



# GHANA

2024 IFRC network mid-year report, January – June

20 March 2025

## IN SUPPORT OF THE GHANA RED CROSS SOCIETY



  
**10**  
National Society  
branches

  
**3,266**  
National Society  
local units

  
**66,000**  
National Society  
volunteers

  
**50**  
National Society  
staff

## PEOPLE REACHED

Climate and environment



**31,253**

Disasters and crises



**12,000**

Health and wellbeing



**8,833**




Values, power and inclusion



**22,833**

## FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

in Swiss francs (CHF)

Country	Funding Requirement		5.3M
IFRC Secretariat	Longer-term Funding Requirement		4.7M
	Funding	Not reported	
	Expenditure	Not reported	
HNS other funding sources	Funding Requirement		580,000
	Funding	Not reported	


### Ghana Red Cross Society

#### Overview

Funding | Not reported

Expenditure | Not reported

#### Funding Sources

IFRC Secretariat  301,000

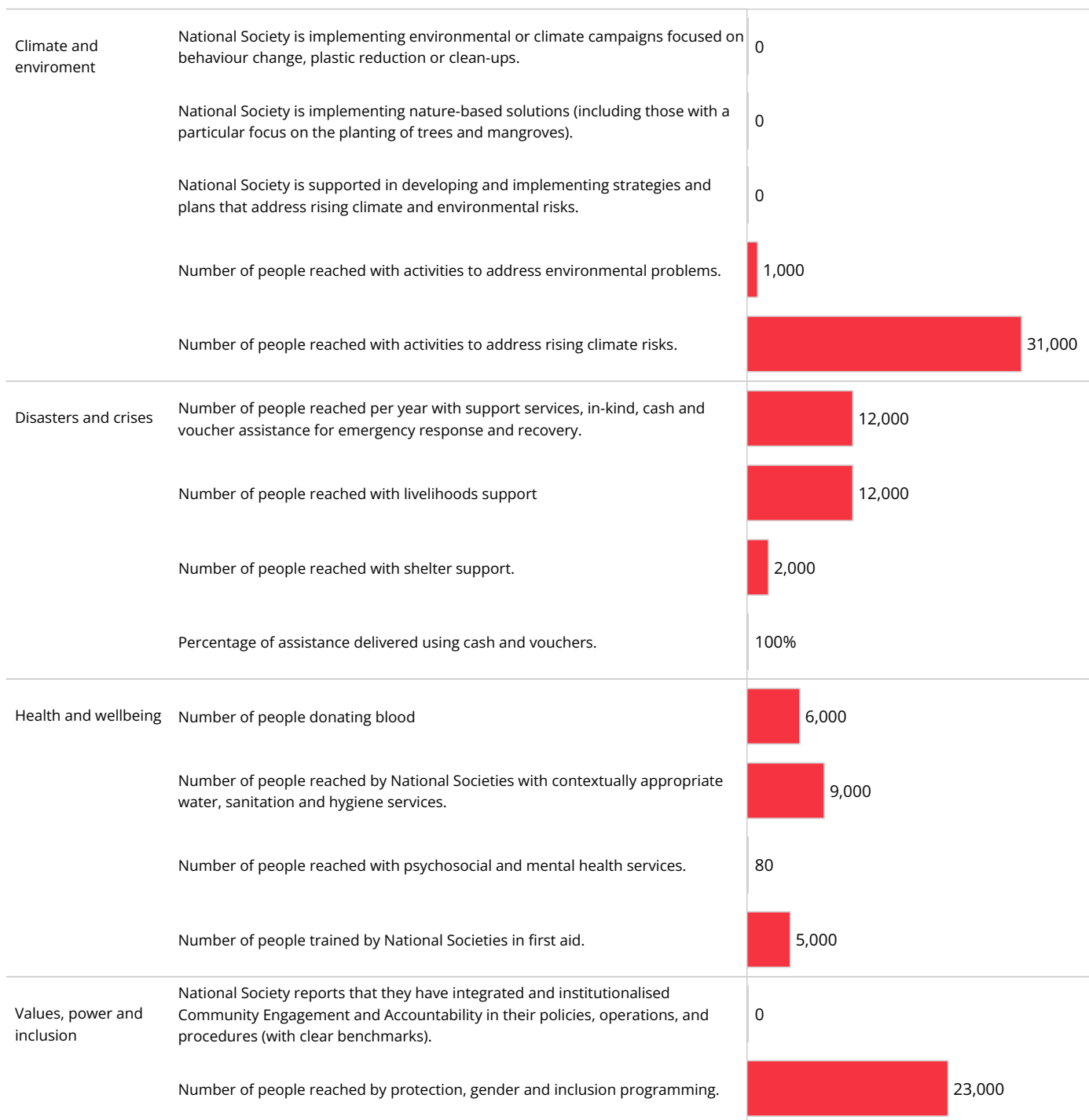
Participating National Societies | Not reported

HNS other funding sources | Not reported

Appeal number **MAAGH002**

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

## STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



## ENABLING FUNCTIONS

Strategic and operational coordination	National Society increases the number of government led platforms in which they are actively participating to achieve humanitarian or development goals.	0
	Number of formal interagency/international coordination platforms the IFRC Network is part of.	0
National Society development	National Society develops and/or implements a strategy for strengthening their auxiliary role	0
Humanitarian diplomacy	National Society is participating in IFRC-led campaigns.	0
Accountability and agility	National Society has a functioning data management systems that inform decision making and support monitoring and reporting on the impact and evidence of the IFRC network's contributions.	0
	National Society has implemented a digital transformation roadmap in line with the IFRC strategy.	0

## IFRC NETWORK SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

	Bilateral Support						
	Funding Reported	Climate and environment	Disasters and crises	Health and wellbeing	Migration and displacement	Values, power and inclusion	Enabling Functions
National Society							
Icelandic Red Cross							●
Iranian Red Crescent Society				●			
Netherlands Red Cross				●			

# OVERALL PROGRESS

## Context

The socio-economic situation of Ghana during the first half of 2024 has been greatly affected by the constant depreciation of the local currency against foreign currencies such as the US dollar. This has caused ripple effects on the prices of commodities such as basic agricultural produce amongst others. Although inflation in Ghana continues to fall marginally, this has not been reflected in the quality of life of the poor. The government on the other hand is trying to put in place measures to mitigate the fall of the currency and inflation but little is actualized. The increase in the country's debt threatens the management of the economy.

With 2024 as an election year, tensions have mounted between two dominant political parties in the country. The Electoral Commission (EC), the institution mandated by law to organize, conduct and supervise elections have commenced registration of people of legal age for voting. Furthermore, centres have been opened to attend to people who have misplaced their voters ID cards, request for change of voting centre, among others. There have been series of mediation meetings with political parties in order to ensure smooth upcoming elections and registration of citizens. In May 2024, an incident was reported from one of the polling stations where one person was stabbed in the chest and others wounded. The government, through the security agencies, have given assurance to prevent this in the future.

## Key achievements

### Climate and environment

In the first half of 2024, the Ghana Red Cross Society advanced its climate mitigation and adaptation efforts by submitting a proposal for a community-driven afforestation/reforestation project as part of the IFRC Pan-Africa Tree Planting and Care initiative. The National Society developed a six-month plan for locally led adaptation and engaged national stakeholders to assess policies and create a multi-year climate strategy. A stakeholder meeting was held in June to brief participants on the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement's climate journey, and a technical working group was formed to drive the implementation of the plan.

### Disasters and crises

In this reporting period, the Ghana Red Cross Society developed a simplified early action protocol in collaboration with national stakeholders to address flooding and seismic hazards, with a draft protocol submitted for review. In April, a two-day inception meeting was held with national and regional stakeholders to discuss the anticipatory action project. A six-month plan was developed by the National Society's technical working group, which carried out activities such as mapping, branch engagement, and selecting operational communities. The National Society also deployed a team to assess the situation of displaced populations in neighbouring areas.

### Health and wellbeing

In the first half of 2024, in collaboration with Fontes and myclimate.org, the National Society validated water systems at Obretema. Its water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) activities included a behaviour change communication workshop in Asante Mampong, signing an MOU with the Ghana Water Company to facilitate household pipe connections and metering, and recruiting volunteers. The National Society also held community durbars, inception meetings, and collaborated with community information centres to share key messages through jingle sessions.

### Migration and displacement

The Ghana Red Cross Society has not conducted activities under migration and displacement in this reporting period.

### Values, power and inclusion

The Ghana Red Cross Society strives to ensure that it promotes humanitarian dignity, values, and inclusion and that its interventions include marginalized groups. The National Society's urban water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) project includes selection criteria for beneficiaries which ensure that it is inclusive of all facets in the communities. During volunteering recruitment too, the management ensures that slots are allocated which ensures female empowerment and representation.

## Enabling local actors

Between January and June 2024, the Ghana Red Cross Society focused on strengthening its internal systems and development efforts. This included reviewing policies and procedures for approval, revitalizing its communication unit with new social media handles, updating its website, and recruiting a National Society development officer. The National Society also achieved prequalification for the National Society Investment Alliance (NSIA) funding and successfully applied for the 2024 NSIA bridge funding to conduct a feasibility study on assessing assets for commercial purposes. Additionally, the National Society paid a courtesy call to Ghana's parliament to advocate for health screening participation and support for membership dues.

The Ghana Red Cross Society also emphasized accountability and transparency, strengthening its accounting and procurement systems by reviewing service agreements to ensure modern standards. The National Society improved its technological infrastructure by enhancing its internet connection, issuing laptops and desktops to staff, and setting up VOIP and LAN systems. A new mini-conference hall with teleconferencing devices was established for online meetings, accommodating up to 20 people. Furthermore, the National Society educated a section of the military on international humanitarian law (IHL) while continuing to promote its humanitarian services.

# IFRC NETWORK ACTION

## STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



### Climate and environment

#### Progress by National Society against objectives

In fulfilment of the Ghana Red Cross Society's aim of contributing to climate mitigation and adaptation in 2024, the National Society submitted a proposal for community-driven afforestation/reforestation project for carbon sequestration as part of the [IFRC Pan-Africa Tree Planting and Care initiative](#). In the area of mitigation, the National Society developed a six-month plan on locally led adaptation to engage with national stakeholders to assess policies and documents both within the National Society and at the national level to come up with a multi-year climate smart strategy.

In June, the National Society organized a stakeholder meeting to brief them on the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement climate journey. A National Society focal point was identified and a technical working group for climate change mitigation and adaptation was constituted. Subsequently, the first working group meeting was held to discuss the roll-out of the six-month plan. The Red Cross Red Crescent climate centre focal person based in Burkina Faso participated online and oriented them team on climate journey and the role of the National Society in rolling out the plan and developing the multiyear strategy.

#### IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Ghana Red Cross Society with both financial and technical assistance for its objectives under climate and environment. The IFRC and the National Society collaborated on several meetings with the Ministry of Environment, Science, Technology and Innovation on climate, specifically on voluntary carbon market regarding the government policies in this area. The IFRC also helped secure no objection letters from the Forest Commission and the Ministry of Food and Agriculture, which was a requirement in the call for proposal by the African Development Bank to support climate change mitigation.



## Disasters and crises

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

### Progress by National Society against objectives

Since flooding and seismic hazards in Ghana is an annual occurrence, the National Society has developed a simplified early action protocol leveraging with national stakeholders to assess policy documents both within the National Society and at the national level. The draft early action protocol has been submitted for review.

In April, a two-day inception meeting was held with stakeholders from the national and regional levels to discuss the anticipatory action project. A six-month plan was subsequently developed by the National Society's technical working group. The working group carried out activities including mapping and identification, National Society branch engagement, and selection of operational communities. The National Society also deployed a team to the neighbouring area to ascertain the situation of displaced population.

### IFRC network joint support

The IFRC continues to support the Ghana Red Cross Society in carrying out preparedness and response initiative to improve its disaster response services within the country. It also provides technical assistance to the National Society's disaster management department on other disaster-prone discussions and developments. IFRC funding mechanisms such as the IFRC disaster response emergency fund (DREF) and the Emergency Appeals are activated for relevant disasters within the country.



## Health and wellbeing

### Progress by National Society against objectives

The Ghana Red Cross Society manages 19 water supply systems, serving over 50,000 people. Within this reporting period, the National Society's activities including repairing two broken water points in the eastern and Ashanti regions. In collaboration with Fontes and myclimate.org, the Ghana Red Cross Society validated water systems at Obretema.

Under its water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) interventions, the National Society conducted activities such as a behaviour change communication workshop in Asante Mampong, signed an MOU with the Ghana Water Company's low income customer service department which will facilitate household pipe connections and metering, recruited volunteer, held community durbars and inception meetings, engaged with community information centres to disseminate information through jingle sessions, and reached people via dissemination messages.



The Ghana Red Cross Society set up 18 water projects across regions to provide clean water to citizens. (Photo: IFRC)

### IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provides support to the Ghana Red Cross Society for its initiatives under health and wellbeing and ensures that the National Society's interventions in water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) comprehensively fulfils the need of communities.

The Netherlands Red Cross provides support to the Ghana Red Cross Society for its health and wellbeing initiatives.



## Migration and displacement

### Progress by National Society against objectives

The Ghana Red Cross Society is part of the [IFRC three-year Global Route-Based Migration Programme](#), which aims to improve the safety and dignity of people on the move along deadly and dangerous land and sea-based migration routes across Africa, the Americas, Europe, and the Middle East and North Africa. The programme aims to support 4.7 million people on the move and people in host communities annually through three operational pillars: (1) improving access to assistance and protection, including through humanitarian service points; (2) strengthening National Society capacities; and (3) local to global humanitarian diplomacy.

In this reporting period, however, the National Society did not conduct any activities under migration and displacement.

### IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provides support the Ghana Red Cross Society in its initiatives under migration and displacement.



## Values, power and inclusion

### Progress by National Society against objectives

The Ghana Red Cross Society strives to ensure that it promotes humanitarian dignity, values, and inclusion and that its interventions include marginalized groups. The National Society's urban water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) project includes selection criteria for beneficiaries which ensure that it is inclusive of all facets in the communities. During volunteering recruitment too, the management ensures that slots are allocated which ensures female empowerment and representation.

### IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provides both technical and financial support to the National Society in ensuring that values, power and inclusion components such as protection, gender and inclusion (PGI) and community engagement and accountability (CEA) are incorporated into the National Society's activities.

## ENABLING LOCAL ACTORS



## Strategic and operational coordination

### Progress by National Society against objectives

#### IFRC 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 messaging; 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 assistance, and efforts to reinforce National Societies in their respective countries, including through their auxiliary role.

### **Movement coordination**

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

**The ICRC** visits places of detention and supports the Ghana Red Cross Society in its response to emergencies and assists the authorities promoting the international humanitarian law.

### **External coordination**

The Ghana Red Cross Society works directly under the Ministry of Health as a parent ministry. In discharging its mandate as an auxiliary to the public authorities, the National Society works closely in consultation and collaboration with other sectoral ministries and departments, such as the Ministry of Sanitation and Water Resources, the Forestry Commission, and the Ghana Water Company. The National Disaster Management Organization (NADMO) is responsible for emergency coordination at all levels. The National Society collaborates closely with NADMO for rapid assessments during emergencies and humanitarian assistance, and this involves collaboration with district directors and regional coordinators of NADMO.

The National Society also collaborates with other main stakeholders including Ghana's health service, district assemblies, traditional leadership, UN agencies and other civil society actors.

In 2023, the National Society with the IFRC, made engagements with the EU delegation, USAID, Australian High Commission, Turkish Embassy, Embassy of Denmark, Korea and Italian Embassies. These engagements will be further developed and strengthened in 2024 and beyond.

The National Society also closely collaborates with national entities such as the Rotary club and St John Ambulance services in First Aid.



## **National Society development**

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

In this reporting period, the Ghana Red Cross Society conducted a range of activities aimed at overall National Society development. These included reviewing the National Society policies and procedures awaiting submission to the governance for approval, revamping the National Society communication unit by setting up social media handles, updating the website and assigning roles and responsibilities, and recruiting National Society development officer. Additionally, for the first time, the Ghana Red Cross Society was prequalified for the National Society investment alliance ([NSIA](#)) funding. It successfully applied for the NSIA 2024 bridge funding to conduct a feasibility study in a bid to assess its assets for commercial purpose.

### **IFRC network joint support**

**The IFRC** provided both financial and technical support to the National Society to improve the growth of the National Society in financial management modalities and information technology. IFRC funding mechanisms such as the IFRC-ICRC National Society investment alliance ([NSIA](#)), the IFRC capacity building fund ([CBF](#)), and the Empress Shoken Fund are utilized for National Society development purposes.



## Humanitarian diplomacy

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### Progress by National Society against objectives

During this reporting period, the National Society paid courtesy call on the leadership of the Ghana parliament to advocate for the need to encourage and support their constituents to come to the periodic health screening, normally organized by the Ghana Red Cross Society. It also urged the parliamentarians to support the National Society by becoming its members and paying membership dues and levies.

Additionally, the National Society met with a section of the military to educate them in international humanitarian law (IHL).

### IFRC network joint support

**The IFRC** supports the National Society in promoting the institutionalization of security focal person to pay attention to the volatility and high tension in border communities in the northern part of the country. It also provides support to the National Society's efforts in promoting its work and situating the National Society as the primary responder to emergencies in Ghana.



## Accountability and agility (cross-cutting)

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### Progress by National Society against objectives

The Ghana Red Cross Society prioritized accountability and transparency in its delivery of humanitarian services. It began strengthening its accounting and procurement systems, which was achieved by reviewing the service level agreement with service providers to ensure that it meets modern standards and quality.

During this period, the National Society improved its internet connection at the headquarter and issued 10 laptops, two desktops and monitors to staff. It now has VOIP and LAN infrastructure for communication and sharing of information. It further set up the National Society mini conference hall with tele conferencing devices for online meetings that can accommodate up to 20 people. The usage of Microsoft Office Suite has enhanced communication both internally and externally.

### IFRC network joint support

**The IFRC** provides both technical and financial support to the National Society in its accountability initiatives, often involving development of relevant strategies and tools to support the National Society in achieving its objectives.

The **Icelandic Red Cross** supported the National Society in its accountability and agility initiatives.



**The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)** 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 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 Ghana mid-year 2024 financial report](#)
- [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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