RCCE) strategy, conducted an RCCE strategy workshops, trained National Society volunteers and teams on RCCE, and trained community influencers and leaders, as well as Ministry of Health staff and community health workers on RCCE.

### **IFRC network joint support**

**The IFRC** supported the Algerian Red Crescent in its efforts to promote health and wellbeing, providing essential services, and in enhancing overall community resilience. This includes the National Society's work under the Saving Lives and Livelihood Programme, key activities such as MHPSS interventions, water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) interventions, CBHFA, and epidemic control, among others.



## **Migration and displacement**

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

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## IFRC network joint support

The IFRC will support the Algerian Red Crescent in its planned interventions and capacity-strengthening interventions under migration and displacement depending on National Society priority interventions.



## Values, power and inclusion

### Progress by National Society against objectives

In this reporting period, the Algerian Red Crescent conducted numerous programmes aimed at promoting humanitarian values, fundamental principles, and youth engagement. These included efforts such as supporting social programmes for elderly, persons with disability and other so-cially challenged groups of the population. Ongoing projects include the expansion of SOS vil-lage under the National Society administration that currently accommodates over 60 children in the capital, providing a safe space for this vulnerable community. While successfully including women in all its activities, the National Society engaged in community engagement and ac-countability ([CEA](#)) coordination meetings aimed at experience sharing across Saving Lives and Livelihood programme.

The Algerian Red Crescent raised awareness on non-discrimination, respect for diversity, social inclusion, violence prevention, culture of peace, gender, and intercultural dialogue by training volunteers' protection, gender and inclusion ([PGI](#)) and hosting focused group discussions on a regular basis. Efforts also included youth behaviour skills development such as empathy, active listening, critical thinking, dropping bias and non-judgement, non-violent communication, peace-ful resolution of tensions, meditations, and reconciliations.

## IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the National Society in its efforts to promote humanitarian values, funda-mental principles, and youth engagement. Interventions such as PGI and CEA integration in all activities, strengthening staff capacity, and the development of tools and relevant strategies are supported by the IFRC.

# ENABLING LOCAL ACTORS



## Strategic and operational coordination

### Progress by National Society against objectives

#### Membership coordination

IFRC membership coordination involves working with member National Societies to assess the humanitarian context, humanitarian situations and needs; agreeing on common priorities; jointly developing common strategies to address issues such as obtaining greater humanitarian access, acceptance and space; mobilizing funding and other resources; clarifying consistent public mes-saging; and monitoring progress. This also means ensuring that strategies and programmes in support of people in need, incorporate clarity of humanitarian action, links with development as-sistance, and efforts to reinforce National Societies in their respective countries, including through their auxiliary role.

#### Movement coordination

The Algerian Red Crescent 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 \(SMCC\)](#) prin-ciples, and the newly adopted [Seville Agreement 2.0](#).

The ICRC supports the Algerian Red Crescent in several areas, including first aid, the dissemination of international humanitarian law and humanitarian principles, and restoring family links. The ICRC has been present in Algeria since the country's independence in 1954, and its main focus is the monitoring of prison conditions.

### External coordination

In line with its auxiliary role, the Algerian Red Crescent works closely with governmental bodies in the areas of disaster management and health. It also coordinates with the Civil Protection Authority for needs assessments in emergencies, the delivery of assistance and other services. The National Society has a strong capacity for mobilizing local resources, working with United Nations agencies and other partners in Algeria, including the private sector.

The National Society continues to engage in advocacy activities and partnership with international organizations including United Nations agencies, EU Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (DG-NEAR)/ European Commission's Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (DG-ECHO), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and Africa Centres for Disease Control (AfCDC). The Algeria Red Crescent has demonstrated strong mobilization capacities for local resources including within the existing UN agencies and other partners in country.



## National Society development

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### Progress by the National Society against objectives

Over the past year, the Algerian Red Crescent has been actively engaged in a digitalization initiative, transitioning to an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system to ensure organized archiving and the establishment of efficient communication channels. This strategic move is aimed at enhancing operational efficiency and streamlining administrative processes within the organization. In recognition of their digital advancement efforts, the National Society has been awarded the Empress Shôken Fund to support a digital project focused on developing a national platform. This platform is expected to significantly enhance the National Society's capacity to manage and coordinate its activities across the country. Moreover, the Algerian Red Crescent is currently preparing its new Emergency Operations Centre, which will be located at their new headquarters. The new centre is poised to bolster the Algerian Red Crescent's emergency response capabilities, ensuring a more effective and timely response to humanitarian needs.

### IFRC network joint support

The IFRC is dedicated to advancing the development of the National Society across various sectors through comprehensive capacity-building initiatives and activities. These efforts encompass critical areas such as health, including emergency health and mental health, disaster risk management, and shelter. Concurrently, it is providing substantial support for the establishment of a new Emergency Operations Centre (EoC), including IT equipment and review, at the National Society's new headquarters. This support extends to offering technical guidance and a step-by-step process to get the international first aid accreditation (IFAA). Furthermore, the IFRC assists in preparing and submitting funding applications across multiple sectors, including Women, Peace and Security, Migration, and Digitalization. Financial technical support is also provided by the IFRC with continuous capacity building for the Algerian Red Crescent staff. This multifaceted support is accompanied by close follow-up and continuous technical assistance, ensuring the National Society can effectively enhance its operational capabilities and impact.



## Humanitarian diplomacy

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### Progress by National Society against objectives

The Algerian Red Crescent's communications team earlier conducted a workshop aimed at imparting key insights into the development of flyers and brochures containing key health messages. This initiative was instrumental in bolstering the National Society's capacity to conduct effective awareness campaigns. The National Society has also focused on effectively managing communications during crises and emergencies to maintain public trust along with promoting the National Society's mission and advocating for humanitarian causes.

## IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supports the National Society's efforts by providing technical and financial support to ensure its humanitarian diplomacy activities are well-resourced and aligns with global best practices.



## Accountability and agility (cross-cutting)

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### Progress by National Society against objectives

The Algerian Red Crescent has completed and updated its internal bylaws in early 2024. These revisions are particularly significant as they emphasize the promotion of gender equality, with a specific focus on enhancing representation and inclusion in leadership roles and senior management positions. This update reflects the organization's commitment to fostering a more equitable and inclusive environment at all levels of its operations.

Finally, The Algerian Red Crescent is actively supporting the establishment of a Status Agreement between the IFRC and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. This strategic initiative is aimed at formalizing the operational and legal framework for the IFRC's activities within Algeria.

### IFRC network joint support

The IFRC continues to support the measures and initiatives that underscore the National Society's commitment to safeguarding. It will support the National Society's focus on policy development, training, and long-term digital transformation. The IFRC will support the National Society in establishing digital systems by ensuring the installation of basic infrastructure, digital equipment and reliable connectivity. The IFRC will also support the National Society in enhancing its financial standards and procedures, as well as its efforts to implement new tools and reporting mechanisms to strengthen its accountability and agility.



## The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)

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### DATA SCOPE AND LIMITATIONS

- **Timeframe and alignment:** The reporting timeframe for this overview is covering the period from 1 January to 30 June 2024. However, due to the diversity of the IFRC and differences in fiscal years, this coverage may not fully align for some National Societies. Mid-year reporting data may have been based on estimations, with plans to submit more robust numbers at the annual reporting stage.
- **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 light 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."
- **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) and 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.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- [IFRC Algeria mid-year 2024 financial report](#)
- For information on ongoing emergencies for the period January to June 2024, see [MDRDZ010](#)
- [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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