

IN SUPPORT OF THE RED CROSS OF THE REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA



National Society
branches

33



National Society
local units

33



National Society
volunteers

4,585



National Society
staff

204

PEOPLE REACHED

Climate and
environment



663

Disasters and
crises



2,000

Health and
wellbeing



13,000

Migration and
displacement



3,000

Values, power
and inclusion



13,000

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

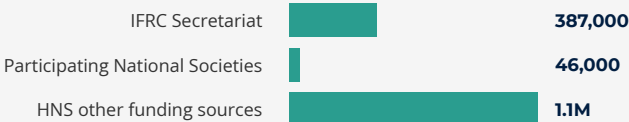
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Red Cross of the Republic of North Macedonia

Overview



Funding Sources



IFRC network

Country		Funding requirement	
IFRC Secretariat			
Longer-term	Funding requirement	70,000	
	Funding	Not reported	
	Expenditure	Not reported	
Emergency Operations	Funding requirement	Not reported	
	Funding	Not reported	
	Expenditure	270,000	
Participating National Societies			
	Funding requirement	348,000	
	Funding	198,000	
	Expenditure	31,000	
HNS other funding sources			
	Funding requirement	840,000	
	Funding	1.1M	

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Climate and environment

Number of people reached with heatwave risk reduction, preparedness or response activities  663

Number of people reached with activities to address rising climate risks  85

Disasters and crises

Number of people reached with disaster risk reduction  2,000

Number of people reached with shelter support  1,000

Number of people reached with livelihoods support  900

Percentage of assistance delivered using cash and vouchers 45%

Health and wellbeing

Number of people trained in first aid  13,000

Number of people reached with contextually appropriate health services  1,000

Number of people reached with psychosocial and mental health services  1,000

Migration and displacement

Number of migrants and displaced persons reached with services for assistance and protection  3,000

Number of Humanitarian Service Points (HSPs) providing assistance and/or protection to people on the move along migration routes  1

Values, power and inclusion

Number of people reached by the National Society's educational programmes  13,000

Number of people reached by protection, gender and inclusion programming  54

ENABLING FUNCTIONS

National Society development

National Society has developed and/or implemented a strategy for strengthening their auxiliary role	No
The National Society has an official branch development framework, model or guidance that defines the expected role and standards of branches	No
There is a National Society Development plan in place	No
National Society has created and implemented youth engagement strategies	No

Humanitarian diplomacy

National Society participates in IFRC-led campaigns	No
National Society has a domestic advocacy strategy developed aligning, at least in part, with global IFRC advocacy strategies	No

Accountability and agility

National Society has a Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) policy to enforce prevention and support survivors	No
National Society has a safe and accessible mechanism (such as the IFRC Integrity Line) in place to report integrity concerns, misconduct and breaches of rules and policies	No
National Society has a Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) Action Plan to enforce prevention and support survivors	No
National Society is implementing a digital transformation roadmap in line with the IFRC strategy	No
National Society has a functioning data management system that informs decision making and supports monitoring and reporting on the impact and evidence of its actions	No

IFRC NETWORK BILATERAL-SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

	Funding Reported	Climate and environment	Disasters and crises	Health and wellbeing	Migration and displacement	Values, power and inclusion	Enabling Functions
Austrian Red Cross	31,000						
Norwegian Red Cross							
Swiss Red Cross	198,000						
Total	CHF 228,000						

Q1. OVERALL PERFORMANCE

Context

North Macedonia entered 2026 with a relatively stable political environment, while continuing to face structural challenges related to the European Union (EU) accession, rule of law, social cohesion and economic vulnerability. Socio-economic challenges included unemployment, outward migration, skills shortages and regional disparities. Poverty and social exclusion remained important concerns, particularly among people from vulnerable situations, Roma communities, older people and people living in rural or economically disadvantaged areas.

The first half of 2026 was also particularly relevant from a disaster-risk perspective. Heavy rainfall in early January caused flash floods and landslides in parts of the country. Further flooding occurred between 14 and 16 February, when prolonged and intense rainfall caused rivers, including the Zajashka and Slupčanka, to rise rapidly and overflow.

Key achievements

Climate and environment

In the first half of 2026, the Red Cross of the Republic of North Macedonia provided timely information and supported the population during heatwaves. Volunteers frequently visited locations, including bus stops, hospitals and polyclinics, markets, and areas near larger administrative facilities across the country. Additionally, informational and educational materials were distributed, while free blood pressure measurements were provided to citizens who required them.

Disasters and crises

In 2026, the Red Cross of the Republic of North Macedonia responded to a flood emergency through the IFRC Disaster Response Emergency Fund (IFRC-DREF). Assistance included the provisions of food and hygiene items, essential household items, and psychosocial support during the first four months. In addition, the DREF operation concluded with a structured lessons-learned process, helping identify good practices and areas for improvement for future disaster response. Practical evacuation exercises were conducted at the primary school in Ohrid, based on a combined earthquake and fire scenario. In June, Saraj 2026 summer camp of the operational forces was organized. Across the country, the National Society branches worked to strengthen their preparedness, technical capacities, teamwork and coordination.

Health and wellbeing

Within the first half of 2026, the National Society collected 30,820 units of blood, fulfilling the planned target by 110 per cent. The National Society's centre for mental health and psychosocial support also provided assistance through counselling and referred individuals for professional psychosocial support. The Red Cross of the Republic of North Macedonia continued implementing the project 'Strengthening Access to Healthcare, Participation and Social Equality in the Western Balkans (SHAPE)'. Project activities included women's health check-ups including breast ultrasounds and mammography, distributions of resources including food and hygiene products, support to people in accessing employment, soft skills training, and rent support for people experiencing homelessness. In addition, through the Harm Reduction Project, initiated by the Ministry of Health, the National Society distributed sterile injection equipment, medical supplies, and information, education and communications (IEC) materials. Through educational lectures held by volunteer doctors in primary and secondary schools, the National Society marked the Week of Fight Against Cancer under the campaign 'Prevention Saves Life'.

Migration and displacement

As part of the IFRC Global Route-Based Migration Programme, humanitarian, medical, and protection support was provided to people on the move through mobile teams, transit centres, and Humanitarian Service Points (HSP) in Lojane and the Centre for Foreigners in Skopje. Further, in June, a study visit to Sarajevo was carried out with particular focus on data management and strengthened field data collection, analysis, and reporting. Additionally, as part of the project 'Humanitarian Assistance to Citizens of Ukraine', the National Society distributed TINEX cards to 100 families to support access to basic food products.

Values, power and inclusion

During the first half of 2026, the Red Cross of the Republic of North Macedonia continued supporting persons under international protection with their integration into the local community. Support included housing related activities, employment support activities, activities related to access to social and health protection and cultural mediation, educational and psychosocial support activities. The National Society worked as a licensed provider, delivered services for home care for older people, which are financially supported by the Ministry of Social Policy, Demography and Youth. The National Society also provided personal assistance services to people with disabilities on a monthly basis, with personal assistants supporting their daily needs. The Day Centre for Homeless Persons was also observed, and the National Society delivered 3,751 service visits aimed at improving social inclusion and access to health and social services for homeless and people in vulnerable situations in North Macedonia. The shelter is open to homeless individuals, providing temporary care until their situation is resolved. In winter, the shelter was open for overnight stays every day, with 24-hour staffing.

Enabling local actors

During the reporting period, the Red Cross of the Republic of North Macedonia continued with the implementation of activities across priority areas defined under the [Transformation-28 Framework](#). New Statutes of the National Society were adopted, providing an updated governance framework and strengthening the alignment of the organization's internal structures and procedures with current needs and applicable standards. In accordance with its established peer education policies, the National Society continuously implements preventive programmes aimed at raising young people's awareness of issues related to their health and well-being. The Red Cross of the Republic of North Macedonia officially took on the role of Secretariat of the regional Network for a two-year term following the signing of an agreement in Sofia. The National Society continued to strengthen accountability, transparency, and organizational agility through improved internal controls, integrity mechanisms and digitalization.

Q2. CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS

In this reporting period, no changes or amendments were made by the National Society.

Q3. MEASURING RESULTS OF THE IFRC NETWORK ACTION

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Climate and environment

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In June, in cooperation with its local branches, the Red Cross of the Republic of North Macedonia undertook activities to provide timely information and protect the health of the population from the impact of heatwaves. Volunteers were present at frequently visited locations, including bus stops, hospitals and polyclinics, markets, and areas near larger administrative facilities across the country. [Informational and educational materials](#) containing advice on health protection during heatwaves were distributed, while free blood pressure measurements were provided to citizens who required them.

The National Society also conducted five educational workshops, distributed leaflets, and assisted over 500 people with blood pressure measurements.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided technical and financial support to the Red Cross of the Republic of North Macedonia.



Disasters and crises

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

During the reporting period, IFRC Disaster Response Emergency Fund ([IFRC-DREF](#)) was utilized for a flood's emergency.

Name of Operation	North Macedonia Flood 2026
MDR-Code	MDRMK011
People Targeted	1,900
Duration	6 months (29 January 2026 to 31 July 2026)
Funding Allocation	CHF 279,679
DREF Operation Link	DREF operation
DREF Operation Update	DREF update

The [IFRC-DREF](#) allocation of CHF 279,679 in January 2026 supported the Red Cross of the Republic of North Macedonia in assisting 1,900 people affected by floods. The National Society supported the targeted people over a six-month period with the overall objective to provide immediate humanitarian assistance to flood-affected households in Kichevo and Ohrid, ensuring access to food and hygiene items, essential household items, and psychosocial support during the first four months following the floods.

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In first half of 2026, the Red Cross of the Republic of North Macedonia utilized a [DREF](#) operation to respond to floods affecting several parts of the country, with particularly significant impacts in Kichevo, Gostivar, Ohrid, and Skopje. The operation enabled the National Society to rapidly mobilize staff, volunteers, and branch capacities to support affected and evacuated populations and to provide timely humanitarian assistance based on identified needs. Through the operation, 607 households received humanitarian assistance, including [food assistance](#), [hygiene support](#), [shelter items](#), [psychosocial support](#) and [cash and voucher assistance](#) (CVA). Post-distribution monitoring (PDM) demonstrated the relevance and usefulness of this modality and strengthened the National Society's practical CVA capacities for future emergency operations.

The operation also strengthened coordination between the national headquarters (HQ) and municipal Red Cross branches, while providing practical experience in needs assessment, beneficiary identification, logistics, cash and voucher assistance, community engagement and operational reporting. The DREF operation concluded with a structured lessons-learned process involving the branches of Kichevo, Ohrid, Gostivar and Skopje, helping to identify good practices and areas for improvement and further strengthening preparedness and capacity for future disaster response.

Disaster preparedness and coordination was strengthened with relevant emergency services. In February, a practical evacuation exercise was conducted at the primary school in Ohrid, based on a combined earthquake and fire scenario. The exercise involved the National Society, Ohrid Fire Protection Unit, the Ministry of Interior, Emergency Medical Services and focused on testing evacuation procedures and strengthening the preparedness of students and school staff. Such demonstration exercises will be implemented in other secondary and primary schools in Ohrid and Debrca as part of continuous activities to improve safety in schools. These efforts contributed to maintaining the organization's role as a reliable auxiliary to public authorities and a capable first responder, supporting coordinated and timely interventions during wildfire emergencies.

In June 2026, [Saraj 2026](#) a summer camp of the operational forces was organized. Across the country, the National Society branched worked to strengthen their preparedness, technical capacities, teamwork and coordination. The first day of the camp was dedicated to a multi-stakeholder simulation exercise involving relevant national and local stakeholders, simulating the Red Cross response and support to firefighting operations during a wildfire. The exercise provided an opportunity to test coordination, communication, mobilization, and cooperation between the Red Cross and other actors involved in emergency response. The remainder of the camp focused specifically on the capacity development of the Red Cross of the Republic of North Macedonia's operational forces, with practical activities,

exercises and exchange of experience aimed at strengthening the ability of teams to work effectively together. Particular attention was given to improving coordination and interoperability between operational forces at central and local level, strengthening communication and understanding roles and responsibilities, and promoting a more unified approach to field response. The National Society was also invited to present its operational and water-rescue capacities and conduct a practical water-rescue exercise, providing an opportunity for participants to exchange experience and learn from regional good practice.

In June 2026, the Red Cross of the Republic of North Macedonia hosted the Neighbours Help First (NHF) Disaster Management Coordinators Meeting in Skopje, bringing together 15 Disaster Management Coordinators and technical representatives from across the federation. It was organised as part of the NHF annual plan, the meeting provided a platform for participating National Societies to exchange experiences, good practices, and lessons learned in disaster preparedness and response, strengthen coordination and cooperation and explore opportunities for joint initiatives and cross-border support. Discussions also addressed emerging risks and challenges affecting disaster management systems and identified practical opportunities to strengthen operational readiness, communication and mutual assistance mechanisms within the network.

Lifeguard training courses for open and closed waters were also conducted in Skopje, Ohrid, and Struga. A total of 34 open-water lifeguards and 26 closed-water lifeguards were trained. As part of the regular activities, a water rescue course was also conducted for members of the Army of the Republic of North Macedonia. At the start of summer, 22 lifeguards were engaged to ensure the safety of swimmers along the Ohrid-Struga Riviera, as well as at four swimming pools across the country.

Building on the National Disaster Response Team established in 2025, in 2026 RCRNM further strengthened its disaster response system through the establishment and development of Local Intervention Teams within Red Cross municipal branches across the country. This represents an important step towards decentralizing response capacity and ensuring that trained personnel are available closer to communities and potential emergency locations. The Local Intervention Teams were established to provide a rapid first response at local level, including initial assessment of needs, first aid, basic humanitarian assistance, coordination with local authorities and other response actors and support to affected or evacuated populations. The teams also serve as a direct operational link between municipal branches and the National Disaster Response Team, allowing local capacities to be mobilised immediately while enabling additional national resources and specialised capacities to be deployed when required.

The establishment of these teams is a key novelty in the Red Cross of the Republic of North Macedonia's disaster preparedness and response approach in 2026, moving from a predominantly centralised response model towards a multi-level and scalable system, where local teams can initiate the response and the National Disaster Response Team can provide reinforcement, coordination and surge capacity. This approach has strengthened the National Society's readiness to respond rapidly and effectively to emergencies across the country and to adapt the scale of its response according to the type, location, and magnitude of the disaster.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided support to the National Society through IFRC mechanisms such as the DREF which assisted in response to floods. This enabled the National Society to utilize an immediate allocation of 279,679 CHF to provide immediate humanitarian assistance to flood-affected households.

The **Norwegian Red Cross** supported the National Society with the Summer Camp of the Operational Forces 'Saraj 2026' in bringing together operational forces from Red Cross branches across the country to strengthen their preparedness, technical capacities, teamwork and coordination.



Progress by the National Society against objectives

In accordance with the Blood Donation Programme, the the Red Cross of the Republic of North Macedonia carried out regular organization and implementation of planned blood donation drives, with the aim of securing necessary quantities of blood for the country's healthcare system. During the reporting period, the National Society and the Institute of Transfusion Medicine collected 30,820 blood units, fulfilling the planned target at 110 per cent. The coordination team of the National Society and the Institute of Transfusion Medicine held coordination meetings and coordinated 428 blood donation drives in the field. With the support of the trained peer motivators, educational sessions were conducted across Red Cross branches. Of these, six sessions were conducted in Albanian, while the remaining sessions were conducted in Macedonian.

First aid remained a priority. During the reporting period, the National Society conducted 965 first aid courses for people for motor drive vehicles. In May, two regional first aid competitions were organised in Prilep and Skopje, with the theme focusing on 'First Aid in Urban areas'. The top five teams from each region will participate in the national first aid competition in 2026.

During the reporting period, the Red Cross of the Republic of North Macedonia's Centre for mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) in Skopje referred individuals for professional psychosocial support (PSS) at the Red Cross Counselling Centre. In addition, individual counselling sessions were provided through the MHPSS Centre in Skopje. These services were provided free of charge and primarily targeted to people in vulnerable situations. During the reporting period, more than 1,000 people in community settings received psychological first aid (PFA) and PSS, including Red Cross employees and volunteers, as well as members of institutions and communities affected by crisis situations.

As part of the DREF operation, group psychosocial support sessions were conducted between March and July 2026. The sessions provided community members with a safe space to receive emotional support, share experiences and strengthen their coping mechanisms. Additionally, a PSS workshop was conducted for 20 Red Cross volunteers and employees, facilitated by two trainers. The workshop focused on strengthening participants knowledge and practical skills for providing PSS during emergency situations. In addition, a three-day workshop on teamwork, mutual support and self-care in crisis situations was organized for Red Cross staff and volunteers involved in emergency response activities, strengthening capacities for staff care and psychosocial resilience during operations.

The National Society continued implementing the Strengthening Access to Healthcare, Participation and Social Equality in the Western Balkans (SHAPE) project, supported by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection. It focused on improving healthcare, social equality, and community participation, with a special emphasis on supporting older people. The project aimed to improve social and economic participation, as well as access of vulnerable groups to health, care, and social services in Albania, North Macedonia, and Serbia. During the reporting period, the following project activities included women's health check-ups including breast ultrasounds and mammography, distributions of resources including food, hygiene products, clothing, mattresses, diapers and baby packs, support to people in accessing employment, soft skills training and rent support for people experiencing homelessness.

Two Mental Health Corners were also organized as part of the National First Aid competitions. Through these activities, young participants received information on the principles of psychological first aid and psychosocial support, helping increase awareness of the importance of mental health and the role individuals can play in providing initial emotional support during crisis situations.

The Red Cross of the Republic of North Macedonia continued its support group activities for oncology patients, with free monthly workshops facilitated by licensed psychologists and social workers. The sessions provided emotional support, peer exchange, and practical coping strategies for psychosocial challenges related to long-term health conditions.

At the Regional Centre for MHPSS, a one-day training on 'PTSD: Assessment, Stabilization and Referral in an Institutional Context' was held in March 2026. The training was held for six psychologists with the aim of improving their knowledge and skills in recognizing and working with post-traumatic reactions and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

In addition, the Harm Reduction Project, initiated by the Ministry of Health and executed through local branch of Kichevo, Veles and Prilep, involved the Red Cross of the Republic of North Macedonia distributing sterile injection equipment, medical

supplies, condoms, lubricants and information, education and communications (IEC) materials. They were distributed to people in Kichevo, Veles, and Prilep.

In February 2026, under the theme “Healthy Life, Healthy Heart”, educational lectures were held across schools, youth clubs and local branches to promote awareness and prevention through healthy habits.

The National Society also marked the Week of Fight Against Cancer in the period from 1 to 8 March under the campaign ‘Prevention Saves Life’. Educational lectures were held by volunteer doctors from the local branches in primary and secondary schools, for members of youth clubs, pensioners’ associations, companies, and volunteers in the branches.

The National Society also marked the World Tuberculosis Day on 24 March with the campaign ‘Yes! We Can End Tuberculosis’. To support global efforts in combating tuberculosis, local branches, along with the City Red Cross of Skopje, shared posters and social media updates on the importance of timely prevention and early diagnosis.

IFRC network joint support

The **IFRC** provided technical and financial assistance to the National Society.

The **Swiss Red Cross** supported the National Society with the ‘Humanitarian Assistance to Citizens of Ukraine’ project which provided medical therapy to people.



To National Society works to provide immediate relief to people affected by severe fires as a result of heat waves. (Photo: The Republic of Red Cross of North Macedonia)



Migration and displacement

Progress by the National Society against objectives

As part of the IFRC [Global Route-Based Migration Programme](#), humanitarian, medical, and protection support was provided to people on the move through mobile teams, transit centres, the [Humanitarian Service Points](#) (HSP) in Lojane and the Centre for Foreigners in Skopje and other relevant locations.

Medical support included [first aid](#), medical assistance, transportation and referrals, while protection and psychosocial needs were addressed for those vulnerable situations, including unaccompanied minors and people experiencing distress or other protection risks.

In June 2026, a study visit to the Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina in Sarajevo was carried out. The visit enabled exchange of practical experience in migration response, with particular focus on data management and the use of Kobo Toolbox for field data collection, analysis and reporting.

The Red Cross of the Republic of North Macedonia also participated in the Platform for European Red Cross Cooperation on Refugees, Asylum Seekers, and Migrants (PERCO) meeting in May 2026. The main discussion, involving representatives from European National Societies, focused on the new European Union (EU) Pact regulations and possible return hubs.

As part of the Global Route-Based Migration Programme, the National Society participated in an IFRC-organized training on risk analysis and the development of migration preparedness plans. The training was held in Sarajevo in June 2026 and aimed to strengthen preparedness and response capacities in the field of migration. The National Society attended the first Global Meeting of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement held in Italy in June.

In February, as part of the project 'Humanitarian Assistance to Citizens of Ukraine', the National Society distributed TINEX cards to 100 families to support access to basic food products. In March, an excursion to Omorani and a visit to Lake Veles were organized to promote socialization, recreation and psychosocial well-being. These activities contributed to the continued support of the health, dignity and daily well-being of people from Ukraine.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the National Society with technical support, coordination, and assistance through IFRC initiatives such as the [Global Route-Based Migration Programme](#).

The **Swiss Red Cross** assisted the National Society with activities under the Global Route-Based Migration Programme during the reporting period. In addition, it supported the 'Humanitarian Assistance to Citizens of Ukraine' project.



Values, power and inclusion

Progress by the National Society against objectives

As part of the DREF operation, to strengthen inclusive emergency response capacities, two [protection, gender and inclusion](#) (PGI) workshops were organized for staff and volunteers. The trainings focused on protection mainstreaming, safeguarding, prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) and the provision of safe, dignified, and inclusive humanitarian assistance.

During the reporting period, the Red Cross of the Republic of North Macedonia continued supporting persons under international protection with their integration into the local community. Support included housing related activities, employment support activities, activities related to access to social and health protection and cultural mediation, educational and psychosocial support activities. In addition, mentoring meetings and meetings with relevant institutions and partners were conducted, alongside distributions of humanitarian packages. Special attention was given to supporting children with recognized refugee status, including over 210 hours of support provided at home, the continuous participation of three children in the Smarty Kids Educational Centre, three vouchers for clothing and footwear and New Year packages

and toys for three children. Through [the Gaming Hub](#), people also received 40 hours of digital skills training and 105 hours of Macedonian language classes, supporting their independence, access to services and inclusion in the community.

The Red Cross of the Republic of North Macedonia is a verified provider of training programmes for personal assistants for people with disabilities and caregivers providing home based support. Following the expiration of the previous caregiver training programme, a new specialized programme was developed and verified by the Adult Education Centre in Skopje, with the City Red Cross of Skopje accredited to deliver it. Through local branches, caregiver training courses and one personal assistant training course were conducted, training several caregivers and personal assistants.

The National Society worked as a licensed provider, delivered services for home care for older people, which are financially supported by the Ministry of Social Policy, Demography and Youth. This service covered older people on a monthly basis, served by caregivers. Additionally, the National Society provided personal assistance services to people with disabilities on a monthly basis, with personal assistants supporting their daily needs.

The National Society supported the social inclusion of children and young people with disabilities through activities promoting socialization, communication, participation and inclusion. More than 340 people were reached across eight-day care centres, with Red Cross volunteers contributing to the implementation of activities alongside professional staff.

Six Red Cross day-care centres across the country provided a range of services and activities for older people, aimed at improving their quality of life, promoting active ageing, and reducing social isolation. Educational, creative, health and social activities were tailored to their needs and interests. Through these regular activities, people had the opportunity to acquire new knowledge and skills, maintain and improve their health, spend quality time and build social connections with their peers. The Ministry of Social Policy, Demography and Youth supported the operation of these centres in Skopje, Kriva Palanka, Debar and Strumica, contributing to the development and sustainability of community-based services for older people.

With the support of a World Bank funded project implemented by the Ministry of Social Policy, Demography and Youth, three additional day-care centres for older people are expected to open this year in Bitola, Kičevo, and Gevgelija. The opening of these centres will contribute to expanding the availability of services for older people and bringing such services closer to local communities.

The Day Centre for Homeless Persons provided support to people during the reporting period. A total of 3,751 visits were recorded, and items of clothing were distributed to people experiencing homelessness. Services were delivered through a structured, individualized approach aimed at improving social inclusion and access to health and social services for homeless and people in vulnerable situations in North Macedonia. Medical support included provision of analgesics, regular therapy and health consultations. Medical aids (eyeglasses, crutches, wheelchairs) and specialized transportation were provided. Assistance was also offered during medical examinations in hospitals. Social workers facilitated consultations and mediation to help people obtain personal documentation and access social protection rights. People received bathing facilities, personal hygiene items, clothing and meals.

The shelter is open to homeless individuals with health and psychosocial issues, providing temporary care until their situation is resolved. In winter, the shelter was open for overnight stays every day, with 24-hour staffing. Overnight stays were provided for homeless people, who also received a meal and hot tea. Additionally, teams were deployed and remained on standby 24 hours a day to respond to reports from citizens, the police and others regarding individuals found on the street in poor health. Ten field interventions were carried out, in one instance, an urgent response was required, and the homeless individual was accommodated in the transit facility in Chichino Selo. The individuals visited were subsequently placed in the shelter or in the case of those with homes transported back to their residences.

During the reporting period, increased use of innovative social services by older people and people with disabilities highlighted the continued need for such support, with transport services provided to facilitate safer and easier access to healthcare, social, and other essential services. In addition, the 'Emergency Button' service provided continuous support to people, offering them an increased sense of safety and enabling a timely response in situations where assistance was required. Alarms were activated during the reporting period, of which 31 were registered as emergency situations requiring timely field intervention. Through the established monitoring and response system, people were provided with rapid assistance in cases of health-related or other emergencies. Since June 2026, the service has also been introduced in the City of Bitola, expanding the availability of specialized transport support at the local level. Prior to the start of the service, two training sessions were conducted for the engaged personnel, focusing on the safe and appropriate use of the dedicated vehicle, as well as on the procedures and standards for delivering the service.

Kopche is a social enterprise that facilitates the distribution of affordable clothing to low-income people while creating employment opportunities for people in vulnerable situations promoting environmental preservation. The Kopche store collected approximately 50 tons of clothing. Through the free distribution point, clothing was timely provided to people and were donated to people residing in public institutions.

As part of a project supported by the Ministry of Social Policy, Demography and Youth, free vacation and recreational activities were organized for children from families at social risk. The activity provided children with an opportunity to spend quality time in a safe and stimulating environment, with access to a range of activities contributing to their social, emotional and personal development. During the children's stay, the volunteers worked with children and organized a variety of recreational, educational and child development activities, adapted to the children's age, interests, and individual needs. The activities focused on encouraging social interaction, teamwork, creativity and the development of social skills, while also creating positive experiences and opportunities for learning through play and recreation. Through the active involvement of the volunteers, the children received additional support throughout their stay, while their active participation in group and joint activities was further encouraged.

IFRC network joint support

The **IFRC** supported the National Society with technical and financial support.

The **Austrian Red Cross** supported the National Society through dedicated transport service in Bitola aimed to support training sessions on safe and appropriate use of a dedicated vehicle.

ENABLING LOCAL ACTORS



Strategic and operational coordination

IFRC membership coordination

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

The **Austrian Red Cross** provides support to the Red Cross of the Republic of North Macedonia through bilateral and regional EU projects, focusing on capacity development, healthy ageing, social services, certified caregiver training, disaster preparedness, MHPSS crisis response. Key achievements include home care services for older people, the establishment of the Regional Training Centre in Strumica, caregiver training for the unemployed and innovative services such as the "Emergency Button" in Skopje to assist older people and people with disabilities.

The **Norwegian Red Cross**, as part of the four-year bilateral cooperation agreement, will support the National Society through the implementation of the two twinning programmes. It will be implemented over the next three years at the local level: Skopje-Oslo and Ohrid-Møre og Romsdal, focusing on mutual skills sharing and capacity building. The Norwegian Red Cross will also provide capacity building support to address identified gaps on a year-to-year basis.

The **Swiss Red Cross** offers bilateral support to the Red Cross of the Republic of North Macedonia for capacity building, healthy and active ageing programmes, social services and caregiver training for older people and people with disabilities. Key initiatives include humanitarian aid and MHPSS for displaced people from Ukraine, referral services, CVA, child-friendly spaces and support for the Emergency Button service and homeless assistance.

Movement coordination

The Red Cross of the Republic of North Macedonia 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 provides support in the realization of training for general as well as IHL disseminations, activities for Restoring Family Links and workshops with media representatives. The activities are aimed at spreading the idea, vision and mission of the Red Cross Movement. The ICRC also supports the National Society with essential supplies, medical assistance, capacity building and facilitating access to medical services for affected populations.

External coordination

The Red Cross of the Republic of North Macedonia actively participates in the National Emergency Management Authority, led by the Ministry of Interior, coordinating disaster management nationwide. It also collaborates with the Ministries of Health and Labor and Social Policy on health emergencies and social support.

In recent disasters, the Red Cross of the Republic of North Macedonia has conducted rapid needs assessments, provided immediate assistance, such as shelter and food, and helped register affected people to facilitate access to services. Longer-term partnerships include work with the Ministries of Education and Science, Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy, and Social Affairs on educational, rural development, and social inclusion projects.

Alongside the IFRC and other partners, the National Society engages in interagency coordination and maintains partnerships with United Nations (UN) agencies, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), the private sector, academic institutions and local actors to ensure coordinated humanitarian response and promote community development and resilience.



National Society development

Progress by the National Society against objectives

During the reporting period, the Red Cross of the Republic of North Macedonia continued with the implementation of activities across priority areas defined under the [Transformation-28 Framework](#). The coordination group guided the implementation of the action plan for each priority, conducted regular consultative meetings with staff and supported the implementation of the activities of the desk officers. To ensure continuity and alignment, the group conducted monthly meetings and developed monthly reports in order to evaluate the implementation process.

Significant progress was made in strengthening the governance and institutional development of the National Society. New Statutes of the National Society were adopted, providing an updated governance framework and strengthening the alignment of the organization's internal structures and procedures with current needs and applicable standards. The National Society also adopted several other important documents related to the forthcoming election process in the National Society, such as Rules of Procedure, Policy on Membership, Policy on Organizing the Work of the Youth, Policy on Conducting Elections and Verification of the Election Process, Guidelines on Organizing the Work of the Youth and Guidelines for Functioning of the Grassroots Organizations. Policy on Membership and the Guidelines for Functioning of the Grassroots Organizations represented important tools for expanding local membership opportunities, creating pathways for engagement with various societal actors, such as trade unions, sports organizations, associations, and companies, and enhancing the financial sustainability of program activities, registration of members, mechanisms that allow members to participate in the organization's governance structure according to their interests and the functioning of the grassroots organizations.

Following the revised framework, local and national elections were successfully conducted for the new mandate period 2026–2030, ensuring a structured, transparent and inclusive process for the renewal of the governing bodies at different levels of the National Society.

The number of active volunteers continued to reflect strong community involvement. Recruitment and retention efforts remained a key priority, especially for crisis response. Membership levels across Red Cross branches remained consistent. Awareness campaigns were launched to engage new members and re-engage existing ones, emphasizing the value and impact of Red Cross membership. In addition, work began on establishing systems to recognize and strengthen member capacities, including the development of membership benefits in cooperation with partner organizations.

The Red Cross of the Republic of North Macedonia youth actively contributed to addressing the needs of young people and vulnerable groups through peer-to-peer education, humanitarian actions and non-formal learning activities. The youth structure operated through youth clubs, engaging youth members nationwide.

In accordance with its established peer education policies, the National Society continuously implements preventive programmes aimed at raising young people's awareness of issues related to their health and well-being. During the first six months of 2026, peer education activities were being implemented on topics such as HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted infections prevention, prevention of substance abuse, prevention of human trafficking, hygiene promotion, mental health and environmental education. These activities are designed to encourage young people to gain knowledge, develop healthy and responsible behaviours and actively share information with their peers.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the National Society in will provide technical expertise, guidance, and resources to assist the Red Cross of the Republic of North Macedonia with capacity building, training programmes, and knowledge sharing to strengthen the National Society's organizational capacity and effectiveness.



Humanitarian diplomacy

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Red Cross of the Republic of North Macedonia officially took on the role of Secretariat of the regional Network for a two-year term following the signing of an agreement in Sofia. In this role, RCRNM hosted a network meeting in Skopje in June 2026, bringing together disaster management representatives from member organizations across the region. The meeting provided an opportunity to discuss past activities, current challenges, and future priorities, while also identifying concrete opportunities for strengthened regional cooperation and joint action.

On 25 March, the monograph 'Three Decades of Humanity' was launched, celebrating 30 years of the Promotion of Human Values (PHV) Programme. The publication highlights its development, achievements, volunteer engagement, mentorship, and impact across the Red Cross network, including international experiences and 35 local PHV projects implemented across the country.

In accordance with its dissemination practices, the National Society continuously implemented dissemination activities aimed at strengthening awareness and understanding of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, its Fundamental Principles, history, mission and mandate. Dissemination sessions were conducted for newly employed staff, volunteers, members and the general public, with content adapted to the needs and background of the participants.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the National Society in strengthening its humanitarian diplomacy efforts aligned to the IFRC humanitarian diplomacy policy.



Accountability and agility (cross-cutting)

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The National Society continued to strengthen accountability, transparency, and organizational agility through improved internal controls, integrity mechanisms and digitalization.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the National Society in establishing transparent financial systems, robust reporting mechanisms, and efficient procurement processes, ensuring accountable resource use and boosting donor confidence.

Q4. AFFECTED PERSONS (PEOPLE REACHED)

See cover pages

Q5. PARTICIPATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR AFFECTED PEOPLE – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

See Strategic Priority on 'Values, power and inclusion' under Q3: MEASURING RESULTS OF THE IFRC NETWORK ACTION

Q6. RISK MANAGEMENT

This information is not available in Mid-Year Reports

Q7. EXIT STRATEGY AND SUSTAINABILITY

See Strategic Priorities or Enabling Local Actors, where relevant under Q3: MEASURING RESULTS OF THE IFRC NETWORK ACTION

Q8. LESSONS LEARNED

Nothing to report

ANNEX 1. IFRC APPLICATION OF THE 8+3 REPORTING TEMPLATE

The IFRC network structures its result-based management along five Strategic priorities and four Enabling functions, developed based on the IFRC network's [Strategy 2030](#):

IFRC network Strategic Priorities	IFRC network Enabling Functions
SP 1 - Climate and environment	EF 1- Strategic and operational coordination
SP 2 - Disasters and crises	EF 2 - National Society development
SP 3 - Health and wellbeing	EF 3 - Humanitarian diplomacy
SP 4 - Migration and displacement	EF 4 - Accountability and agility
SP 5 - Values, power and inclusion	

The Federation-wide results matrix provides a standard way for the IFRC network to measure its progress towards Strategy 2030 implementation and supports consistent quality of the IFRC network planning, monitoring and reporting. To further advance coherence in monitoring across the IFRC network, a [Federation-wide Indicator Bank](#) has been developed and integrated into the Federation-wide monitoring systems for emergencies and longer-term work, structured along the Federation-wide results matrix as well. Signatory of the Grand Bargain Agreement, the IFRC has committed to its monitoring and reporting standards through integration of the [8+3 reporting template](#) contents into its results-based management approach. The following mapping demonstrates the way in which this report aligns with 8+3 reporting:

8+3 template	IFRC network Mid-Year Report (with variance in structure in red)
Core Questions	
1. Overall Performance	Overall Performance
2. Changes and Amendments	Changes and amendments
3. Measuring Results	Measuring Results
4. Affected Persons	Cover pages with indicators values
5. Participation & AAP	Under Q3 Strategic Priority 5: Values, power and inclusion – Community Engagement and Accountability
6. Risk management	Risk management
7. Exit Strategy and Sustainability	Under Q3 sub-sections by Strategic Priority/Enabling Function where relevant
8. Lessons Learned	Lessons learned
Additional Questions	
1. Value for Money/ Cost Effectiveness	Not included in mid-year reports
2. Visibility	Not included in mid-year reports
3. Coordination	Under Q3 Enabling Function 1: Strategic and operational coordination
4. Implementing Partners	Cross-cutting, with a focus on support to localization through the Q3 Enabling Functions 1 to 4
5. Activities or Steps Towards implementation	Cross-cutting in Q3 Strategic Priorities and Enabling Functions
6. Environment	Under Q3 Strategic Priority 1: Climate and environment



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DATA SCOPE AND LIMITATIONS

- **Timeframe and alignment:** The reporting timeframe for this overview is covering the period from 1 January to 30 June 2026. However, due to the diversity of the IFRC and differences in fiscal years, this coverage may not fully align for some National Societies.
- **Financial overview:** This overview consolidates data reported by the National Society and its IFRC network partners, as well as data extracted from IFRC's financial systems. All reported figures should include the administrative and operational costs of the different entities. The financial data with a grey background is solely reported by the National Society, including the funding sources. Financial reporting is often times estimated depending on availability of financial figures, closing of financial periods and may be incomplete. 'Not reported' could sometimes mean 'not applicable'. Also note that funding requirements are already reflected in the published 2026 IFRC network country plan. The total funding requirements show what the IFRC network has sought to raise for the given year through different channels: funding through the IFRC, through participating National Societies as bilateral support and through the host National Society from non-IFRC network sources. All figures should include the administrative and operational costs of the different entities.
 - » Host National Society funding requirements not coming from IFRC network sources can comprise a variety of sources, as demonstrated when reporting on income in the IFRC Federation-wide Databank and Reporting System
 - » Participating National Society funding requirements for bilateral support are those validated by respective headquarters, and often represent mainly secured funding
 - » IFRC funding requirements comprise both what is sourced from the IFRC core budget and what is sought through emergency and thematic funding. This includes participating National Societies' multilateral support through IFRC, and all other IFRC sources of funding
- **Missing data and breakdowns:** National Societies have diverse data collection systems and processes that may not align with the standardized indicators. Data may not be available for some indicators, for some National Societies. This may lead to inconsistencies across different reporting tools as well as potential under or over-estimation of the efforts led by all.
- **Reporting bias:** The data informing this Federation-wide overview is self-reported by each National Society (or its designated support entity) which is the owner and gatekeeper, and responsible for accuracy and updating. IFRC tries to triangulate the data provided by the National Societies with previous data and other data in the public domain.
- **Definitions:**
 - » **Local units:** ALL subdivisions of a National Society that coordinate and deliver services to people. These include ALL levels (provincial, state, city, district branches, sections or chapters, headquarters, and regional and intermediate offices, as well as community-based units)
 - » **Branches:** A Branch has its roles, responsibilities and relationship with the National Headquarters defined through the National Society's Statutes, including the level of autonomy given, especially in the area of its legal status, mobilising local resources and building local partnerships, and the decisions it makes. It has a local-level decision-making mechanism through its Branch members, board and volunteers, equally defined through the National Society's Statutes

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- [MK_North Macedonia MYR Financials.pdf](#)
- [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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