



ARGENTINA

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IN SUPPORT OF THE ARGENTINE RED CROSS



65

National Society branches



65

National Society local units



7,160

National Society volunteers



1,855

National Society staff

PEOPLE REACHED

Climate and environment



2,500

Disasters and crises



8,359

Health and wellbeing



9,000

Migration and displacement



20,000

Values, power and inclusion



11,000

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

in Swiss francs (CHF)

Country	Funding Requirement	5.0M
IFRC Secretariat	Longer-term Funding Requirement	300,000
	Funding	Not reported
	Expenditure	Not reported
Participating National Societies	Funding Requirement	75,000
HNS other funding sources	Funding Requirement	4.6M
	Funding	298.38400000000001

Argentine Red Cross

Overview

Funding	Not reported
Expenditure	Not reported

Funding Sources

IFRC Secretariat	483.381
Participating National Societies	Not reported
HNS other funding sources	298.384

Appeal number **MAAAR002**

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

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Climate and environment	National Society is implementing environmental or climate campaigns focused on behaviour change, plastic reduction or clean-ups.	Yes
	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.	Yes
	Number of people reached with heatwave risk reduction, preparedness or response activities.	2,000
Disasters and crises	Number of people reached per year with support services, in-kind, cash and voucher assistance for emergency response and recovery.	8,000
	Number of people reached with disaster risk reduction.	2,000
	Number of people reached with livelihoods support	6,000
	Number of people reached with shelter support.	2,000
	Percentage of assistance delivered using cash and vouchers.	46%
Health and wellbeing	Number of people donating blood	600
	Number of people reached by National Societies with contextually appropriate health services.	7,000
	Number of people reached by National Societies with contextually appropriate water, sanitation and hygiene services.	9,000
	Number of people reached with immunization services.	6,000
	Number of people reached with psychosocial and mental health services.	4,000
	Number of people trained by National Societies in first aid.	31,000
Migration and displacement	National Society has undertaken any advocacy, dialogues, educational or communication initiatives to change the legal, policy, or operational environment to better assist and protect people on the move.	Yes
	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) that provided assistance and/or protection to people on the move along land based migration routes.	3
	Number of migrants and displaced persons reached with services for assistance and protection.	20,000

Values, power and inclusion	National Society reports that they have integrated and institutionalised Community Engagement and Accountability in their policies, operations, and procedures (with clear benchmarks).	Yes
	Number of people reached by protection, gender and inclusion programming.	3,000
	Number of people reached by RCRC educational programmes.	11,000
	Number of people whose access to education is facilitated through RCRC programming.	4,000
	Percentage of people surveyed who report receiving useful and actionable information.	65%

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.	2
	Number of formal interagency/international coordination platforms the IFRC Network is part of.	3
National Society development	National Society covers health, accident and death compensation for all of their volunteers.	Yes
	National Society develops and/or implements a strategy for strengthening their auxiliary role	Yes
	National Society has created and implemented youth engagement strategies.	Yes
	National Society has One National Society Development country plan created.	Yes
Humanitarian diplomacy	National Society has domestic advocacy strategies developed aligning, at least in part, with global IFRC advocacy strategies	Yes
	National Society is participating in IFRC-led campaigns.	Yes
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.	Yes
	National Society has a Protection of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) policy to enforce prevention and support survivors.	Yes
	National Society has a PSEA Action Plan to enforce prevention and support survivors (cumulative).	Yes
	National Society has implemented a digital transformation roadmap in line with the IFRC strategy.	Yes
	National Society has strengthened their integrity risk mechanisms.	Yes

IFRC NETWORK SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

National Society	Funding Reported	Climate and environment	Disasters and crises	Health and wellbeing	Migration and displacement	Values, power and inclusion	Enabling Functions
Australian Red Cross					●		

OVERALL PROGRESS

Context

In 2024, Argentina experienced both climatic and economic challenges, adversely impacting the daily lives of people in the country. A series of extreme weather events such as persistent heat waves reached record temperatures of 48.5°C causing significant rainfall deficits. However, some areas such as Ituzaiingó experienced recorded the highest daily rainfall of the year while the north of the Argentine Litoral region suffered floods and rising rivers as a result of heavy rains.

Argentina's challenges also included economic hurdles such as inflation as high as 200%, the impact of drought on agriculture, and political uncertainty. The persistent high inflation eroded the purchasing power of the population, making it difficult to access basic goods and services. In addition, there was a gradual increase in the official exchange rate, which raised concerns about its impact on domestic prices and the competitiveness of Argentine exports in the international market. This also reflects the lack of confidence in the national currency and the country's economic stability. Although the Central Bank's reserves showed signs of some stability, they are still insufficient to cover the country's economic needs, limiting the capacity to respond to possible financial crises.

There was a high rate of unemployment and insufficient creation of new jobs, which contributed to labour precariousness and hindered the improvement of the population's living conditions. Poverty continued to be a significant problem in Argentina, with a large part of the population living below the poverty line, representing a major challenge for the country's social and economic development.

Key achievements

Climate and environment

The Argentine Red Cross began a study on the humanitarian impact of climate change. This study aimed to understand community perceptions of climate change in Argentina and how these perceptions influenced the mechanisms people adopted to address and adapt to climate impacts. Data was collected through interviews and focus groups in Corrientes, Esperanza, La Plata, Mendoza, Neuquén, and Quilmes. The analysis was particularly valuable for evidence-based decision-making and designing risk management strategies, early warning systems, and community resilience-building programmes. By incorporating the perspectives of affected communities, the study ensured greater relevance and effectiveness in interventions addressing climate change challenges.

Disasters and crises

In 2024, the Argentine Red Cross responded to one emergency with the support of the IFRC's Disaster Response Emergency Fund (DREF). It provided aid to regions affected by floods and storms, including support in shelter, health, WASH, and community engagement and accountability (CEA). The National Society also worked with the IFRC Climate Centre to strengthen its forecast-based action (FbA) capabilities, aiming to reduce the impact of emergencies that can be anticipated at least ten days in advance. A national monitoring team was established to track catastrophic or slow-onset events, supporting emergency response planning. The Argentine Red Cross also sought to improve its official recognition as an auxiliary in disaster risk management, participating in international courses and platforms, including sessions on leveraging its auxiliary role and advancing disaster risk reduction efforts.

Health and wellbeing

The Argentine Red Cross, along with the IFRC and the ICRC, met with the Ministry of Health to discuss the participation of the Red Cross Movement in the 'V Global Mental Health Summit' hosted by the Argentine government in October.

Migration and displacement

To assist the needs of vulnerable migrants and displaced people, including internally displaced persons, the Argentine Red Cross held meetings with the migration focal points of Chile, Paraguay, and Uruguay to improve coordination between border National Societies on migration issues. The Argentine Red Cross was leading the space, improving the

coordination between neighbouring National Societies around migration issues, to enable them to share tools and cross-check border monitoring data.

Values, power and inclusion

The Argentine Red Cross worked to incorporate the terms of Community Engagement and Accountability (CEA) in the study on community perception of climate change in Argentina. The National Society aimed to facilitate its understanding and application by diverse audiences, including policymakers, development professionals, and community members at large.

Enabling local actors

The Argentine Red Cross prioritized youth volunteerism and action as key drivers for behaviour change and local action. Collaborating with the National Team and regional coordination of volunteering and youth development, the National Society developed a session focused on understanding the necessary enabling environments for effective humanitarian missions. This initiative aimed to stimulate internal discussions among participants. The Argentine Red Cross also worked on enhancing its image and advocating for change at various levels, including strengthening its auxiliary role and expanding humanitarian diplomacy activities. The National Society met with the Inter-American Development Bank (CAF) in Buenos Aires to discuss cooperation, with follow-up discussions taking place during the disaster risk reduction platform. Additionally, the Argentine Red Cross began building its risk management capabilities, holding meetings to design a dedicated team for this purpose, with plans to continue development in 2024. The risk management officer for the Americas participated as a speaker in the “Escuela de Dirigentes,” a leadership training programme for Argentine Red Cross branch and headquarters leaders. In line with its goal of digital transformation, the National Society invested in video conferencing systems, equipment, and internet services to strengthen digital participation through its digital engagement capacity-building project.

IFRC NETWORK ACTION

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Climate and environment

Communities and Red Cross and Red Crescent (RCRC) staff and volunteers undertake urgent action to adapt to the rising and evolving risks from the climate and environmental crises

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2023, the National Society received no funding for activities under this objective. However, upon the request of the Under-Secretary National Society Development and Operations Coordination (NSDOC), the Argentine Red Cross began conducting a study on the humanitarian impact of climate change.

To understand the community's perception of climate change in Argentina, the study was undertaken by the Argentine Red Cross. The main objective was to understand how these perceptions influenced the mechanisms people adopted to address and adapt to climate impacts. The data was supplemented with qualitative information gathered through interviews and focus groups in Corrientes, Esperanza, La Plata, Mendoza, Neuquén, and Quilmes. The analysis was particularly valuable for evidence-based decision-making and the design of risk management strategies, [early warning systems](#), and [community resilience-building programmes](#). By involving the voices and perceptions of affected communities, greater relevance and effectiveness in interventions aimed at addressing climate change challenges are ensured.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided the National Society through the [IFRC's Climate Centre](#) with increasing cooperation to scale up [anticipatory action](#) in the region. The Argentine Red Cross has been working with the Climate Centre to activate its response mechanisms and reduce the impact of emergencies in crises that can be anticipated at least 10 days in advance. The IFRC Climate Centre supported the National Society in finalising the Early Action Protocols (EAPs) for implementation in the second half of the year.

The **German Red Cross** provided technical support to the National Society to increase the focus on reducing the current and future humanitarian impact of climate and environmental crises through [anticipatory action](#).

The IFRC Network adopts environmentally sustainable practices and contributes to climate change mitigation.

Progress by the National Society against objectives

Through Mastercard and based on a cooperation agreement with Futbolistas Argentinos Agremiados and the Argentine Football Association, it was agreed to finance two projects related to Youth and Climate Change this year. The **"Goals with Eco"** project carried out by the Mendoza Branch through an agreement with the provincial government promotes reforestation in green spaces in the city's Ecopark, accompanied by workshops in schools referring to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in schools. This has made it possible to improve biodiversity and the well-being of the residents of the City of Mendoza through the creation of new green spaces. On the other hand, it was also articulated in this same line with the Esperanza Branch where environmental management workshops will be developed.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Argentine Red Cross by providing technical and financial support.



Disasters and crises

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

In 2024, the IFRC Disaster Response Emergency Fund ([IFRC-DREF](#)) was approved for one emergency:



Through its Humanitarian Camp in northern Salta, the Argentine Red Cross has provided over 16 million liters of safe drinking water, supporting Wichí, Toba, and Chorote communities for over 4 years (Photo: Argentine Red Cross)

Argentina - Storm Bahia Blanca

NAME OF OPERATION	Argentina - Storm Bahia Blanca
MDR-CODE	MDRAR020
DURATION	4 months (28 December 2023 to 30 April 2024)
FUNDING ALLOCATION	CHF 339,101
PEOPLE TARGETED	4,000
LATEST OPERATION UPDATE	DREF Operation

The IFRC-DREF allocation of CHF 339,101 in December 2023 supported the Argentine Red Cross in aiding approximately 4,000 people affected by the storm in the city of Bahía Blanca and the resulting structural damage. The National Society supported the targeted people over a four-month period with health, shelter, multi-purpose cash transfer, and CEA (community engagement and accountability).

Communities take action to increase their resilience to evolving and multiple shocks and hazards

Progress by the National Society against objectives

As part of its objectives to help prepare communities to respond to and recover from disasters and crises, the Argentine Red Cross jointly implemented a Risk Management programme with the Health and Risk Management Directorates. It included aspects related to risk preparedness and mitigation, as well as preparedness and healthcare actions. The programme aimed to build community resilience and disaster preparedness among rural communities and governmental stakeholders in northeast Corrientes. Throughout a 12-month period, the National Society aimed for these communities to better withstand, adapt to, and recover from future adversities and promote ecosystem recovery.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC contributed to support the Argentine Red Cross in its current operations including the development of digital content and campaigns to catalyze social conversation about the Red Cross and Red Crescent (RCRC) Movement's actions to address the climate crisis and its impact on livelihoods, communities and ecosystems. This content will continue to support National Societies to work in community and governmental contexts to build resilience.

People affected by crises and disasters have their needs met through access to in-kind assistance and support that is timely, adequate, flexible and strengthens their agency

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2023, the Argentine Red Cross responded to two separate emergencies through the Disaster Response Emergency Fund (IFRC-DREF). It provided emergency relief to multiple regions affected by floods and storms, working to aid with shelter housing, health, access to water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), and CEA (community engagement and accountability) to help communities recover.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided support to the National Society in operationalizing two disaster responses, as well as the distribution of emergency relief. The IFRC mechanisms such as the Disaster Response Emergency Fund (IFRC-DREF) and Emergency Appeals were drawn upon as reflected above in the National Society's response to disasters and crises.

National Societies respond effectively to the wide spectrum of evolving crises and disasters and leverage their auxiliary role in emergency response

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In an endeavour to strengthen its [forecast-based action](#) (FbA), the Argentine Red Cross has been working with the International Federation's Climate Center for over three years. It aims to activate response mechanisms and reduce the impact of emergencies in crises that can be anticipated at least ten days in advance, mostly associated with climate

change and variability in the coastal area. The National Society is responding to the consultations of the early action plan evaluation group, which is expected to be implemented during 2024.

The Argentine Red Cross established a national monitoring team with a system tracking catastrophic or slow-onset events, allowing informed decisions to be made in case of emergency. The team is active and provided support in the preparation of action plans for emergency response in 2023.

The National Society also worked to improve the official recognition of its auxiliary role in disaster risk management. It attended the Movement induction course in Panama with 23 participants, including presidents and directors of the Red Cross-National Societies from across the Americas. The National Society also attended the Disaster Law team's session on leveraging our auxiliary status with governments in the Bahamas in 2023. The session focused on highlighting the importance of the auxiliary role of National Societies by exploring the experiences and perspectives of several other National Societies, the Argentine Red Cross discussed the long process to pass a new Red Cross law. Finally, it also attended the VIII regional platform for disaster risk reduction in the Americas and the Caribbean in Uruguay. Representatives from the National Society participated in the discussions and decisions to advance disaster risk reduction in the different regions.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Argentine Red Cross by providing technical support for the activation of the early action plan, if necessary. The IFRC also worked together with the regional office to monitor and support the implementation of the International Disaster Response Law (IDRL) strategy.



Health and wellbeing

National Societies capitalize on their auxiliary role to ensure their position on relevant country-level public health strategy, advocacy and policy platforms and mechanisms

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Argentine Red Cross President, along with the head of delegation from the IFRC and the head of delegation from the ICRC, met with the Ministry of Health to discuss the participation of the Red Cross Movement in the 'V Global Mental Health Summit' hosted by the Argentine government in October.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC, as a result of the aforementioned discussion, is part of the technical working group of the 'V Global Mental Health Summit'. It has secured the participation of some National Societies at the Summit. In addition, the Humanitarian Observatory will present reports on mental health carried out in several countries.

The health and well-being of communities are protected and improved through access to sustainable, affordable, appropriate and quality health services throughout life

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Argentine Red Cross has made significant strides in advancing public health initiatives and community resilience. As part of the dissemination and promotion of Argentina's Vaccination Plan, the National Society conducted a survey on vaccination safety and confidence among 750 adults while distributing informative flyers to reinforce trust in vaccines. Vaccination centers in multiple branches collaborated to administer 13,000 doses of the national immunization schedule. Additionally, the Community First Aid Programme, under "The Care and Empowerment of Communities" project, has strengthened the operational capacity of 14 branches by providing essential materials and training, enabling them to mitigate the impact of disasters and health emergencies. Efforts to promote voluntary and regular blood donation led to the establishment of partnerships with public and private hemotherapy services, organizing semi-annual donation drives and national campaigns with over 500 blood donors. Expanding its healthcare outreach, the National Society facilitated access to rapid HIV and syphilis testing across 14 branches, enabling early diagnosis and timely treatment. Furthermore, through the "I Choose to Help" initiative, more than 530 individuals experiencing homelessness received emotional and medical support, as well as guidance on self-care practices, fostering psychological resilience through structured activities.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC has provided financial and technical support to key humanitarian efforts led by the Argentine Red Cross. The “I Choose to Help” project, backed by the IFRC, has provided crucial assistance to individuals living on the streets, incorporating health services, first aid, and psychological support. Additionally, the IFRC has facilitated the development of a Guide to Address the Issue of People on the Streets and at Risk of Homelessness, promoting effective intervention strategies. The Humanitarian Observatory has played a pivotal role in providing technical support and monitoring for these activities. Through close collaboration with national and local governments, NGOs, and faith-based organizations, such as the Si Foundation, Barrancas Dining Room, and Santa Teresita and San Andrés Churches, the Argentine Red Cross has maximized the impact of its outreach efforts.



Migration and displacement

Migrants and displaced persons have access to humanitarian assistance and protection at key points along migratory routes as well as access to durable solutions when appropriate

Progress by the National Society against objectives

One of the objectives of the Argentine Red Cross was to address the immediate assistance and protection needs of vulnerable migrants and displaced people, including internally displaced persons (IDPs). As a result, the National Society held meetings with the migration focal points of Chile, Paraguay, and Uruguay to improve coordination between border National Societies on migration issues. The Argentine Red Cross was leading the space, improving the coordination between neighbouring National Societies around migration issues, to enable them to share tools and cross-check border monitoring data.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC continued to support the National Society's efforts to reduce the risks and vulnerabilities of migrants and displaced people. This included providing access to essential services.

The ICRC supported the National Society in its coordination efforts with the Country Cluster Delegation for the Andean Countries to improve coordination between neighbouring National Societies around migration.

National Societies engage with migrants, displaced persons and host communities to assess, understand and respond more effectively to their priority needs

Progress by the National Society against objectives

To better understand the needs and perceptions of the migrant population regarding the services provided, the Argentine Red Cross, in coordination with the Community Engagement and Accountability (CEA) area, conducted key assessment activities. Six high-incidence focus groups were organized, engaging both migrants and host communities to identify priority needs. The most represented nationalities were Venezuelans and Colombians, with smaller groups from neighboring countries also participating. The primary concerns highlighted were access to comprehensive healthcare (both physical and mental), lack of documentation, and barriers to education. Other challenges included food insecurity and limited information on safe migration routes. Additionally, to enhance service delivery, complaint and suggestion boxes were placed at humanitarian attention points, allowing migrants to anonymously provide feedback on the accessibility and effectiveness of National Society services.

IFRC Network Joint Support

The IFRC has supported the Argentine Red Cross in its efforts to assess and address the needs of migrants, reinforcing its commitment to community engagement and accountability. The structured approach of focus groups and anonymous feedback mechanisms has enabled the National Society to refine its humanitarian response, ensuring that assistance aligns with the real-time needs of migrants. By leveraging IFRC-backed methodologies in data collection and service evaluation, the Argentine Red Cross has strengthened its capacity to deliver targeted support, particularly in healthcare, documentation, and education.



Values, power and inclusion

The IFRC Network contributes to positive change in communities through increased understanding, ownership, dissemination and application of the Fundamental Principles and humanitarian values, with a particular focus on the knowledge, skills and behaviour of young people

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Argentine Red Cross has actively engaged children and youth in community-based initiatives focusing on protection, gender, and inclusion. In collaboration with 15 subsidiaries, the National Society is implementing 15 community micro-projects, driven by youth volunteers aged 16 to 24. These projects include virtual workshops using the Youth as Agents of Behavioural Change (YABC) methodology and hands-on activities that promote awareness of adolescent and youth rights related to sexual and reproductive health in eight communities. Additionally, initiatives addressing children's rights are being carried out in seven communities, ensuring broader awareness and advocacy on key protection issues.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC has played a pivotal role in strengthening these community-driven initiatives through financial support from the Capacity Building Fund (CBF). This funding has enabled the Argentine Red Cross to scale up its engagement with young volunteers and ensure the effective implementation of protection, gender, and inclusion-focused activities. By integrating IFRC methodologies and resources, the National Society has enhanced its capacity to educate and empower youth while fostering community resilience and awareness of critical human rights issues.

The IFRC Network promotes and supports safe, equitable and continuous access to quality education for all, especially for children affected by disasters, crises or displacement

Progress by the National society Against objectives

To enhance access to basic services across Argentina, the Argentine Red Cross has focused on both formal and non-formal education. Through 33 Non-University Higher Education Institutes and three Vocational Training Centers, over 2,000 teachers are supporting 12,000 students in fields such as nursing, radiology, surgical instrumentation, laboratory analysis, hemotherapy, lifeguarding, and therapeutic companionship—providing critical career opportunities in areas with limited training institutions. In non-formal education, 1,555 volunteers have undergone training through the National Society's learning platform, with 2,844 certificates issued. Additionally, 31,298 individuals, including employees from 37 companies, community members, and institutions, received first aid training from 110 certified instructors. Furthering its commitment to inclusion, the Protection, Gender, and Inclusion (PGI) Program conducted a diversity census in March with 1,342 participants (132 staff and 1,210 volunteers) to assess disability, ethnic background, immigration status, and religious affiliation within its workforce. The data is currently being processed, with a final report expected before the end of the year. In line with its efforts to promote inclusion, the National Society also published an internal guide in February with definitions and recommendations to integrate people with disabilities into volunteering and the workforce. A series of trainings for managers and volunteers on this topic is scheduled for early September.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC has provided essential technical support to the Argentine Red Cross in advancing the Protection, Gender, and Inclusion (PGI) approach within the National Society. This includes assisting with the diversity census to strengthen data-driven decision-making on inclusion. Additionally, the IFRC has contributed to the development of the PGI guide, ensuring a cross-cutting approach to dignity, accessibility, participation, and safety in all organizational actions. The guide is currently in progress and is expected to be published by the end of the year. By incorporating IFRC-supported frameworks and methodologies, the Argentine Red Cross has expanded its capacity to provide inclusive education, training, and humanitarian support across the country.

ENABLING LOCAL ACTORS



Strategic and operational coordination

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.

In 2023, the National Society, with support from the IFRC, implemented IFRC-DREF operations for floods in Quilmes and the province of Neuquén. It also assisted with the OCAC certification and volunteering database from the financial support of the [Capacity Building Fund \(CBF\)](#).

The in-country participating National Societies include the **Canadian Red Cross Society**, the **German Red Cross**, and the **Spanish Red Cross**.

Movement coordination

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

The ICRC has been operating in Argentina since the 1970s. Its work focuses on the identification of unidentified Argentine soldiers buried at Darwin Cemetery in the Falkland/Malvinas Islands. It also fosters adoption and promotes International Humanitarian Law (IHL) in the armed forces and the academic communities and supports the National Committee for the Implementation of IHL.

External coordination

In line with its auxiliary role, the Argentine Red Cross works closely with the national authorities in their respective countries, particularly in disaster management and response. The National Society has signed a three-year agreement with AySA, the concessionaire of public drinking water and sewage treatment services for the City of Buenos Aires, to carry out the technical and social monitoring of the Conectar T programme. It is launched together with the World Bank to make 10,000 links to the drinking water network and 20,000 links to the sewage service.

The National Society has several collaborative humanitarian networks that include different state agencies such as the National Meteorological Service, the Government of the Province of San Juan, the Government of the Province of Buenos Aires, the Municipality of San Pedro, the Municipality of Baradero, security forces (National Gendarmerie, Argentine Naval Prefecture) among several others.

The Argentine Red Cross is also part of different instances and mechanisms for articulation and decision-making in the field of emergency response, risk management, and health training. This includes the Network of Scientific and Technical Organizations for Disaster Risk Management, the Advisory Council for Adolescent and Youth Health (CONSAJU), and the Permanent Advisory Commission of the National Directorate of Nursing.

The National Society also has financial support from the following companies: Andreani, Mc Donalds, IRSA, Macro, Call Care, Pudencia, Mazalan, Banco Comafi, Santander, Bayer, Naturgy, Unilever, Coca-Cola, Banco Hipotecario, Walmart, Mercado Libre, Jetsmart, Uber, Mastercard, Alicorp, Movistar, Go Integro, La Segunda, Global Logics, P&G, Carrefour, Ford, SeSock, Cruz del Sur, DHL, Danone, The North.



National Society development

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Argentine Red Cross prioritized youth volunteerism as a key driver of behavior change and local action. In collaboration with regional and cluster offices, the National Society organized a session to prepare for its national meeting, focusing on enabling environments for humanitarian missions. Additionally, the National Society expanded access to education through its network of training centers, providing career opportunities in healthcare and emergency response. Volunteers and community members received specialized training, including first aid instruction. To strengthen inclusion, the Protection, Gender, and Inclusion Program conducted a diversity census to assess the backgrounds of staff and volunteers, with findings set for release by year-end. The National Society also developed an internal guide on disability inclusion in volunteering and the workforce, with training sessions planned for managers and volunteers. Through these initiatives, the Argentine Red Cross continues to promote accessibility, participation, and dignity in all its humanitarian efforts.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the National Society through grants such as the [Capacity Building Fund](#) (CBF) which enabled the Argentine Red Cross to carry out the second phase of the [OCAC](#), peer evaluation, and volunteer management platform through the MONDAY tool.

The IFRC also assisted the National Society with technical support to prepare a workshop on the volunteering cycle at the national and branch levels. The regional coordination of volunteering and youth development provided the terms of reference that were adapted to the needs of the National Society.



Humanitarian diplomacy

Progress by the National Society against objectives

During the first half of the year, the Argentine Red Cross focused on strengthening public trust and visibility through extensive communication efforts. The National Society published content across multiple social media platforms, as well as in local media, to highlight key activities such as emergency operations in Corrientes and Bahía Blanca and the I Choose to Help project. Additionally, targeted social media campaigns were launched to mobilize resources and recruit donors. To further enhance its positioning, the National Society collaborated on digital content with the International Committee of the Red Cross and other Southern Cone National Societies for World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day and commemorations related to the Battle of Solferino. Furthermore, the National Society participated in IFRC-led discussions through the Humanitarian Observatory and the Undersecretary of Human Development.

IFRC network joint support

In preparation for the International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, scheduled for October 2024, the Southern Cone Delegation facilitated institutional coordination meetings with the president of the Argentine Red Cross, the International Committee of the Red Cross, and Argentina's national ministries of Security and Foreign Affairs. These engagements aimed to align priorities and ensure effective representation at the global forum.



Accountability and agility (cross-cutting)

Progress by the National Society against objectives

As part of efforts to strengthen staff and volunteer management, the Argentine Red Cross implemented the Monday platform across all its branches in the first half of the year. This included developing a comprehensive database to track activities and maintain a complete register of volunteers. By the end of the second semester, all branches are expected to fully integrate this platform for volunteer applications and onboarding, streamlining management processes and improving coordination. This initiative is part of a broader digital transformation effort aimed at enhancing operational efficiency and data management within the National Society.

IFRC network joint support

To enhance risk management, the IFRC Regional Office, the IFRC Delegation for the Southern Cone, and the Argentine Red Cross established monitoring mechanisms to assess risks related to both the National Society and the broader country context. Regular follow-ups were conducted at the Secretariat level between the regional Risk Management consultant and the Southern Cone Delegation. Additionally, representatives from the IFRC and the National Society visited the Ezeiza Humanitarian Hub, where they identified opportunities to improve risk management in logistics.



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 Argentina 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](#)
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