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26

National Society
branches



82

National Society
local units



118

National Society
staff



3,765

National Society
volunteers

PEOPLE REACHED

Emergency
Operations



1,431

Climate and
environment



2,149

Disaster and
crises



3,407

Health and
wellbeing



9,142

Migration and
displacement



784

Values, power
and inclusion



4,032

Appeal number

MAAAG002 | MAAGY001
MAABS002 | MAAKN001
MAABB002 | MAALC001
MAABZ002 | MAAVC001
MAADM001 | MAASR001
MAAGD001 | MAATT001

OVERALL PROGRESS

Context

The Caribbean region, comprising 13 Dutch and English-speaking nations, faces a complex web of challenges that span environmental, social and economic realms. Climate change intensifies the frequency and severity of natural disasters, including hurricanes, floods and rising sea levels, which affect both the environment and essential sectors like tourism and agriculture. These small island developing states are especially vulnerable to climate-related disruptions, straining recovery efforts and critical infrastructure. Latest reports indicate that 74 per cent of Latin American and Caribbean countries are highly exposed to extreme weather events which in turn reducing agricultural productivity, disrupting food supply chains, impacting food environments and threatening progress in reducing hunger and malnutrition in the region.

In 2025, the Caribbean was continued to respond to multiple concurrent disasters, including Hurricane Beryl in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Grenada, Barbados and Jamaica as well as fires in Belize. Due to the multi-dimensional vulnerabilities of Caribbean small island developing states, exacerbated by economic, social and environmental factors, as well as the frequency of disasters in this region, recovery from crises can take years.

Non-communicable diseases remained a challenge and were of particular concern. These conditions, such as hypertension, diabetes, obesity and cancer, are the major causes of death and account for the greatest share of the disease burden in the Caribbean.

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

in Swiss francs (CHF)

Antigua and Barbuda Red Cross			
Overview		Funding Sources	
Funding	Not reported	IFRC Secretariat	Not reported
Expenditure	Not reported	Participating National Societies	Not reported
		HNS other funding sources	Not reported

IFRC network			
Country		Funding Requirement	615,000
IFRC Secretariat	Longer-term	Funding Requirement	275,000
		Funding	65,000
		Expenditure	33,000
Participating National Socie..		Funding Requirement	Not reported
HNS other funding sources		Funding Requirement	340,000
		Funding	Not reported

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Disasters and crises	Number of people reached with emergency response and early recovery programmes	367
	Number of people reached by the National Society with contextually appropriate health services	1,000
	Number of people reached by the National Society with training in first aid	710
	Number of people reached with psychosocial and mental health services	5
Migration and displacement	Number of migrants and displaced persons reached with services for assistance and protection	1

ENABLING FUNCTIONS

Accountability and agility	National Society is implementing a digital transformation roadmap in line with the IFRC strategy	Yes
National Society development	There is a National Society Development plan in place	Yes

IFRC NETWORK BILATERAL-SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

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

Q1. OVERALL PERFORMANCE

Key achievements

Disasters and crises

In 2025, the Antigua and Barbuda Red Cross strengthened disaster preparedness by developing and launching its Facility Emergency Evacuation Plan and continuing work on the Secretariat Emergency Response Framework. The National Society made advances Preparedness for Effective Response (PER) by reviewing actions from the 2024 readiness check and prioritizing internal coordination, volunteer preparedness and clearer roles and responsibilities ahead of the hurricane season. It also provided care products to vulnerable patients receiving treatment at the Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre and contributed to the development of a Regional [Early Action Protocol](#) with the Dominica Red Cross Society and St. Kitts and Nevis Red Cross Society to improve readiness and enable access to anticipatory action funding.

Health and wellbeing

The Antigua and Barbuda Red Cross continued delivering health and wellbeing services through workplace health screenings, hygiene support, clothing assistance, humanitarian access services and mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS). It trained community members in disaster management, emergency response and first aid at different competency levels. The National Society also strengthened its first aid capacity through participation in the Regional First Aid Meeting in Bogotá, Colombia, a first aid demonstration for students and efforts to expand and develop its instructor base. In addition, it established a Psychosocial Support and Psychosocial First Aid programme to support youth through mentorship and guidance during times of distress and uncertainty.

Migration and displacement

During the reporting period, the Antigua and Barbuda Red Cross endorsed the Red Cross Movement's Migration Action Plan, supported the proposed establishment of the Movement Network on Migration in the Americas and contributed to implementing the 2024–2030 Migration Strategy. The National Society focused on coordination, advocacy for humanitarian access and dialogue with relevant authorities and diplomatic missions to support people affected by migration.

Enabling local actors

In 2025, the Antigua and Barbuda Red Cross strengthened its institutional development through updated policies, improved accountability systems, enhanced volunteer engagement standards and continued digitalization of operations. Volunteer participation increased through more structured engagement and clearer expectations. The National Society also maintained dialogue with government institutions, diplomatic missions and other stakeholders to reinforce its auxiliary role and highlight the challenges faced by a small National Society, particularly in migration and social protection contexts.

The National Society further strengthened accountability through stronger financial controls, improved reporting practices, policy implementation and operational risk management. It advanced digitalization efforts through the use of institutional email systems, improved data management processes, upgraded operational tools and the transition to an online accounting platform, contributing to greater transparency and audit readiness.

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



Disasters and crises

For real-time information on emergencies, visit the IFRC GO page: [Antigua and Barbuda](#)

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2025, the Antigua and Barbuda Red Cross developed and launched the Facility Emergency Evacuation Plan and continued drafting the Secretariat Emergency Response Framework. The National Society advanced work related to Preparedness for Effective Response (PER) by reviewing actions from the 2024 readiness check and prioritizing internal coordination, volunteer preparedness and clarification of roles and responsibilities ahead of the 2025 hurricane season. It also provided care products to vulnerable patients receiving treatment at the Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre.

Furthermore, the National Society worked on developing a Regional [Early Action Protocol](#), with the aim of establishing a common protocol to enable it to access anticipatory action funding in coordination with the Dominica Red Cross Society and St. Kitts and Nevis Red Cross Society. This collaborative approach aims to strengthen the preparedness and readiness capacities of the three Caribbean National Societies and to facilitate early response actions once agreed triggers are met.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided technical support to the Antigua and Barbuda Red Cross in the development of its internal emergency response framework. Support was also provided for review of documents and preparedness tools.

The **Netherlands Red Cross** supported the National Society with technical guidance in developing a Regional Early Action Protocol, through its 510 Data and Digital Initiative.



Health and wellbeing

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Antigua and Barbuda Red Cross continued delivering health and wellbeing services including workplace health screenings and direct assistance to vulnerable beneficiaries through hygiene support, clothing and humanitarian access. It also provided mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services and trained community members in disaster management and response and medical emergency response at various levels of competency, ranging from basic first aiders to advanced medics.

The National Society strengthened its first aid capacity by participating in the Regional First Aid Meeting in Bogota, Colombia in May 2025 aimed at strengthening first aid capacities across the Americas. Critical highlights of the three-day workshop included the exchange of best practices, the development and refinement of national action plans, strengthening the focus on climate, migration, inclusion and digital innovation in regional first aid as well as the dissemination of the innovative tools designed by [Global First Aid Reference Centre](#) to develop community resilience.

In July 2025 it conducted a first aid demonstration for students. Progress was also made in strengthening the First Aid programme through instructor recertification planning, trainer development and expansion of the instructor pool.

Additionally, the Antigua and Barbuda Red Cross established a robust Mental Health and Psychosocial Support ([MHPSS](#)) and Psychosocial First Aid ([PFA](#)) programme aimed at supporting youth in times of distress and uncertainty through mentorship and guidance.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC assisted the National Society in ensuring that its reporting of health-related interventions remained in alignment with IFRC standards.



Migration and displacement

Progress by the National Society against objectives

During the reporting period, the Antigua and Barbuda Red Cross endorsed the Red Cross Movement's Migration Action Plan and proposed establishment of the Movement Network on Migration in the Americas (REDMA). It also contributed to efforts to implement the 2024-2030 Migration Strategy. The National Society focused its activities on coordination, advocacy for humanitarian access and dialogue with relevant authorities and diplomatic missions.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided support to the National Society in improving its coordination and technical engagements pertaining to issues of migration and displacement.

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.

In the Dutch and English-speaking Caribbean, various established national and regional mechanisms provide space for coordination and knowledge sharing. Those include, most prominently, the Red Cross Caribbean Disaster Risk Management Cell (CADRIM), which takes the lead in building and contributing knowledge and providing services to the IFRC network in the Caribbean, as well as contributes to the Americas and globally. CADRIM actively works towards the development of evidence, data and research on how to strengthen community resilience through sustainable preparedness and risk reduction activities, particularly in small island developing states.

Movement coordination

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

The ICRC supports some of the National Societies in their work on Restoring Family Links and tracing, primarily in the areas of migration and in promoting international humanitarian law. The Caracas regional delegation covers Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago and Venezuela. It focuses on promoting International Humanitarian Law among armed forces and police, detainees and cooperation with the National Societies.

External coordination

In keeping with its auxiliary role, the Antigua and Barbuda Red Cross served on the National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) of Antigua and Barbuda and participated in approximately three meetings in 2025. The NEOC is a crucial component of the country's disaster management system as it coordinates responses to hazards/disasters, which are activated during significant weather events. The National Society also strengthened coordination and visibility through increased use of social media and engagement with national media outlets, resulting in improved public awareness and renewed stakeholder interest.

Progress was also made toward formalizing partnerships through discussions around memoranda of understanding with government institutions and private sector actors. In February, 2025, the Antigua and Barbuda Red Cross signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Verb Consultancy Ltd to establish a strategic and cooperative partnership aimed at improving workplace safety and emergency preparedness through certified training for businesses and organizations.



National Society development

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2025, the National Society advanced internal development through strengthened policies, improved accountability systems, enhanced volunteer engagement standards and continued digitalization of operations. Volunteer participation increased, supported by clearer expectations and structured engagement.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided the Antigua and Barbuda Red Cross with technical guidance in advancing organizational development.



Humanitarian diplomacy

Progress by the National Society against objectives

For the period from January to December 2025, the Antigua and Barbuda Red Cross focused on maintaining dialogue with government institutions, diplomatic missions and stakeholders to reinforce its auxiliary role. Engagements highlighted the challenges of operating as a small National Society and the need for sustained support, particularly in migration and social protection contexts.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the National Society in facilitating strategic discussions.



Accountability and agility (cross-cutting)

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2025, the National Society continued to strengthen accountability through policy implementation, improved financial controls, enhanced reporting practices and operational risk mitigation measures. Digitalization efforts progressed, including institutional email systems, data management processes and improved operational tools. It also upgraded its financial management systems, including the transition to an online accounting platform, contributing to improved transparency and audit readiness.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the National Society through technical assistance related to risk management, digital transformation and monitoring and evaluation.

Q4. AFFECTED PERSONS (PEOPLE REACHED)

See cover pages

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

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

Q6. RISK MANAGEMENT

This information is not available in Annual Reports

Q7. EXIT STRATEGY AND SUSTAINABILITY

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

Q8. LESSONS LEARNED

The Antigua and Barbuda Red Cross learned important lessons about strengthening organizational resilience and sustaining humanitarian impact. The disruption caused by the January 2025 Stop Work Order on the Regional Disaster Assistance Programme highlighted the vulnerability of preparedness, training and response activities to changes in international funding environments, underscoring the need to diversify funding sources, adopt more flexible programme planning approaches and strengthen local partnerships to ensure continuity of operations. At the same time, the National Society's experience reinforced the critical role of volunteers in delivering emergency response, community outreach and programme activities, demonstrating that sustained humanitarian action depends on a committed and well-supported volunteer base. Recognizing and celebrating volunteer contributions was identified as essential for maintaining motivation, fostering a positive organisational culture and securing long-term volunteer engagement.

SUCCESS STORIES



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A Legacy of Service: Celebrating the Volunteers Who Strengthen Humanitarian Action

In 2025, the Antigua and Barbuda Red Cross celebrated the extraordinary contributions of its volunteers, reaffirming the vital role volunteerism plays in sustaining humanitarian action and strengthening communities. Through its Volunteer Recognition and Awards Ceremony, the National Society honoured individuals whose dedication and service supported emergency response, community outreach and programme delivery throughout the year. The event highlighted how recognizing volunteer contributions fosters pride, boosts morale and reinforces a culture of service, while encouraging continued engagement in humanitarian work. The importance of volunteerism was further exemplified through the tribute paid to a long-serving volunteer whose more than two decades of service touched countless lives through community outreach initiatives, mental health campaigns, fundraising activities and support to the National Society's thrift shop operations. A candlelight vigil brought together volunteers, community members and loved ones to celebrate her life and commitment to humanitarian service and she was posthumously awarded the Legacy of Service Award in recognition of her lasting contributions. Together, these initiatives demonstrated that investing in volunteer recognition, support and capacity building not only honours dedicated individuals but also helps maintain a resilient and motivated volunteer base that is essential to the effectiveness and sustainability of humanitarian work.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

in Swiss francs (CHF)

The Bahamas Red Cross Society			
Overview		Funding Sources	
Funding	817,000	IFRC Secretariat	Not reported
Expenditure	697,000	Participating National Societies	8,000
		HNS other funding sources	Not reported

IFRC network			
Country		Funding Requirement	445,000
IFRC Secretariat	Longer-term	Funding Requirement	70,000
		Funding	429,000
		Expenditure	68,000
	Emergency Operations	Expenditure	Not reported
HNS other funding sources		Funding Requirement	375,000
		Funding	Not reported

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Climate and environment	National Society implements environmental or climate campaigns focused on behaviour change, plastic reduction, clean-ups or reducing GHG emissions	Yes
Disasters and crises	Number of people reached with emergency response and early recovery programmes	27
	Number of people reached with shelter support	108
Health and wellbeing	Number of people reached by the National Society with contextually appropriate water, sanitation and hygiene services	380
	Number of people reached by the National Society with training in first aid	2,000
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

	Number of migrants and displaced persons reached with services for assistance and protection	4
Values, power and inclusion	National Society has a Community Engagement and Accountability policy, strategy or plan	Yes

ENABLING FUNCTIONS

Accountability and agility	National Society has strengthened its integrity and reputational risk mechanism	Yes
Humanitarian diplomacy	National Society participates in IFRC-led campaigns	Yes
National Society development	National Society has created and implemented youth engagement strategies	Yes
	National Society has developed and/or implemented a strategy for strengthening their auxiliary role	Yes
	There is a National Society Development plan in place	Yes

Q1. OVERALL PERFORMANCE

Key achievements

Climate and environment

In 2025, the Bahamas Red Cross Society promoted household food security through a backyard farming initiative in New Providence. The National Society encouraged home food production and distributed backyard farming kits to individuals across the island to increase awareness of food stability and self-sufficiency.

Disasters and crises

During the reporting period, the Bahamas Red Cross Society responded to Hurricane Melissa in coordination with the Disaster Risk Management Authority. The National Society supported evacuations, assisted shelters, provided medical support and distributed relief items including hygiene kits, cleaning kits, tarpaulins and food parcels to affected communities in Long Island, Cat Island and Exuma. It also strengthened preparedness through shelter inspections, disaster management meetings and planning for a future shelter programme in coordination with national authorities.

Health and wellbeing

During the reporting period, the Bahamas Red Cross Society focused on first aid training and community health outreach. The National Society trained people in first aid and conducted health promotion activities through a community fun run, walk and health fair. Participants received basic health checks, and the National Society also supported external health fairs with first aid demonstrations and public outreach.

Migration and displacement

The Bahamas Red Cross Society provided assistance to four people deported from the United States and supported communities displaced by Hurricane Melissa. The National Society also engaged with government stakeholders and advocated for displaced people through dialogue with the Ministry of Social Services and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Values, power and inclusion

During 2025, the Bahamas Red Cross Society promoted volunteer engagement through operational and preparedness activities and recognized the contributions of long-serving staff and volunteers. The National Society also strengthened community engagement and inclusion through accessible health and community-based initiatives, including its community fun run, walk and health fair.

Enabling local actors

In 2025, the Bahamas Red Cross Society strengthened its institutional capacity through increased staffing, enhanced volunteer engagement, continued first aid training and expanded youth participation through the Junior Red Cross programme. The National Society also maintained regular staff engagement activities and worked to strengthen its volunteer base.

The National Society advanced governance, accountability and financial oversight by improving internal financial processes, reducing its audit backlog and operationalising a Governance, Risk, Audit and Compliance Committee. It also progressed amendments to the Bahamas Red Cross Society Act, which would strengthen its legal framework and auxiliary role and continued programme monitoring and reporting across its key activities.

Q2. CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS

During 2025, several adjustments were made to the implementation of the Unified Plan in response to changing circumstances and operational realities. Geographic, human resource and financial challenges constrained implementation and shifted priorities toward institutional stability and emergency readiness. While implementation diverged from the Unified Plan in several areas, the adjustments strengthened institutional capacity and preparedness for future implementation.

Climate and environment: Implementation partially aligned with the Unified Plan through backyard farming and farming kit distribution, while planned ecosystem-based adaptation projects and environmental partnerships were not realized.

Disasters and crises: Activities focused on disaster response, preparedness and coordination, but planned system-strengthening measures such as enhanced Vulnerability and Capacity Assessments ([eVCA](#)), contingency planning and cash preparedness were not implemented.

Health and wellbeing: Strong progress was made in first aid training and community outreach, while planned psychosocial support, immunization, blood donation and broader health programming were not reported.

Migration and displacement: Activities were limited to advocacy and support for a small number of deported individuals, with no broader protection or integration programming implemented.

Values, power and inclusion: Community engagement activities were carried out, but planned Protection, Gender and Inclusion ([PGI](#)), safeguarding and mental health and psychosocial support ([MHPSS](#)) integration into programming were not achieved.

Strategic and operational coordination: Coordination with government and partners remained strong, although planned financial sustainability strategies and cost recovery policies were not developed.

National Society development: Progress was made in staffing, volunteer engagement, youth development and audit management, though broader institutional and financial sustainability reforms remained incomplete.

Humanitarian diplomacy: Implementation exceeded the plan through significant progress in advancing amendments to the Red Cross Act and strengthening the legal framework.

Accountability and agility: Financial oversight and governance improved, but planned digital transformation and IT system enhancements did not progress.

Q3. MEASURING RESULTS OF THE IFRC NETWORK ACTION

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Climate and environment

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2025, the Bahamas Red Cross Society implemented a small-scale backyard farming initiative which focused on promoting household-level food production. The activity aimed to encourage people to become more aware of food stability by engaging in home or backyard farming practices. As part of this effort, the National Society promoted backyard farming at the household level and distributed backyard farming kits. The initiative was implemented in New Providence, with participants coming from across the island. Participation was open to individuals who responded to the promotion and came to receive the kits, rather than being limited to a specific community.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Bahamas Red Cross Society in dialogue and contextual discussions during coordination meetings.



Disasters and crises

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

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2025, the Bahamas Red Cross Society conducted operational response activities in coordination with the Disaster Risk Management Authority, particularly in relation to Hurricane Melissa. As a readiness activity, several evacuations led by the Government were conducted in the southern part of the country as the Hurricane passed. The Bahamas Red Cross Society actively monitored and provided timely response through the provision of relief items such as hygiene kits, cleaning kits, tarpaulins and food parcels among others to Long Island, Cat Island and Exuma.

The National Society supported shelters in New Providence and the Abacos, assisted with evacuations from southeastern islands and provided medical support, including the use of an ambulance for individuals. This included coordination with disaster management and military services to facilitate air ambulance transport.

In addition to response activities, the National Society also undertook preparedness and coordination efforts. This included participation in government-led shelter inspections to assess readiness, as well as involvement in disaster management meetings, seminars and special talks. These engagements took place on a bi-monthly basis from May to November. Additionally, efforts were made to conduct a needs assessment with the aim of developing a shelter programme in early 2026, in coordination with the Disaster Risk Management Authority.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided the Bahamas Red Cross Society with technical assistance and coordination guidance in conducting operational response activities in relation to Hurricane Melissa.



Health and wellbeing

Progress by the National Society against objectives

During the reporting period, the Bahamas Red Cross Society focused primarily on first aid training and basic community health outreach. The National Society conducted extensive first aid training, reaching a total of 2,066 individuals during the year. It also implemented a community fun run, walk and health fair, where individuals received basic health checks such as blood pressure, weight and diabetic testing. In addition, the National Society participated in other health fairs hosted by external agencies, providing first aid demonstrations and outreach.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided the Bahamas Red Cross Society with technical assistance as needed for its activities.



Migration and displacement

Progress by National Society against objectives

The Bahamas Red Cross Society conducted advocacy and engagement activities and provided assistance to four people deported from the United States. It made efforts to support communities displaced in the aftermath of Hurricane Mellisa. Additionally, the National Society engaged with government stakeholders and advocated for displaced individuals through meetings with the Ministry of Social Services and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided the Bahamas Red Cross Society with technical and coordination assistance in supporting communities displaced due to Hurricane Mellisa.



Values, power and inclusion

Progress by the National Society against objectives

For the period from January to December 2025, the Bahamas Red Cross Society focused on engaging volunteers through operational and preparedness activities. The National Society placed emphasis on recognizing long-serving staff and volunteers through internal events and organizational practices. Additionally, the Bahamas Red Cross Society conducted a community fun run, walk and health fair. It continued to engage communities and promote inclusion through accessible health and community-based initiatives.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided technical and financial support to the National Society as needed.

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.

In the Dutch and English-speaking Caribbean, various established national and regional mechanisms provide space for coordination and knowledge sharing. Those include, most prominently, the Red Cross Caribbean Disaster Risk Management Cell (CADRIM), which takes the lead in building and contributing knowledge and providing services to the IFRC network in the Caribbean, as well as contributes to the Americas and globally. CADRIM actively works towards the development of evidence, data and research on how to strengthen community resilience through sustainable preparedness and risk reduction activities, particularly in small island developing states.

Movement coordination

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

The ICRC supports some of the National Societies in their work on Restoring Family Links and tracing, primarily in the areas of migration and in promoting international humanitarian law. The Caracas regional delegation covers Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago and Venezuela. It focuses on promoting International Humanitarian Law among armed forces and police, detainees and cooperation with the National Societies.

External coordination

In 2025, the Bahamas Red Cross Society maintained regular engagement with national authorities and partners and participated in established coordination mechanisms. It actively participated in coordination platforms and engagement with government and other stakeholders. The National Society is part of three government-led

coordination mechanisms, including the Disaster Risk Management Agency, an advocacy group supporting non-profit organizations and the Council on Trafficking in Persons.

The Bahamas Red Cross Society also participated in an international platform, specifically the International Association for the Prevention of Suicide.



National Society development

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2025, the Bahamas Red Cross Society focused on National Society development. It made efforts to strengthen its institutional capacity, human resources and internal systems. It increased its staffing by adding four new staff members and maintained regular staff meetings and internal engagement activities, including staff appreciation events and incentives.

The National Society also supported capacity building through ongoing training activities, particularly in first aid. In addition, youth engagement was strengthened through the Junior Red Cross programme, which operated across schools and involved weekly sessions, community service activities and participation in Red Cross initiatives. Additionally, the National Society also made efforts to enhance its volunteer base.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided support to the Bahamas Red Cross Society through informal technical guidance and discussion during coordination and planning meetings.



Humanitarian diplomacy

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2025, the Bahamas Red Cross Society made substantial progress in strengthening the legal and institutional framework for Red Cross action in the Bahamas. Amendments to the Bahamas Red Cross Society Act progressed through Parliament through a first and second reading, with the third and final reading scheduled for January 2026. The purpose of this amendment is to recognize both The Bahamas Red Cross Society and the IFRC as organizations with privileges and immunities in accordance with the International Organizations (Immunities and Privileges) Act (Ch. 14). Effectively, this amendment would operationalize the provisions of the IFRC's Legal Status Agreement, which was signed in 2022, by formally recognizing IFRC's privileges and immunities in law, thus strengthening the auxiliary role of the National Society.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided technical assistance to the National Society through its legal and leadership teams in formulating the Bahamas Red Cross Society (Amendment) Bill, 2025.



Accountability and agility (cross-cutting)

Progress by the National Society against objectives

During the reporting period, the Bahamas Red Cross Society focused on strengthening governance and financial oversight. It made efforts to reduce its audit backlog and improve internal financial processes. The National Society also enhanced oversight through the operationalization of a Governance, Risk, Audit and Compliance Committee.

The Bahamas Red Cross Society made concerted efforts to conduct monitoring activities for its programmes, including welfare, first aid and health fair activities, producing monthly reports.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Bahamas Red Cross Society in conducting coordination meetings.

Q4. AFFECTED PERSONS (PEOPLE REACHED)

See cover pages

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

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

Q6. RISK MANAGEMENT

This information is not available in Annual Reports

Q7. EXIT STRATEGY AND SUSTAINABILITY

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

Q8. LESSONS LEARNED

The Bahamas Red Cross Society learned the importance of strengthening organizational security after experiencing break-ins and petty theft that exposed vulnerabilities in its premises. The experience reinforced the need to enhance security measures and internal controls, recognizing that humanitarian organizations can also be targets of exploitation and must safeguard their people, assets and operations.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

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The Barbados Red Cross Society			
Overview		Funding Sources	
Funding	305,000	IFRC Secretariat	Not reported
Expenditure	290,000	Participating National Societies	Not reported
		HNS other funding sources	Not reported

IFRC network			
Country		Funding Requirement	644,000
IFRC Secretariat	Longer-term	Funding Requirement	50,000
		Funding	96,000
		Expenditure	14,000
	Emergency Operations	Funding Requirement	522,000
		Funding	Not reported
		Expenditure	Not reported
Participating National Societies		Funding	Not reported
		Expenditure	Not reported
HNS other funding sources		Funding Requirement	72,000
		Funding	Not reported

ONGOING EMERGENCY INDICATORS

MDRS2001 / Hurricane Beryl

Disasters and crises	Number of people reached with cash transfer programming	129
	Number of people reached by disaster risk reduction public awareness messaging and public education campaigns (PAPE)	20
	Number of people trained in shelter and settlement vocational programmes	19
	Number of people supported to start or improve their income generation activities	15
	Number of volunteers and staff trained in livelihoods	8



STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Climate and environment	National Society implements environmental or climate campaigns focused on behaviour change, plastic reduction, clean-ups or reducing GHG emissions	Yes
	Number of people reached with activities to address environmental problems	223
Disasters and crises	Number of people reached with emergency response and early recovery programmes	33
Health and wellbeing	Number of people reached by the National Society with training in first aid	246
	Number of people reached with psychosocial and mental health services	55

ENABLING FUNCTIONS

National Society development	National Society has created and implemented youth engagement strategies	Yes
	National Society has developed and/or implemented a strategy for strengthening their auxiliary role	Yes
	There is a National Society Development plan in place	Yes

Q1. OVERALL PERFORMANCE

Key achievements

Climate and environment

In 2025, the Barbados Red Cross Society strengthened community resilience through an enhanced Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment ([eVCA](#)) in White Hill, St. Andrew and began preparations for a second community assessment. The National Society also supported improved water access by procuring water tanks for water-scarce communities and implemented a community-led micro disaster risk reduction initiative focused on waste management, environmental preservation and water, sanitation and hygiene.

Disasters and crises

In 2025, the Barbados Red Cross Society strengthened disaster preparedness and response capacity through training in shelter management, first aid, psychological first aid, cash and voucher assistance, hygiene promotion and disaster response financing. Two communities completed enhanced Vulnerability and Capacity Assessments ([eVCA](#)), one Community Disaster Response Team was established and a Preparedness for Effective Response (PER) assessment informed a workplan focused on strengthening the National Society's auxiliary role and resource mobilization. The National Society also improved shelter preparedness, pre-positioned relief supplies, provided cash assistance to 33 people and strengthened coordination with government authorities and partners.

Health and wellbeing

During the reporting period, the Barbados Red Cross Society strengthened emergency health preparedness through Basic First Aid and Psychological First Aid training for volunteers, shelter wardens and frontline responders. The National Society also promoted hygiene through water, sanitation and hygiene training and participation in a national disaster preparedness expo. In addition, it began refurbishing a commercial kitchen to strengthen the Meals on Wheels programme and support community nutrition.

Values, power and inclusion

In 2025, the Barbados Red Cross Society strengthened Protection, Gender and Inclusion and child safeguarding by training volunteers and shelter wardens in inclusive shelter management, Community Engagement and Accountability and child safeguarding. The training incorporated the Dignity, Access, Participation and Safety framework and included practical simulations and site visits to strengthen applied learning.

Enabling local actors

The Barbados Red Cross Society strengthened its institutional capacity by expanding income-generating services, enhancing volunteer ambulance capacity, securing new funding opportunities and improving operational infrastructure, including upgrades to training facilities and the Meals on Wheels programme. The National Society also strengthened internal systems, warehouse management, staff capacity and human resource planning and contributed to the Unified Country Plan through coordination and implementation aligned with national priorities.

The National Society enhanced its humanitarian diplomacy through media engagement, participation in regional and global humanitarian forums and advocacy on the recognition of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies' legal status and its auxiliary role. It also strengthened accountability through beneficiary engagement and feedback mechanisms, improved monitoring and reporting practices and worked to address gaps in data management, verification and reporting processes.

Q2. CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS

During 2025, several adjustments were made to the implementation of the Unified Plan in response to changing circumstances and operational realities. Implementation shifted from broad strategic objectives to operational preparedness, emergency recovery and system strengthening in response to the Hurricane Beryl Emergency Appeal and resource constraints. Disaster management and health activities focused on practical preparedness, first aid and psychological first aid training, while broader community health, climate and environmental initiatives were scaled back or integrated into emergency operations. Recovery activities reached fewer beneficiaries than planned and longer-term governance, digital transformation and advocacy reforms were deferred in favour of immediate operational priorities, staff wellbeing and risk mitigation.

Q3. MEASURING RESULTS OF THE IFRC NETWORK ACTION

ONGOING EMERGENCY RESPONSE

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

Emergency Appeal Name	Hurricane Beryl Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Grenada, Barbados and Jamaica
Emergency Appeal number	MDRS2001
People affected	1,280,000 people
People to be assisted	25,000 people
Duration	24 months (5 July 2024 to 31 July 2026)
Funding requirements	Funding requirements through the IFRC Appeal: CHF 4 million Federation-wide Funding requirements: CHF 4.5 million
Link to Emergency Appeal	Hurricane Beryl- Emergency Appeal
Link to Operational Strategy	Hurricane Beryl-Operational Strategy
Link to National Society Response Plan	Barbados National Society Response Plan
Latest Operations Update	Operational Update No. 5

On 29 June 2024, the first major hurricane of the 2024 Atlantic hurricane season was hurricane Beryl which was the earliest Category 4 hurricane to form in recorded history, on 30 June. By 1 July, it became a Category 5 hurricane with maximum sustained winds of 270 km/h. Hurricane Beryl made landfall on 1 July in Barbados, Grenada, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines as a Category 4, causing several deaths and severely damaging most of the properties on the islands. Hurricane Beryl intensified to a category 5 as it approached Jamaica, bringing with it the potential for severe impacts. Reports indicate extensive damage, including numerous fallen trees that have blocked roads, landslides, widespread power outages in multiple communities and structural damage due to high winds.

For the response, the Red Cross Societies of the four countries activated their Emergency Operations Centres to coordinate efforts with local partners. Through this Emergency Appeal, the IFRC aims to support the Barbados Red Cross, Grenada Red Cross, Jamaica Red Cross, the Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Red Cross in responding to the 2024 hurricane.

Short description of the emergency operational strategy

This Emergency Appeal aims to provide humanitarian assistance as well as short to medium-term recovery support to withstand future climate-related shocks and stresses to 25,000 people (5,000 families) living in the affected areas of Barbados, Grenada, Jamaica and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. The response will be conducted over twelve months, with an emergency phase of three months followed by recovery activities. The relief efforts will encompass various forms of assistance. This includes Shelter, Livelihoods, Cash and Voucher Assistance, Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS), Water, Sanitation and Hygiene, Risk Reduction and Recovery interventions. Considerations for Protection, Gender and Inclusion and Community Engagement and Accountability will underpin all activities. In addition, the operation aims to strengthen the institutional capacity of the National Societies in order to reinforce ongoing and future response capabilities through the additional training of staff and volunteers, 15 further developments of volunteer management systems, increased logistics capacity and the procurement of critical equipment, among other initiatives.

Following Hurricane Beryl, the Barbados Red Cross Society prioritized strengthening its operational readiness and recovery capacity through close coordination with national and district emergency authorities. The response has been focused on supporting the most vulnerable with targeted cash assistance, livelihoods recovery and shelter, health and water, sanitation and hygiene services, informed by comprehensive needs assessments. At the same time, the National Society has been invested in strengthening its operational, logistical, financial, volunteer management, Community Engagement and Accountability (CEA) and Protection, Gender and Inclusion (PGI) capacities to improve resilience and preparedness for future emergencies.

For the period 01 July 2024 to 31 January 2026, the following assistance was provided by the Barbados Red Cross Society:

Shelter, housing and settlements: National shelter preparedness was strengthened by developing updated shelter Standard Operating Procedures, child-friendly space protocols and delivering shelter management training in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and other stakeholders.

Livelihoods: Recovery of livelihoods affected was supported through targeted cash assistance for vulnerable fish vendors and livelihoods support for artisanal fisherfolk, informed by market assessments and community consultations.

Health and care: Emergency health preparedness was strengthened by providing basic first aid and psychological first aid training to volunteers and shelter wardens.

Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH): Hygiene items were distributed to affected households and water storage tanks were provided, improving access to safe water and reducing the risk of water-borne diseases in vulnerable communities.

Protection, Gender and Inclusion (PGI): The National Society enhanced resilience and reduced the vulnerability of communities affected by Hurricane Beryl through comprehensive PGI measures, including the implementation of Protection, Safety and Safeguarding mechanisms in affected communities.

Community Engagement and Accountability (CEA): Engagement of affected families and other in the design, implementation and monitoring of the response operation was actively encouraged.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Climate and environment

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2025, the Barbados Red Cross Society conducted an enhanced Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment ([eVCA](#)) in the White Hill, St. Andrew community. Preparatory work was also initiated for a second community assessment. The National Society also worked on the procurement of water tanks for eventual donation to the Barbados Water Authority's Water Tank Unit for installation in water-scarce communities, supporting improved water access.

The National Society initiated a community-led micro disaster risk reduction initiative linked to waste management and environmental preservation. Garbage collection points were established within communities, contributing to climate change objectives as well as water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH). Through this initiative the Barbados Red Cross Society integrated environmental considerations into community resilience planning.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Barbados Red Cross Society with technical guidance for the implementation of enhanced Vulnerability and Capacity Assessments ([eVCA](#)) and risk analysis, supporting evidence generation for future climate adaptation and environmental programming.



Disasters and crises

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

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Barbados Red Cross Society focused on strengthening disaster preparedness, coordination systems and institutional readiness. Staff and volunteers were trained in hygiene promotion, Enhanced Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment, shelter management, first aid, psychological first aid, cash and voucher assistance and disaster response financing mechanisms. Two communities completed Enhanced Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment processes, strengthening local risk analysis and preparedness planning, while one Community Disaster Response Team was established with 11 trained members. The National Society also completed an assessment under the Preparedness for Effective Response approach, reviewing 13 components and comparing results with a previous assessment to identify priority areas for improvement. A workplan was subsequently developed and approved, with a focus on strengthening the auxiliary role of the National Society and resource mobilization.

Preparedness systems were strengthened through the development of Standard Operating Procedures for shelter management, protocols for establishing child-friendly spaces in emergency shelters and consultations with shelter stakeholders to identify strengths and gaps in national shelter management arrangements. Training and awareness sessions reinforced safe shelter practices, roles and responsibilities and protection, gender and inclusion considerations, while five child-friendly kits were piloted for use in shelters. Operational readiness was enhanced through the acquisition of a warehouse container, the pre-positioning and distribution of hygiene and shelter kits to Community Disaster Response Teams and the provision of cash assistance to 33 people through debit cards. The National Society also developed Standard Operating Procedures for cash and voucher assistance programming and strengthened readiness to access emergency funding through participation in disaster response financing workshops. Ongoing coordination with government authorities and partners supported shelter planning, preparedness activities and institutional strengthening. At the governance level, seven representatives participated in an advocacy strategy review, enhancing readiness for future engagement on the National Society's auxiliary role and humanitarian mandate.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided technical support to the National Society for enhanced Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment (eVCA) methodologies, community preparedness training and the development and refinement of an advocacy strategy aimed at strengthening its auxiliary. Support was also provided through the Preparedness for Effective Response (PER) assessment process, enabling the National Society to identify preparedness gaps, review previous assessment findings and develop an approved workplan focused on strengthening its auxiliary role and resource mobilization. Additionally, the IFRC supported preparedness actions of the Barbados Red Cross Society through a disaster response financing workshop delivered in collaboration with the [IFRC Climate Centre](#). The IFRC also supported a cash and voucher assistance mission that strengthened local capacities and operational readiness, resulting in the development of standard operating procedures for cash and voucher assistance programming. This was further supported by the **American Red Cross**.



The Barbados Red Cross conducted a post-distribution monitoring exercise to support the fisherfolk in Bridgetown and Oistins Fish Markets. (Photo: Barbados Red Cross)



Health and wellbeing

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2025, the Barbados Red Cross Society strengthened emergency health preparedness by delivering Basic First Aid and Psychological First Aid (PFA) training to volunteers, shelter wardens and frontline responders. Basic First Aid sessions, held on 2 and 16 June, equipped new and existing volunteers with the skills needed for shelter operations while fostering closer coordination between volunteers and shelter managers. PFA training brought together participants from the Barbados Fire Service, Barbados Police Service, Barbados Defence Force, health institutions and community organizations, strengthening their capacity to recognize and respond to disaster-related stress and enhancing inter-agency collaboration.

The National Society also promoted hygiene through volunteer training in water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) and participation in a national disaster preparedness expo. In addition, refurbishment of a commercial kitchen was initiated to strengthen the Meals on Wheels programme and improve community nutrition support.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided the Barbados Red Cross Society with technical guidance, training frameworks and capacity-building support for its First Aid, Psychological First Aid and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) training initiatives.



Values, power and inclusion

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2025, the Barbados Red Cross Society focused on mainstreaming Protection, Gender and (PGI) and child safeguarding. It trained volunteers and shelter wardens in PGI-integrated training, including child safeguarding, Community Engagement and Accountability (CEA) and inclusive shelter management. The training applied the Dignity, Access, Participation and Safety framework and incorporated simulations and site visits to reinforce practical application.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided technical and financial support to the National Society in mainstreaming Protection, Gender and Inclusion (PGI) across its operations.

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.

In the Dutch and English-speaking Caribbean, various established national and regional mechanisms provide space for coordination and knowledge sharing. Those include, most prominently, the Red Cross Caribbean Disaster Risk Management Cell (CADRIM), which takes the lead in building and contributing knowledge and providing services to the IFRC network in the Caribbean, as well as contributes to the Americas and globally. CADRIM actively works towards the development of evidence, data and research on how to strengthen community resilience through sustainable preparedness and risk reduction activities, particularly in small island developing states.

Movement coordination

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

The ICRC supports some of the National Societies in their work on Restoring Family Links and tracing, primarily in the areas of migration and in promoting international humanitarian law. The Caracas regional delegation covers Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago and Venezuela. It focuses on promoting International Humanitarian Law among armed forces and police, detainees and cooperation with the National Societies.

External coordination

During the reporting period, the Barbados Red Cross Society strengthened its auxiliary role through close coordination with government ministries, partners and community stakeholders to support programme implementation and institutional development. Engagement with the Ministry of Education and the Chief Shelter Officer guided the development of shelter management systems, including stakeholder consultations, standard operating procedures and training programmes, while sustained dialogue with government ministries resulted in increased annual subventions that enhanced the National Society's institutional sustainability.

The National Society also convened a stakeholder consultation with the National Shelter Management Committee and other partners to clarify roles and responsibilities, identify gaps in the national shelter system and strengthen coordination for emergency shelter operations.

Additionally, the Barbados Red Cross Society partnered with the World Food Programme to deliver cash assistance and worked closely with fisherfolk, fishing associations and other community stakeholders to inform livelihoods assessments and recovery activities, ensuring interventions were responsive to local needs.



National Society development

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Barbados Red Cross Society strengthened its institutional capacity by expanding income-generating services, enhancing volunteer ambulance capacity, securing new funding opportunities and improving operational infrastructure through upgrades to training and Meals on Wheels facilities. The National Society also contributed to the Unified Country Plan through planning, coordination and implementation aligned with national priorities.

Institutional strengthening included improvements to systems, procedures, warehouse management and staff capacity, while human resource measures addressed documentation gaps and retirement planning.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported National Society development through technical advice, institutional strengthening support and guidance related to sustainability.



Humanitarian diplomacy

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Barbados Red Cross Society strengthened its humanitarian diplomacy by enhancing its national and international visibility through media engagement, participation in regional and global humanitarian forums and formal advocacy on the recognition of the IFRC's legal status and the National Society's auxiliary role. Communications efforts were further supported through collaboration with the IFRC communications team to produce visibility materials highlighting preparedness, cultural heritage and community resilience, with content disseminated through IFRC regional platforms.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the National Society's humanitarian diplomacy efforts through platforms for international representation, policy dialogue and advocacy engagement.



Accountability and agility (cross-cutting)

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Barbados Red Cross Society strengthening accountability to communities through the use of communication channels to engage directly with beneficiaries and validate information throughout programme implementation. The National Society used a dedicated call line to confirm beneficiary information before distributions, remind recipients of distribution dates and collect feedback from fish vendors regarding their experiences with the cash assistance programme. These efforts helped maintain communication with affected populations, support informed programme delivery and strengthen accountability mechanisms. The National Society further integrated accountability measures into the delivery of cash assistance by actively monitoring beneficiary access to support and conducting follow-up communication with recipients. Follow-up calls were made to individuals who had not received or accessed their payment codes to ensure that funds were successfully received and utilized.

The National Society sought to improve reporting, data management and verification processes. Gaps were identified in verification and validation data, including missing documentation for certain activities such as advocacy and cash assistance interventions. Additionally, the Barbados Red Cross Society participated in ongoing discussions aimed at improving reporting processes and strengthening alignment of reporting requirements.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the National Society with technical guidance on accountability standards, risk management approaches and organizational strengthening

Q4. AFFECTED PERSONS (PEOPLE REACHED)

See cover pages

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

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

Q6. RISK MANAGEMENT

This information is not available in Annual Reports

Q7. EXIT STRATEGY AND SUSTAINABILITY

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

Q8. LESSONS LEARNED

The Barbados Red Cross Society learned that sustaining an effective humanitarian response requires stronger investment in volunteer and youth engagement to maintain a skilled and active volunteer base. The National Society also recognized the need to strengthen resource mobilization, public visibility and communication to improve financial sustainability, while institutionalizing monitoring, evaluation, learning and community feedback mechanisms to enhance accountability. In addition, experience highlighted the importance of expanding human resource capacity, improving coordination with partners and strengthening internal systems and processes to increase operational efficiency, organizational resilience and preparedness for future emergencies.

SUCCESS STORIES



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Hurricane Beryl Response and Fisherfolk

In response to Hurricane Beryl, the Barbados Red Cross Society supported the recovery of fish vendors through a targeted cash assistance programme. Beyond cash assistance, the National Society played a key role in strengthening assessment and registration methodologies. It shared critical tools, lessons learned and a list of unregistered vendors with partners to enhance future interventions. Recognizing additional recovery needs, the National Society initiated further support to fisherfolk who lost fish pots during the hurricane. After reassessing the situation, it was found that some needs had already been met through the efforts of local organizations, but gaps remained in several fishing villages.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

in Swiss francs (CHF)

Belize Red Cross Society			
Overview		Funding Sources	
Funding	Not reported	IFRC Secretariat	Not reported
Expenditure	113,000	Participating National Societies	Not reported
		HNS other funding sources	94,000

IFRC network			
Country		Funding Requirement	1.3M
IFRC Secretariat	Longer-term	Funding Requirement	1.1M
		Funding	568,000
	Emergency Operations	Expenditure	Not reported
		Funding	Not reported
HNS other funding sources		Expenditure	Not reported
		Funding Requirement	289,000
		Funding	94,000

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Climate and environment	National Society has received IFRC Network's support to adapt to longer-term impacts of climate change	Yes
	National Society implements environmental or climate campaigns focused on behaviour change, plastic reduction, clean-ups or reducing GHG emissions	Yes
	National Society implements nature-based solutions (including those with a particular focus on the planting of trees and mangroves)	Yes
Disasters and crises	Number of people reached with disaster risk reduction	83
	Number of people reached with livelihoods support	223

Health and wellbeing	Number of people donating blood	9
	Number of people reached by the National Society with contextually appropriate health services	2,000
	Number of people reached by the National Society with contextually appropriate water, sanitation and hygiene services	204
	Number of people reached by the National Society with training in first aid	1,000
Migration and displacement	Number of migrants and displaced persons reached with services for assistance and protection	31

ENABLING FUNCTIONS

Accountability and agility	National Society has a Protection of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) policy to enforce prevention and support survivors	Yes
National Society development	National Society has created and implemented youth engagement strategies	Yes
	National Society has developed and/or implemented a strategy for strengthening their auxiliary role	Yes
	There is a National Society Development plan in place	Yes

Q1. OVERALL PERFORMANCE

Key achievements

Climate and environment

In 2025, the Belize Red Cross Society promoted climate resilience through the Maya Nut initiative, climate-resilient agriculture, environmental education and community awareness activities. The National Society distributed seedlings to schools, communities, farmers and youth groups, supporting ecosystem restoration and food security awareness. It also expanded training in climate adaptation, climate risk assessment, anticipatory action and nature-based solutions, participated in national and international climate forums, strengthened partnerships and coordination mechanisms and increased climate awareness through community and [youth-led initiatives](#).

Disasters and crises

The Belize Red Cross Society strengthened disaster preparedness and response through community emergency planning, Community Disaster Response Team development, volunteer training and enhanced coordination with the National Emergency Management Organization and local authorities. The National Society also strengthened cash and voucher assistance preparedness through standard operating procedures, field testing, digital registration systems and capacity-building. Community disaster risk reduction activities, participation in regional preparedness initiatives and leadership in regional disaster law and policy development further enhanced readiness and institutional capacity.

Health and wellbeing

During the reporting period, the Belize Red Cross Society strengthened first aid and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation training, continued its Home Caregivers Programme and conducted health fairs and community outreach promoting healthy lifestyles and emergency preparedness. The National Society also completed a Participatory Hygiene and Sanitation Transformation programme in 16 communities in Toledo District, promoted voluntary blood donation, supported mental health and psychosocial well-being and strengthened health programming through technical learning and regional coordination opportunities.

Migration and displacement

In 2025, the Belize Red Cross Society supported migrants through vocational training opportunities and the government amnesty programme. The National Society also strengthened coordination with relevant stakeholders to maintain referral pathways and reinforced its preparedness, resilience and coordination efforts related to migration and displacement.

Values, power and inclusion

From January to December 2025, the Belize Red Cross Society promoted humanitarian values, inclusion and [youth engagement](#) through education, community outreach and volunteer-led initiatives. The National Society disseminated the Fundamental Principles, integrated youth into governance and planning processes, supported Protection, Gender and Inclusion (PGI) and Community Engagement and Accountability (CEA) activities and promoted equitable access to services for older persons, persons with disabilities and other marginalized groups.

Enabling local actors

The Belize Red Cross Society strengthened its institutional capacity through improvements in governance, strategic planning, volunteer and [youth engagement](#), organizational development and resource mobilization. The National Society continued work to revise its legal framework, strengthened branch leadership, invested in staff and volunteer capacity, diversified funding sources and expanded income-generating services, including first aid, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Home Caregiving training programmes.

The National Society also strengthened humanitarian diplomacy through advocacy, policy engagement and high-level dialogue with government authorities on its auxiliary role and legal framework. It enhanced financial accountability, monitoring, reporting and information management systems, strengthened Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse measures, improved communication between headquarters and branches and advanced digital transformation to support assessments, cash preparedness and emergency information management.

Q2. CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS

The Belize Red Cross Society adapted implementation of its Unified Plan to respond to funding constraints and evolving humanitarian needs by rephrasing activities, reallocating resources, consolidating operations and strengthening financial oversight while maintaining essential services. Priority was given to strengthening institutional capacity, disaster preparedness, cash preparedness, climate resilience and coordination through updated emergency plans, standard operating procedures, climate adaptation initiatives, volunteer training and improved data systems. The National Society sustained health services, strengthened first aid and caregiver programmes, expanded work in water, sanitation and hygiene, blood donation and mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS), while maintaining migration assistance and stakeholder coordination despite limited resources. It also enhanced income generation, private sector engagement and cost-recovery initiatives to support programme continuity, strengthened accountability and operational efficiency, advanced protection from sexual exploitation and abuse measures and interagency coordination and expanded community outreach through additional educational programmes beyond those originally planned.

Q3. MEASURING RESULTS OF THE IFRC NETWORK ACTION

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Climate and environment

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2025, the Belize Red Cross Society promoted climate-smart and nature-based approaches to climate resilience, with particular emphasis on the Maya Nut initiative, climate-resilient agriculture, environmental education and community awareness. Seedling propagation and distribution activities supported schools, communities, farmers and youth groups, contributing to ecosystem restoration, food security awareness, livelihood development and greater understanding of environmental stewardship. The National Society strengthened monitoring of seedling survival rates and worked closely with local authorities, agricultural stakeholders and environmental partners to improve the sustainability and long-term impact of environmental and climate initiatives.

The Belize Red Cross Society expanded technical training and learning opportunities for volunteers and community members in climate adaptation practices, climate risk assessment, anticipatory action, nature-based solutions and community-level adaptation approaches. Staff and volunteers participated in Climate Change Champions sessions, nature-based solutions exchanges and other regional and global learning opportunities, strengthening technical knowledge.

The National Society strengthened its advocacy role through participation in national, regional and global climate forums, including Climate Change Week, COP30-related engagements and exchanges focused on nature-based solutions. These platforms enabled the National Society to elevate community-level climate concerns to policy discussions, contribute Red Cross perspectives on anticipatory action and resilience and align national priorities with broader climate commitments. Participation also strengthened the visibility of the Belize Red Cross Society as an auxiliary to public authorities in climate preparedness and response while creating opportunities for technical collaboration, knowledge exchange, partnership development and resource mobilization.

At community level, climate awareness sessions, youth-led activities and early-stage climate-smart livelihood initiatives promoted behaviour change and strengthened local ownership of climate action. These activities increased understanding of climate risks, encouraged practical adaptation measures and promoted environmentally responsible practices within vulnerable communities. Youth engagement initiatives supported leadership development and innovation, enabling young people to act as climate ambassadors and peer educators.

The National Society increased its visibility through media engagement and digital platforms and documented best practices and lessons learned to support organizational learning and future programme design.

Implementation during the reporting period primarily focused on foundational and enabling actions that established the basis for future climate programming. This included policy alignment, partnership development, staff and volunteer capacity strengthening, clarification of roles and responsibilities, enhancement of coordination mechanisms and establishment of systems required for more structured climate interventions. The National Society also strengthened internal coordination mechanisms for climate programming and enhanced data collection and reporting systems to improve monitoring of programme outputs and outcomes.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided technical accompaniment, programme design support and capacity strengthening to the Belize Red Cross Society including guidance on climate risk assessment, anticipatory action, nature-based solutions and community-level adaptation approaches to strengthen programme design and implementation readiness. It facilitated the National Society's participation in regional and global learning opportunities. The IFRC also supported the National Society in reviewing draft action plans and provided technical feedback to strengthen programme coherence, implementation planning and organizational readiness.



Disasters and crises

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

In 2025, a IFRC Disaster Response Emergency Fund ([IFRC-DREF](#)) was approved for wildfire-related emergency in Belize.

Name of Operation	Belize Forest Fires
MDR-Code	MDRBZ008
Duration	4 months (6 June 2024 to 31 October 2024)
Funding Allocation	CHF 158,160
People Targeted	800 people

The DREF allocation of CHF 158,160 in June 2024 supported the Belize Red Cross Society in aiding approximately 800 people affected by forest fires in the area of Toledo. Within a period of four months from June 2024 to October 2024, the National Society conducted interventions such as multipurpose cash assistance for affected families, distribution of PPEs, provision of hygiene and cleaning kits, among others.

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Belize Red Cross Society updated community emergency plans, strengthened Community Disaster Response Teams, contributed to national disaster planning processes and enhanced coordination with the National Emergency Management Organization and local authorities. The National Society conducted refresher trainings and strengthened branch-level reporting and activation protocols to improve operational readiness and response effectiveness. Volunteer mobilization systems were enhanced to support more efficient deployment of personnel during emergencies, while stock tracking processes and basic logistics planning were strengthened within existing warehouse limitations. These measures improved response efficiency, supported the timely mobilisation of relief assistance and reinforced accountability and transparency in emergency operations.

The Belize Red Cross Society strengthened its cash preparedness by developing Cash and Voucher Assistance Standard Operating Procedures, undertaking field testing of cash delivery mechanisms and participating in regional preparedness initiatives. Staff and volunteers from active branches strengthened their knowledge and capacities in cash and voucher assistance (CVA) programming through dedicated training and technical exchanges. The National Society also improved beneficiary targeting criteria, strengthened accountability to affected populations mechanisms, reinforced internal financial controls and enhanced documentation processes to support compliant, scalable and accountable cash responses.

The National Society strengthened beneficiary registration and data management systems through the rollout of digital tools designed to improve preparedness for future cash-based responses. Community awareness activities, disaster preparedness education initiatives and participation in early warning discussions supported disaster risk reduction at community level. These efforts increased awareness of hazards and preparedness measures, strengthened community engagement in disaster management processes and contributed to greater readiness for future emergencies. At the same time, disaster risk reduction considerations were integrated across other programme areas, reinforcing a more coordinated and comprehensive approach to resilience building.

The Belize Red Cross Society further strengthened its disaster preparedness capacities through participation in regional preparedness forums and initiatives linked to Early Warnings for All, Making Cities Resilient 2030 ([MCR2030](#)), anticipatory action and broader disaster risk management efforts.

The National Society strengthened emergency preparedness and readiness through participation in disaster preparedness workshops, technical exchanges and virtual preparedness meetings focused on the 2025 hurricane season and future emergency scenarios.

As Deputy Chair of the Regional International Disaster Response Law Working Group, the Belize Red Cross Society continued to provide leadership in regional disaster law and policy development. During the reporting period, the Working Group finalized the Model Provisions on International Disaster Response Law as part of the revision of the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency Model Legislation on Comprehensive Disaster Management. Through this engagement, the National Society strengthened its technical expertise in disaster law, reinforced its advocacy role at national and regional levels, contributed to regional policy discussions and strengthened its capacity to support future legislative alignment and disaster management policy reform in Belize.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Belize Red Cross Society in strengthening disaster preparedness, cash readiness, data management and operational systems through technical guidance, capacity strengthening, preparedness workshops, learning exchanges and digital tools. The IFRC also facilitated participation in regional preparedness initiatives and supported alignment with regional and global disaster risk management standards, contributing to enhanced organizational readiness, emergency financing preparedness and response capacity.



Health and wellbeing

Progress by the National Society against objectives

During the reporting period, the Belize Red Cross Society strengthened First Aid and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) training across multiple districts. The Home Caregivers Programme continued to support community-based care through the delivery of certified cohorts, resulting in strengthening community capacities to care for older persons and people living with chronic illnesses.

The Belize Red Cross Society conducted health fairs, outreach activities and public awareness initiatives focusing on non-communicable diseases, healthy lifestyles, emergency preparedness, community health and first aid. It completed a twelve-month Participatory Hygiene and Sanitation Transformation (PHAST) programme in 16 communities in the Toledo District. The programme supported improved hygiene and sanitation practices at community level and strengthened community engagement in water, sanitation and hygiene ([WASH](#)) initiatives.

The Belize Red Cross Society continued to promote voluntary blood donation and also implemented initiatives aimed at promoting mental health and psychosocial well-being, contributing to community well-being and psychosocial support.

The National Society strengthened its health programming through the use of technical materials, standards, training resources and knowledge-sharing opportunities related to [first aid](#), community health and preparedness. Participation in regional learning and coordination platforms enhanced technical knowledge, supported the adoption of good practices, strengthened alignment with recognized health approaches and reinforced the National Society's positioning and role within national health coordination mechanisms.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Belize Red Cross Society through technical guidance, training resources, standards and knowledge-sharing opportunities related to first aid, community health and preparedness. The IFRC also facilitated participation in regional learning and coordination platforms, supporting knowledge exchange, alignment with IFRC health approaches and reinforcement of the National Society's auxiliary role within the health sector.



The Belize Red Cross distributed essential food and cleaning kits to families in Otoxhal, close to the Guatemala border. (Photo: IFRC)



Migration and displacement

Progress by National Society against objectives

In 2025, the Belize Red Cross Society assisted migrants with training in vocational programmes and the government amnesty program. It continued to coordinate with relevant stakeholders to ensure functional referral pathways. The National Society also made efforts to sustain its humanitarian presence and deepen its operational impact, strengthen preparedness and resilience systems and reinforce high-level coordination with public authorities and partners, in relation to issues related to migration and displacement.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided strategic support to the Belize Red Cross Society in retaining migration as a relevant thematic priority for the National Society.



Values, power and inclusion

Progress by the National Society against objectives

From January to December 2025, the Belize Red Cross Society promoted humanitarian values, inclusion and youth engagement through education, community outreach and volunteer-led initiatives. Activities included dissemination of the Fundamental Principles, youth participation in climate and disaster activities, engagements focused on Protection, Gender and Inclusion (PGI) and Community Engagement and Accountability (CEA).

The National Society integrated youth into branch governance discussions and planning forums and engaged youth volunteers in peer-to-peer outreach on issues such as disaster risk reduction and environmental stewardship.

Additionally, the Belize Red Cross Society promoted safe and inclusive programming under PGI and made efforts to provide equitable access to services for older persons, persons with disabilities and marginalized groups. Digital engagement was also strengthened through social media campaigns and volunteer spotlights, enhancing public awareness of its services and opportunities for community involvement.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided the Belize Red Cross Society with technical assistance in Protection, Gender and Inclusion (PGI), volunteer engagement and Community Engagement and Accountability (CEA). It also supported the National Society in strengthening youth involvement and volunteer retention.

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.

In the Dutch and English-speaking Caribbean, various established national and regional mechanisms provide space for coordination and knowledge sharing. Those include, most prominently, the Red Cross Caribbean Disaster Risk Management Cell (CADRIM), which takes the lead in building and contributing knowledge and providing services to the IFRC network in the Caribbean, as well as contributes to the Americas and globally. CADRIM actively works towards the development of evidence, data and research on how to strengthen community resilience through sustainable preparedness and risk reduction activities, particularly in small island developing states.

Movement coordination

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

The ICRC supports some of the National Societies in their work on Restoring Family Links and tracing, primarily in the areas of migration and in promoting international humanitarian law. The Caracas regional delegation covers Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago and Venezuela.

External coordination

The Belize Red Cross Society strengthened its external coordination with government agencies, local authorities, civil society, the private sector and humanitarian partners, reinforcing its auxiliary role and improving the coherence of humanitarian action. It remained actively engaged in 11 government-led coordination platforms and eight formal interagency and international coordination mechanisms throughout 2025.

Collaboration with the National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO) included contingency planning and Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) preparedness meetings, while technical engagements with sectoral ministries, educational institutions and community organizations enhanced the alignment of activities, complemented public

services and reduced duplication of efforts. At the local level, branch participation in planning processes and national preparedness mechanisms further strengthened coordination and community-level preparedness.

Engagement with private sector partners also supported resource diversification and sustainability, reinforcing Belize Red Cross Society's capacity to deliver humanitarian assistance through strong, coordinated partnerships.



National Society development

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Belize Red Cross Society strengthened its institutional capacity and sustainability through progress in governance, strategic planning, volunteer and [youth engagement](#), organizational development and resource mobilization. Governance systems were reinforced through regular Board and Management meetings, reviews of organizational plans and clarification of roles and responsibilities at both national and branch levels. Work also continued to revise the Belize Red Cross Act of Incorporation (1983) and the Constitution (2006), supporting institutional modernization and alignment with IFRC standards. Branch committees demonstrated increased ownership by leading local planning and organizational improvements.

Volunteer development remained a key priority, with structured onboarding, mentorship and branch-level capacity-building to improve retention, motivation and operational readiness. Youth volunteers played a leading role in climate awareness campaigns, school-based disaster preparedness sessions and environmental stewardship activities, engaging communities on disaster risk reduction, climate adaptation and humanitarian values while promoting young people as active contributors to resilience-building.

The National Society also invested in strengthening organizational systems through capacity-building for staff and volunteers in programme management, financial accountability, reporting, internal controls and documentation. Financial sustainability was further strengthened through diversified resource mobilization, including expanded First Aid, CPR and Home Caregiving training programmes, targeted fundraising initiatives, engagement with corporate partners and grant opportunities. Income generated through core services also contributed to operational continuity and reduced reliance on single-source funding. In 2025, the National Society also accessed the IFRC and ICRC-run National Society Investment Alliance ([NSIA](#)).

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided targeted technical support to the Belize Red Cross Society to strengthen organizational sustainability through strategic planning, governance and National Society development. This included support for governance and organizational development processes, facilitation of access to the IFRC and ICRC-run National Society Investment Alliance ([NSIA](#)) as well as assistance in preparing for the next strategic planning cycle, strengthening management structures and aligning organizational priorities with IFRC Strategy 2030.



Humanitarian diplomacy

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Belize Red Cross Society strengthened its humanitarian diplomacy and public positioning through advocacy, media engagement, participation in policy consultations and representation at national and international forums. Advocacy efforts focused on disaster preparedness, climate action, first aid, caregiving standards and inclusion, while reinforcing the National Society's auxiliary role and promoting stronger disaster governance. In July, the National Society had high-level meetings with the Government of Belize, including the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade and the Chief Executive Officer of the Office of the Prime Minister, to advocate for its auxiliary role and to discuss revisions to the Belize Red Cross Society Act to strengthen operational effectiveness. Additionally, it followed up on the proposed Legal Status Agreement with the Government of Belize.

The National Society also partnered with the National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO) in a global case study supporting the proposed Treaty on the Protection of Persons in the Event of Disasters. The initiative examined

how national legal frameworks facilitate or constrain effective disaster response and highlighted the practical value of the proposed treaty in addressing regulatory gaps, strengthening disaster governance and demonstrating the contribution of National Societies to governments and international treaty negotiations..

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Belize Red Cross Society's humanitarian diplomacy through technical guidance, strategic positioning and access to regional and global advocacy platforms. It supported the National Society's participation in the global case study on the Treaty on the Protection of Persons in the Event of Disasters. Additionally, the IFRC also supported the Belize Red Cross Society in its high-level meetings with public authorities.



Accountability and agility (cross-cutting)

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2025, the Belize Red Cross Society strengthened financial accountability through stronger budget monitoring, procurement documentation and adherence to internal controls, enhancing donor confidence and institutional credibility. Regular Unified Plan reporting, participation in audits and improved data management strengthened organizational oversight.

It also maintained a Prevention and Response to Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) policy to strengthen prevention measures and support survivors, while streamlining communication channels between headquarters and branches to improve organizational responsiveness.

The National Society enhanced systems for planning, reporting, monitoring (PMER) and information management. It also digital transformation to support assessments, cash preparedness and emergency information management.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the National Society through technical tools, training and systems support.

Q4. AFFECTED PERSONS (PEOPLE REACHED)

See cover pages

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

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

Q6. RISK MANAGEMENT

This information is not available in Annual Reports

Q7. EXIT STRATEGY AND SUSTAINABILITY

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

Q8. LESSONS LEARNED

Diversifying income sources strengthens operational continuity

The suspension of externally funded programmes demonstrated the importance of maintaining internal income-generating services. Revenue from First Aid, CPR and Home Caregiver training helped sustain core operations during funding disruptions, highlighting the value of strengthening cost-recovery services and private sector engagement.

Strengthening monitoring and data systems is necessary for improved reporting

While multiple activities were implemented across programme areas, data on the number of people reached was not always available for certain initiatives, including some climate-related activities and psychosocial support services. This highlighted the need to further strengthen data collection and monitoring systems.

Partnerships and coordination strengthen programme implementation

Collaboration with government agencies, educational institutions and partners supported the implementation of preparedness, health and climate-related initiatives while reinforcing the auxiliary role of the National Society.

SUCCESS STORIES



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Building Resilient Communities through Care, Preparedness, Youth Leadership and Sustainable Services

In 2025, the Belize Red Cross Society demonstrated how integrated community programmes can simultaneously strengthen resilience, improve livelihoods and enhance institutional sustainability. Through the Unified Plan, it expanded access to essential health and emergency preparedness services while empowering communities to take an active role in building resilience.

A cornerstone of this effort was the successful implementation of five certified cohorts of the Home Caregivers Programme, through which 107 caregivers (6 men, 101 women) were trained to provide quality home-based care for older persons and people living with chronic illnesses. Beyond improving the quality of care for vulnerable households, the programme created new livelihood opportunities, with several graduates securing employment or providing paid caregiving services within their communities. At the same time, the Belize Red Cross Society strengthened its position as a trusted health partner while advancing women's economic empowerment.

Community resilience was further reinforced through youth-led climate awareness campaigns, school-based disaster preparedness sessions and environmental stewardship activities. By engaging students and communities in discussions on disaster risk reduction, climate adaptation and humanitarian values, young volunteers emerged as influential leaders and advocates, strengthening intergenerational engagement, increasing disaster awareness and improving volunteer retention.

The National also reinforced its auxiliary role by strengthening coordination with the National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO) through preparedness planning and climate change discussions. This closer collaboration improved alignment with national disaster management efforts, enhanced operational credibility and enabled timelier and coordinated humanitarian response.

Supporting these community initiatives was its continued expansion of its First Aid and CPR training programme. During the year, 1,171 people (566 men, 605 women) received certified training, increasing the number of skilled first responders across Belize while improving workplace and community safety. Revenue generated through these trainings provided an important source of unrestricted funding, strengthening the National Society's financial sustainability, supporting core operations and expanding partnerships with schools and private sector organizations.

Together, these initiatives demonstrate how the National Society successfully combined community-based health services, youth engagement, disaster preparedness, strategic partnerships and sustainable resource generation to create lasting humanitarian impact. By simultaneously improving lives, strengthening local capacities and reinforcing its own institutional resilience, the Belize Red Cross Society advanced its mission of building safer, healthier and more resilient communities across Belize.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

in Swiss francs (CHF)

Dominica Red Cross Society			
Overview		Funding Sources	
Funding	201,000	IFRC Secretariat	Not reported
Expenditure	119,000	Participating National Societies	Not reported
		HNS other funding sources	Not reported

IFRC network			
Country		Funding Requirement	272,000
IFRC Secretariat	Longer-term	Funding Requirement	173,000
		Funding	19,000
		Expenditure	18,000
Participating National Socie..		Funding Requirement	Not reported
HNS other funding sources		Funding Requirement	100,000
		Funding	Not reported

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Climate and environment	National Society implements environmental or climate campaigns focused on behaviour change, plastic reduction, clean-ups or reducing GHG emissions	Yes
	National Society implements nature-based solutions (including those with a particular focus on the planting of trees and mangroves)	Yes
Disasters and crises	Number of people reached with disaster risk reduction	289
Health and wellbeing	Number of people reached by the National Society with training in first aid	400

ENABLING FUNCTIONS

Humanitarian diplomacy	National Society has a domestic advocacy strategy developed aligning, at least in part, with global IFRC advocacy strategies	Yes
National Society development	National Society has developed and/or implemented a strategy for strengthening their auxiliary role	Yes
	There is a National Society Development plan in place	Yes

IFRC NETWORK BILATERAL-SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

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

Q1. OVERALL PERFORMANCE

Key achievements

Climate and environment

In 2025, the Dominica Red Cross Society implemented a community-based climate and disaster preparedness project in Tarreau. Approximately three acres of fire-prone land were restored through the planting of hardwood and fruit trees, reducing bushfire risk and supporting livelihoods. Community members participated in planting and maintenance activities, access steps were constructed to support ongoing upkeep and a public awareness campaign on bushfire prevention was conducted.

Disasters and crises

The Dominica Red Cross Society strengthened community disaster preparedness in Tarreau through training in disaster preparedness, search and rescue and emergency response, supported by simulation exercises. Community members developed household disaster plans, hazard maps and a community disaster plan and volunteers conducted household preparedness outreach. The National Society also strengthened cash and voucher assistance preparedness through the development of standard operating procedures and staff training, advanced disaster risk reduction, Protection, Gender and Inclusion and early action planning and continued contributing to regional disaster law and policy development.

Health and wellbeing

During the reporting period, the Dominica Red Cross Society focused on first aid and emergency medical training. The National Society trained new first aid instructors, introduced Basic Life Support training for nurses and medical personnel and remained the only provider of Basic Life Support certification in the country. It also supported a volunteer through its solidarity fund and continued to provide ambulance services with two operational ambulances.

Migration and displacement

In 2025, the Dominica Red Cross Society strengthened branch development, youth engagement and Protection, Gender and Inclusion capacity. The Kalinago branch was re-established and expanded to nearly 100 volunteers, becoming one of the National Society's most active branches. Youth participation increased through school and branch-based activities, further strengthening community engagement.

Enabling local actors

During the reporting period, the Dominica Red Cross Society strengthened its organizational capacity through branch expansion, volunteer development and technical capacity-building. The National Society increased its presence to 11 branches, expanded youth recruitment through schools and enhanced volunteer skills through training, including the certification of seven new first aid instructors.

The National Society also strengthened its operational capacity through a PIRAC agreement signed in August 2025. This supported the expansion of disaster risk reduction activities and the recruitment of personnel to lead new programme areas.

Q2. CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS

During 2025, the Unified Plan was significantly adjusted due to funding shortages, limited staffing and operational constraints. The Dominica Red Cross Society scaled back implementation to a single community-based climate resilience and disaster preparedness project, while several planned disaster risk reduction, health, water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), resource mobilization, digital transformation, accountability and humanitarian diplomacy activities were delayed, partially implemented or not undertaken. Formal enhanced Vulnerability and Capacity Assessments (eVCA), early warning systems, cash-based assistance, WASH initiatives and health coordination activities were also deprioritized. A positive amendment was the signing of the PIRAC agreement in August 2025, which enabled preparatory work on disaster risk reduction in schools, Protection, Gender and Inclusion (PGI) and [Early Action Protocols \(EAP\)](#), laying the foundation for expanded implementation in 2026.

Q3. MEASURING RESULTS OF THE IFRC NETWORK ACTION

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Climate and environment

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2025, the Dominica Red Cross Society implemented a community-based climate change and disaster preparedness project in the Tarreau community on the East Coast. Approximately three acres of fire-prone hillside land were cleared and replanted with hardwood and fruit trees, benefiting all members of the Tarreau community. This reduced bush fire risk, supported ecosystem restoration and provided livelihood benefits through fruit production. Community members were directly involved in land preparation, planting and maintenance. Access steps were constructed to allow continued upkeep and access to farms and replanted areas. Additionally, one public awareness campaign on bushfire prevention was implemented in 2025.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Dominica Red Cross Society with technical guidance for the implementation of its climate change project and facilitated its engagement with partners.



Disasters and crises

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

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Dominica Red Cross Society strengthened community disaster preparedness by building local response capacity and enhancing readiness for future emergencies. Preparedness activities focused on the Tarreau community, where residents received training in disaster preparedness, search and rescue and emergency response, complemented by simulation exercises for hazards such as vehicular accidents. Community members also developed household disaster plans, hazard maps and a community disaster plan, while volunteers conducted door-to-door outreach to distribute household preparedness plans.

The Dominica Red Cross Society strengthened its preparedness for cash and voucher assistance (CVA) through a joint mission conducted in August 2025, during which it developed a standard operating procedure to guide future CVA

programming and preparedness. Staff and volunteers also enhanced their operational readiness through training on CVA fundamentals and AccessRC.

These efforts strengthened community preparedness and demonstrated functional local response capacity. Preparatory work also advanced disaster risk reduction in schools, Protection, Gender and Inclusion (PGI) and early action through the recruitment of dedicated personnel following the signing of a PIRAC agreement, laying the foundation for expanded implementation in 2026. At the regional level, the National Society continued to participate in the Regional International Disaster Response Law (IDRL) Working Group, contributing to the finalization of the Model Provisions on International Disaster Response Law as part of the revision of the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency's Model Legislation on Comprehensive Disaster Management, helping strengthen the regional legal framework for disaster response.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC and the **American Red Cross** supported the Dominica Red Cross Society in strengthening its preparedness for cash and voucher assistance (CVA) through a joint mission in August 2025. Through the PIRAC agreement, the IFRC provided structured technical and financial support to the National Society. Additionally, the IFRC also supported the Dominica Red Cross Society's participation in the Regional International Disaster Response Law (IDRL) Working Group.



Health and wellbeing

Progress by the National Society against objectives

During the reporting period, the Dominica Red Cross Society focused on first aid and emergency medical training. It trained new instructors in first aid, expanding national capacity. Basic Life Support (BLS) training was introduced and delivered to nurses and medical personnel in collaboration with the Nursing Council. The National Society also remained the only provider of BLS certification nationally, in 2025. Additionally, through its solidarity fund, the National Society provided assisted one of its volunteers with medical expenses. Ambulance services continued on a fee-and-volunteer-supported basis with two operational ambulances in possession of the Dominica Red Cross Society.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided technical and financial support to the National Society through training systems, accreditation frameworks and guidance for first aid and Basic Life Support. It also supported the strengthening of instructor capacity and provided assistance with first aid supplies and training resources.



Values, power and inclusion

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2025, the Dominica Red Cross Society advanced branch development and youth engagement. The Kalinago branch was re-established and strengthened, growing to nearly 100 volunteers and becoming one of the most active branches. Youth participation increased through school-based activities and branch-led initiative. The National Society also continued to work with schools through branch engagement. It also built its capacity in Protection, Gender and Inclusion (PGI).

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the National Society in building its capacity in Protection, Gender and Inclusion (PGI).

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.

In the Dutch and English-speaking Caribbean, various established national and regional mechanisms provide space for coordination and knowledge sharing. Those include, most prominently, the Red Cross Caribbean Disaster Risk Management Cell (CADRIM), which takes the lead in building and contributing knowledge and providing services to the IFRC network in the Caribbean, as well as contributes to the Americas and globally. CADRIM actively works towards the development of evidence, data and research on how to strengthen community resilience through sustainable preparedness and risk reduction activities, particularly in small island developing states.

The **French Red Cross**, through the Regional Intervention Platform for the Americas and the Caribbean of the French Red Cross (PIRAC), works in Eastern Caribbean countries under the Ready Together project in international disaster response law and civil military activities, as well as in climate change adaptation and disaster preparedness activities. The platform works with the Dominica Red Cross Society to train trainers and accredit National Society commercial first aid with the [Global First Aid Reference Centre](#).

The **Italian Red Cross** provides long-term support to the National Society for its climate and environment initiatives.

Movement coordination

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

The **ICRC** supports the Dominica Red Cross Society in its work on [Restoring Family Links](#) and tracing, primarily in the areas of migration and in promoting [international humanitarian law](#) through its Caracas regional delegation.

External coordination

The Dominica Red Cross Society continued to work closely with government ministries, national disaster management structures, implementing partners and local communities to enhance disaster preparedness and resilience. In collaboration with the Division of Agriculture, the National Society implemented disaster preparedness activities in the Tarreau community, while partnership with the Ministry of Education, supported through PIRAC, enabled the launch of a school-based disaster risk reduction initiative to strengthen preparedness and resilience among students and school communities. Through community awareness campaigns, outreach activities and training, residents were actively engaged in disaster risk reduction, preparedness and hazard mitigation, demonstrating the effectiveness of community-centred approaches to building local resilience.

The Dominica Red Cross Society also maintained a strong coordination role within the national disaster management system through its active participation in five subcommittees of the National Emergency Planning Organization: the Food and General Supplies, Health, Telecommunications, Shelter and Relief subcommittees. Through these platforms, the National Society contributed to national preparedness and response planning while ensuring close coordination with government counterparts. Regular engagement with implementing partners and volunteers further strengthened operational coordination, supported the effective implementation of preparedness activities and reinforced the National Society's role as a trusted auxiliary to the public authorities in disaster management.



Progress by the National Society against objectives

During the reporting period, the Dominica Red Cross Society strengthened its organizational capacity by expanding its branch network, investing in volunteer development and building technical capacity despite continued resource constraints. The National Society increased its presence to 11 branches and expanded youth recruitment, particularly through schools, helping to strengthen its volunteer base and community outreach. Volunteer capacities were further enhanced through training initiatives, including the certification of seven new first aid instructors, increasing the National Society's ability to deliver first aid training and emergency preparedness activities across the country.

The National Society also strengthened its operational capacity through the signing of a PIRAC agreement in August 2025, which enabled the expansion of work in disaster risk reduction and supported the recruitment of three temporary officers to lead new programme areas.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided technical support to strengthen the National Society's organizational development, including guidance on volunteer management, first aid instructor development and branch strengthening approaches.

Q4. AFFECTED PERSONS (PEOPLE REACHED)

See cover pages

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

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

Q6. RISK MANAGEMENT

This information is not available in Annual Reports

Q7. EXIT STRATEGY AND SUSTAINABILITY

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

Q8. LESSONS LEARNED

The Dominica Red Cross Society learned that meaningful community engagement is fundamental to the success and sustainability of humanitarian interventions. Early consultation with community members and a clear understanding of local priorities enabled activities to better address community needs and strengthened local ownership of project outcomes. The National Society also found that delivering training within communities significantly improved participation by making activities more accessible to residents, including children and older persons, while encouraging greater involvement in practical preparedness exercises and strengthening community resilience.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW
in Swiss francs (CHF)

Grenada Red Cross Society			
Overview		Funding Sources	
Funding	978,000	IFRC Secretariat	Not reported
Expenditure	666,000	Participating National Societies	Not reported
		HNS other funding sources	Not reported

IFRC network			
Country		Funding Requirement	1.4M
IFRC Secretariat	Longer-term	Funding Requirement	193,000
		Funding	232,000
		Expenditure	48,000
	Emergency Operations	Funding Requirement	1.1M
		Funding	Not reported
		Expenditure	Not reported
Participating National Societies		Funding Requirement	Not reported
		Funding	Not reported
		Expenditure	Not reported
HNS other funding sources		Funding Requirement	170,000
		Funding	Not reported

ONGOING EMERGENCY INDICATORS
MDRS2001 / Hurricane Beryl

Disasters and crises	Number of people reached with shelter support	222
	Number of people reached with emergency response and early recovery programmes	74
	Number of people trained in shelter and settlement vocational programmes	63
	Number of people supported to start or improve their income generation activities	55
	Number of National Society staff and volunteers trained in disaster risk reduction	15

	Number of community disaster response teams (CDRT) trained	1
Health and wellbeing	Number of people reached by the National Society with contextually appropriate water, sanitation and hygiene services	1,000
	Number of target population registered and trained as IFRC Network health and/or WASH volunteers	79
	Number of people reached by the National Society with training in first aid	17
Values, power and inclusion	Number of methods used to enable communities to participate in planning and managing services, programmes and operations	2

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Climate and environment	National Society has received IFRC Network's support to adapt to longer-term impacts of climate change	Yes
	National Society implements environmental or climate campaigns focused on behaviour change, plastic reduction, clean-ups or reducing GHG emissions	Yes
	National Society implements nature-based solutions (including those with a particular focus on the planting of trees and mangroves)	Yes
Disasters and crises	Number of people reached with disaster risk reduction	15
Health and wellbeing	Number of people reached by the National Society with contextually appropriate health services	95
	Number of people reached with psychosocial and mental health services	17
Values, power and inclusion	Number of people reached by protection, gender and inclusion programming	320

ENABLING FUNCTIONS

Accountability and agility	National Society has strengthened its integrity and reputational risk mechanism	Yes
National Society development	National Society covers health, accident and death compensation for all of its volunteers	Yes
	National Society has developed and/or implemented a strategy for strengthening their auxiliary role	Yes

IFRC NETWORK BILATERAL-SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

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

Q1. OVERALL PERFORMANCE

Key achievements

Climate and environment

In 2025, the Grenada Red Cross Society strengthened climate resilience through Enhanced Vulnerability and Capacity Assessments in Woburn–Clarke's Court Bay Marine Protected Area and Telescope, St. Andrew, to identify climate risks and support community resilience planning. The National Society built staff and volunteer capacity in climate risk assessment and Nature-based Solutions, implemented a heat action awareness campaign, conducted a disaster risk reduction clean-up activity, supported households affected by fires and advanced Ecosystem-based Adaptation through stakeholder consultations, community engagement and a national validation workshop.

Disasters and crises

The Grenada Red Cross Society strengthened disaster preparedness and response capacity by establishing and training a Community Disaster Response Team and supporting broader preparedness activities beyond the Hurricane Beryl operation. The National Society enhanced readiness through participation in a Disaster Response Emergency Fund workshop, developed draft Disaster Response Emergency Fund documents and finalized standard operating procedures for Cash and Voucher Assistance programming to improve preparedness for future emergencies.

Health and wellbeing

During the reporting period, the Grenada Red Cross Society strengthened community health through a blood screening initiative that included public blood typing, expansion of its voluntary blood donor directory and community surveys on blood donation. The National Society also strengthened local capacity to support mental wellbeing by training volunteers and community members in Psychological First Aid.

Values, power and inclusion

From January to December 2025, the Grenada Red Cross Society strengthened Protection, Gender and Inclusion through school outreach activities, distribution of educational materials on heat risks and Protection, Gender and Inclusion topics and training for staff and volunteers. The National Society also improved the collection of sex-, age- and disability-disaggregated data and maintained Community Engagement and Accountability feedback mechanisms to strengthen accessibility and accountability.

Enabling local actors

In 2025, the Grenada Red Cross Society strengthened its institutional capacity by recruiting finance and field staff, expanding volunteer support through insurance coverage and enhancing staff and volunteer learning through regional exchanges and communities of practice. The National Society also initiated the upgrade of its warehouse in St. George's to strengthen logistics, storage and disaster response capacity.

The National Society strengthened its advocacy and accountability systems through policy engagement on ecosystem-based adaptation and climate governance, stronger financial controls and reporting, improved digital data collection and feedback management and the initiation of organizational risk assessments to guide future risk mitigation efforts.

Q2. CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS

Implementation of the 2025 Unified Plan was substantially reoriented following Hurricane Beryl, with resources and operational priorities shifting from planned long-term development activities to emergency response and recovery. As a result, several planned initiatives including climate resilience programming, disaster management system reforms, health programme expansion, migration activities, volunteer development and broader organizational strengthening were delayed, scaled back or reprioritized. Operational constraints, including limited staffing, volunteer capacity, customs delays and governance transition processes, further affected delivery.

Q3. MEASURING RESULTS OF THE IFRC NETWORK ACTION

ONGOING EMERGENCY RESPONSE

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

Emergency Appeal Name	Hurricane Beryl Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Grenada, Barbados and Jamaica
Emergency Appeal number	MDRS2001
People affected	1,280,000 people
People to be assisted	25,000 people
Duration	24 months (5 July 2024 to 31 July 2026)
Funding requirements	Funding requirements through the IFRC Appeal: CHF 4 million Federation-wide Funding requirements: CHF 4.5 million
Link to Emergency Appeal	Hurricane Beryl- Emergency Appeal
Link to Operational Strategy	Hurricane Beryl-Operational Strategy
Link to National Society Response Plan	Grenada National Society Response Plan
Latest Operations Update	Operational Update No. 5

On 29 June 2024, the first major hurricane of the 2024 Atlantic hurricane season was hurricane Beryl which was the earliest Category 4 hurricane to form in recorded history, on 30 June. By 1 July, it became a Category 5 hurricane with maximum sustained winds of 270 km/h. Hurricane Beryl made landfall on 1 July in Barbados, Grenada, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines as a Category 4, causing several deaths and severely damaging most of the properties on the islands. Hurricane Beryl intensified to a category 5 as it approached Jamaica, bringing with it the potential for severe impacts. Reports indicate extensive damage, including numerous fallen trees that have blocked roads, landslides, widespread power outages in multiple communities and structural damage due to high winds.

For the response, the Red Cross Societies of the four countries activated their Emergency Operations Centres to coordinate efforts with local partners. Through this Emergency Appeal, the IFRC aims to support the Barbados Red Cross, Grenada Red Cross, Jamaica Red Cross, the Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Red Cross in responding to the 2024 hurricane.

Short description of the emergency operational strategy

This Emergency Appeal aims to provide humanitarian assistance as well as short to medium-term recovery support to withstand future climate-related shocks and stresses to 25,000 people (5,000 families) living in the affected areas of Barbados, Grenada, Jamaica and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. The response will be conducted over twelve months, with an emergency phase of three months followed by recovery activities. The relief efforts will encompass various forms of assistance. This includes Shelter, Livelihoods, Cash and Voucher Assistance, Mental Health and Psychosocial Support ([MHPSS](#)), Water, Sanitation and Hygiene, Risk Reduction and Recovery interventions. Considerations for Protection, Gender and Inclusion and Community Engagement and Accountability will underpin all activities. In addition, the operation aims to strengthen the institutional capacity of the National Societies in order to reinforce ongoing and future response capabilities through the additional training of staff and volunteers, 15 further developments of volunteer management systems, increased logistics capacity and the procurement of critical equipment, among other initiatives.

Following Hurricane Beryl, the Barbados Red Cross Society prioritized strengthening its operational readiness and recovery capacity through close coordination with national and district emergency authorities. The response has been focused on supporting the most vulnerable with targeted cash assistance, livelihoods recovery and shelter, health and water, sanitation and hygiene services, informed by comprehensive needs assessments. At the same time, the National Society has been invested in strengthening its operational, logistical, financial, volunteer management, Community Engagement and Accountability (CEA) and Protection, Gender and Inclusion (PGI) capacities to improve resilience and preparedness for future emergencies.

For the period 01 July 2024 to 31 January 2026, the following assistance was provided by the Barbados Red Cross Society:

Shelter, housing and settlements: National shelter preparedness was strengthened by developing updated shelter Standard Operating Procedures, child-friendly space protocols and delivering shelter management training in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and other stakeholders.

Livelihoods: Recovery of livelihoods affected was supported through targeted cash assistance for vulnerable fish vendors and livelihoods support for artisanal fisherfolk, informed by market assessments and community consultations.

Health and care: Emergency health preparedness was strengthened by providing basic first aid and psychological first aid training to volunteers and shelter wardens.

Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH): Hygiene items were distributed to affected households and water storage tanks were provided, improving access to safe water and reducing the risk of water-borne diseases in vulnerable communities.

Protection, Gender and Inclusion (PGI): The National Society enhanced resilience and reduced the vulnerability of communities affected by Hurricane Beryl through comprehensive PGI measures, including the implementation of Protection, Safety and Safeguarding mechanisms in affected communities.

Community Engagement and Accountability (CEA): Engagement of affected families and other in the design, implementation and monitoring of the response operation was actively encouraged.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Climate and environment

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2025, the Grenada Red Cross Society strengthened climate adaptation and environmental resilience by completing enhanced Vulnerability and Capacity Assessments (eVCA) in the Woburn–Clarke's Court Bay Marine Protected Area and Telescope, St. Andrew, identifying key climate risks to inform community resilience planning. The National Society also strengthened the capacity of staff and volunteers in climate risk assessment and Nature-based Solutions through training and applied this knowledge during community walkthroughs, stakeholder consultations, livelihood assessments, eVCA and preparedness activities.

The National Society implemented a heat action awareness campaign through social media to improve public knowledge of heat-related risks and prevention measures, conducted a disaster risk reduction clean-up in St. Patrick's to reduce environmental hazards and provided relief items to households affected by fires.

Additionally, the Grenada Red Cross Society made progress in Ecosystem-based Adaptation by completing a legal and policy assessment, conducting consultations with government, community and private sector stakeholders. It also engaged the Woburn community on potential Ecosystem-based Adaptation interventions and organized a community meeting to promote Nature-based Solutions and climate-smart livelihood pathways. The National Society also held a national validation workshop to support future policy engagement.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Grenada Red Cross Society through technical guidance, training in legislative advocacy, Nature-based Solutions and climate-disaster risk reduction linkages. It also facilitated partnerships with research institutions and national stakeholders and supported the National Society in developing and implementing an advocacy strategy based on the legal and policy assessment on Ecosystem-based Adaptation.



Disasters and crises

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

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Grenada Red Cross Society strengthened disaster preparedness and response capacity by establishing and training a Community Disaster Response Team comprising representatives from local services and community leadership. The National Society also focused on preparedness activities outside of the Hurricane Beryl response and recovery operation.

In May 2025, the Grenada Red Cross Society participated in a Disaster Response Emergency Fund workshop to strengthen its understanding of the IFRC Disaster Response Emergency Fund (IFRC-DREF) mechanism and develop draft Disaster Response Emergency Fund documents to improve readiness for future emergencies. By December 2025, the National Society also finalized standard operating procedures for Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA) programming to strengthen its capacity to deliver cash-based interventions.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Grenada Red Cross Society with technical assistance for preparedness planning, training methodologies and the integration of climate risk data into disaster preparedness approaches. Through its [Climate Centre](#), the IFRC supported the National Society's participation in the May 2025 Disaster Response Emergency Fund workshop. Additionally, in coordination with the **American Red Cross**, it provided virtual technical support to the National Society in the development of standard operating procedures for Cash and Voucher Assistance programming.



Health and wellbeing

Progress by the National Society against objectives

During the reporting period, the Grenada Red Cross Society implemented a blood screening initiative to strengthen community health awareness and preparedness. The National Society conducted public blood typing screenings, expanded its non-remunerated blood donor directory by registering individuals willing to donate blood and carried out community surveys to raise awareness and better understand public perceptions of blood donation.

The Grenada Red Cross Society also strengthened community health capacity by training volunteers and community members in Psychological First Aid to enhance local capacity to support mental wellbeing during emergencies.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Grenada Red Cross Society by providing curriculum content, facilitation standards and technical guidance for the delivery of Psychological First Aid training.



Values, power and inclusion

Progress by the National Society against objectives

For the period from January to December 2025, the Grenada Red Cross Society strengthened its commitment to Protection, Gender and Inclusion (PGI) by integrating key messages into school outreach activities, distributing educational exercise books containing information on heat risks and PGI topics to children in Grenada and Carriacou as well as strengthening the capacity of staff and volunteers through PGI training. The National Society also improved systems for collecting sex-, age- and disability-disaggregated data and maintained Community Engagement and Accountability (CEA) feedback mechanisms to strengthen accountability and accessibility in non-emergency programming.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Grenada Red Cross Society by providing Protection, Gender and Inclusion (PGI) training content, safeguarding guidance and technical assistance to strengthen accountability mechanisms and sex-, age- and disability-disaggregated data collection practices.

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 the Dutch and English-speaking Caribbean, various established national and regional mechanisms provide space for coordination and knowledge sharing. Those include, most prominently, the Red Cross Caribbean Disaster Risk Management Cell (CADRIM), which takes the lead in building and contributing knowledge and providing services to the IFRC network in the Caribbean, as well as contributes to the Americas and globally. CADRIM actively works towards the development of evidence, data and research on how to strengthen community resilience through sustainable preparedness and risk reduction activities, particularly in small island developing states.

Movement coordination

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

The ICRC supports some of the National Societies in their work on Restoring Family Links and tracing, primarily in the areas of migration and in promoting international humanitarian law. The Caracas regional delegation covers Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago and Venezuela.

External coordination

The Grenada Red Cross Society maintained strong external coordination throughout 2025 by reinforcing its auxiliary role to government and strengthening partnerships with national, regional and international stakeholders. The National Society continued to serve on the National Disaster Management Authority (NADMA) and 17 other national, regional and global coordination bodies, contributing technical expertise.

Partnerships with academic institutions further strengthened community programming and organizational capacity. The Grenada Red Cross Society signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Michigan School of Public Health to support internships and collaborative initiatives, while continuing to host public health interns from St. George's University who contributed to community-based activities. Collaboration with the WFP also enhanced humanitarian service delivery, with the National Society volunteers supporting beneficiary registration, on-site monitoring and post-distribution monitoring for food assistance programmes. Together, these partnerships expanded the National Society's operational reach, strengthened technical capacity and reinforced its role as a trusted humanitarian partner.



National Society development

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2025, the Grenada Red Cross Society strengthened its institutional capacity by recruiting dedicated finance and field staff, expanding support for volunteers through insurance coverage and enhancing institutional learning through participation in regional communities of practice and South-South exchanges on climate and preparedness programming.

The Grenada Red Cross Society initiated the upgrade of its warehouse in St. George's by completing the procurement and contracting process, preparing for construction works and procuring equipment to strengthen logistics, storage and disaster response capacity.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Grenada Red Cross Society by providing technical assistance and research to strengthen advocacy for increased government subvention and tax exemptions on imports. The IFRC also supported the National Society through staff secondments, training opportunities and access to peer exchange platforms to strengthen organisational development.



Humanitarian diplomacy

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Grenada Red Cross Society strengthened its advocacy base through the production of policy-relevant evidence, particularly in ecosystem-based adaptation and climate governance. Initial advocacy materials were developed and engagement with public authorities and partners increased visibility of the National Society's auxiliary role.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the National Society in advocacy and technical review of policy assessments. It also provided guidance on strategic communications and diplomacy.



Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2025, the Grenada Red Cross Society improved accountability and risk management through strengthened financial controls, transparent reporting and the use of digital tools for data collection and feedback management. Organizational risk assessments for facilities and logistics were initiated to guide future mitigation actions.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided guidance on accountability frameworks, digital data tools, risk management approaches and results-based management.

Q4. AFFECTED PERSONS (PEOPLE REACHED)

See cover pages

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

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

Q6. RISK MANAGEMENT

This information is not available in Annual Reports

Q7. EXIT STRATEGY AND SUSTAINABILITY

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

Q8. LESSONS LEARNED

The Grenada Red Cross Society learned that adapting the sequencing of activities by delivering training before distributing relief items improved participant engagement and understanding. The National Society also found that leadership development and regional knowledge exchange strengthened organisational capacity by promoting flexibility, collaboration and innovation in responding to humanitarian challenges. In addition, strengthened partnerships with government authorities, academic institutions and humanitarian partners enhanced resource mobilization, advocacy and programme implementation.

SUCCESS STORIES



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Building Stronger Communities through Recovery and Preparedness

Following the impact of Hurricane Beryl, the Grenada Red Cross Society helped communities move from recovery to resilience through targeted preparedness, livelihoods and awareness initiatives. More than 500 water storage barrels were distributed to households, farmers and schools across mainland Grenada, improving access to safe water and strengthening preparedness for future emergencies. At the same time, cash assistance enabled farmers, fisherfolk and sea moss vendors to restore their livelihoods, helping families rebuild income sources and regain greater economic stability.

The National Society also invested in building resilience among children and communities through Protection, Gender and Inclusion and Heatwave Awareness campaigns, which reached primary school students and teachers with messages on safety, inclusion and climate-related risks. The voices and experiences of affected communities were further amplified through a communications mission that documented stories of resilience and recovery, highlighting both the progress achieved and the continuing humanitarian needs.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

in Swiss francs (CHF)

Guyana Red Cross Society			
Overview		Funding Sources	
Funding	582,000	IFRC Secretariat	Not reported
Expenditure	15,000	Participating National Societies	Not reported
		HNS other funding sources	Not reported

IFRC network			
Country	Funding Requirement	247,000	
IFRC Secretariat	Longer-term Funding Requirement	100,000	
	Funding	582,000	
	Expenditure	15,000	
HNS other funding sources	Funding Requirement	147,000	
	Funding	Not reported	

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Climate and environment	National Society has received IFRC Network's support to adapt to longer-term impacts of climate change	Yes
	National Society implements environmental or climate campaigns focused on behaviour change, plastic reduction, clean-ups or reducing GHG emissions	Yes
Disasters and crises	Number of people reached with disaster risk reduction	457
Health and wellbeing	Number of people donating blood	86
	Number of people reached by the National Society with training in first aid	1,000
	Number of people reached with psychosocial and mental health services	45

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
	Number of migrants and displaced persons reached with services for assistance and protection	8
Values, power and inclusion	Number of people reached by protection, gender and inclusion programming	25

ENABLING FUNCTIONS

National Society development	National Society covers health, accident and death compensation for all of its volunteers	Yes
	There is a National Society Development plan in place	Yes

IFRC NETWORK BILATERAL-SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

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

Q1. OVERALL PERFORMANCE

Key achievements

Climate and environment

In 2025, the Guyana Red Cross Society focused on strengthening climate preparedness through assessments, coordination and capacity-building activities. The National Society conducted pre-disaster market and basket assessments, participated in national climate and disaster risk management discussions, contributed to the Early Warnings for All initiative and the National Integrated Disaster Risk Management Plan and strengthened skills in flood response and emergency logistics through regional exercises. It also carried out environmental sanitation and hygiene promotion activities, monitored air quality during Saharan Dust events and joined the Amazon Alliance to support regional dialogue on climate change and community resilience.

Disasters and crises

In 2025, the Guyana Red Cross Society strengthened disaster preparedness through Cash and Voucher Assistance market assessments, Enhanced Vulnerability and Capacity Assessments and the establishment of a Community Disaster Response Team. The National Society continued to respond to small-scale emergencies, participated in national Early Warnings for All activities, strengthened preparedness through an International Disaster Response Law exercise and a Disaster Response Emergency Fund workshop and developed standard operating procedures for Cash and Voucher Assistance programming.

Health and wellbeing

The Guyana Red Cross Society strengthened community health through regular blood donation drives conducted with the National Blood Bank of Guyana, including activities targeting young people. The National Society also delivered First Aid, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Automated External Defibrillator training, continued its children's home and Meals on Wheels programme, supported a multi-specialization medical mission at the Georgetown Public Hospital Corporation and promoted community mental health awareness through partnerships and workshops.

Migration and displacement

The Guyana Red Cross Society supported migrants by facilitating access to stay permits and essential services, including health and education. The National Society also contributed to a network of organizations supporting migrants, helping assess protection risks, health needs and food security concerns. During 2025, it directly assisted eight people with protection and assistance services.

Enabling local actors

In 2025, the Guyana Red Cross Society focused on strengthening governance and volunteer management systems. The National Society secured insurance coverage for 100 volunteers, advanced leadership and governance regularization efforts and prioritized revision of its statutes and strategic planning processes.

The National Society also strengthened humanitarian diplomacy through engagement with government institutions, private sector organizations, humanitarian partners and participating National Societies. These efforts helped build relationships and explore opportunities for future collaboration and partnerships.

Q2. CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS

During the implementation of the Unified Plan in 2025, several adjustments were made in response to capacity constraints, competing priorities and limited financial flexibility rather than changes in humanitarian needs. These amendments were necessary to ensure delivery remained realistic and focused on core functions.

Q3. MEASURING RESULTS OF THE IFRC NETWORK ACTION

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Climate and environment

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2025, the Guyana Red Cross Society's climate and environment work focused on preparatory and analytical actions rather than large-scale community implementation. Pre-disaster market and basket assessments were completed, strengthening the National Society's understanding of climate-related risks and response feasibility in disaster-prone areas. Engagement in national climate discussions continued, including participation in climate-related forums and dialogue.

At the national level, the National Society contributed to broader climate and disaster risk management efforts, including participation in consultative workshops under the Early Warnings for All ([EW4ALL](#)) initiative to address gaps in flood early warning systems and engagement with the Civil Defence Commission in the development and implementation of the National Integrated Disaster Risk Management Plan. Participation in the MECODEX 2025 regional exercise further strengthened capacity in emergency logistics, flood response and climate resilience.

In addition to these coordination and capacity-building efforts, the National Society undertook practical public health and environmental actions, including monitoring and issuing warnings on hazardous air quality during Saharan Dust events and conducting hygiene promotion and environmental sanitation activities in vulnerable communities.

The Guyana Red Cross Society joined the Amazon Alliance, which was created in 2025 to address ecosystem degradation and climate change in the Amazon and the impacts on its inhabitants. It attended the first dialogue in Colombia which looked specifically at the humanitarian impact of the socioeconomic, environmental and climate crises on the lives and health of communities and indigenous peoples in the Colombian Amazon, as well as possible solutions for community resilience that are sustainable, inclusive and locally led.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC technical support to the National Society through coordination meetings, participation in climate related discussions and engagement with the National Society on future opportunities linked to climate adaptation.



Disasters and crises

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

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2025, the Guyana Red Cross Society strengthened disaster preparedness foundations through a combination of assessments, coordination and targeted capacity-building actions. Cash and Voucher Assistance Rapid Market Assessments were conducted in Regions 6 and 7, alongside pre-disaster market and basket assessments and enhanced Vulnerability and Capacity Assessments ([eVCA](#)) providing critical data to inform future response modalities.

Preparedness capacity was further strengthened through the establishment of one community disaster response team, with an additional team pending. The National Society continued to respond to small scale household emergencies such as fires and provided first response support at community and school events. Additionally, the Guyana Red

Cross actively participated in national spaces set out by the Civil Defence Commission under the Early Warning for All Initiative ([EW4ALL](#)).

The National Society participated in an International Disaster Response Law Tabletop Exercise to test emergency plans and procedures and contribute to recommendations for strengthening the legal and institutional framework for disaster coordination and response. It strengthened its emergency preparedness by participating in a Disaster Response Emergency Fund workshop to enhance its understanding of the Disaster Response Emergency Fund mechanism and develop draft Disaster Response Emergency Fund documents. The National Society also reviewed and developed standard operating procedures for Cash and Voucher Assistance programming.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Guyana Red Cross Society through technical guidance on disaster preparedness, coordination, Cash and Voucher Assistance assessments, preparedness planning dialogue and engagement with the Civil Defence Commission.



Health and wellbeing

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Guyana Red Cross Society continued to strengthen community health and well-being by organizing regular blood donation drives in collaboration with the National Blood Bank of Guyana, including a Youth Day Blood Drive to promote voluntary blood donation among young people. The National Society also delivered First Aid, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Automated External Defibrillator training through workplace, corporate and public courses while maintaining its children's home and Meals on Wheels programme to support vulnerable populations.

The National Society expanded access to specialized health services by supporting a multi-specialization medical mission at the Georgetown Public Hospital Corporation in collaboration with the Ministry of Health. The Guyana Red Cross Society also strengthened community mental health awareness by partnering with humanitarian and development organizations to deliver mental health assessment and awareness workshops in communities.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Guyana Red Cross Society in its health programming through technical dialogue and alignment with regional and global health priorities.

The **Qatar Red Crescent Society** supported the Guyana Red Cross Society to deliver a multi-specialization medical mission in collaboration with the Ministry of Health.



Migration and displacement

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Guyana Red Cross Society supported migrants through facilitating access to stay permits and essential services, including health and education. Although Guyana is not a signatory to the 1951 Refugee Convention, the National Society operates within a context where authorities grant stay permits and engages in ongoing dialogue to help ensure these permits remain accessible and that basic services are available regardless of migration status.

In addition, the National Society is part of a 230-organization network supporting migrants, contributing to coordinated efforts to assess protection risks, health needs and food security. This includes the use of the R4V platform to support evidence-based tracking of migration dynamics and monitor the implementation status of related projects, helping to inform more targeted and responsive assistance. In 2025, the National Society directly assisted eight persons with services for assistance and protection.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided technical and financial support the Guyana Red Cross Society as required.

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.

Movement coordination

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

The ICRC supports the Guyana Red Cross Society in its work on [Restoring Family Links](#) and tracing, primarily in the areas of migration and in promoting [International Humanitarian Law](#) through its Caracas regional delegation.

External coordination

The Guyana Red Cross Society maintained active engagement in national coordination mechanisms throughout 2025, reinforcing its auxiliary role through sustained collaboration with government institutions, humanitarian partners and civil society. The National Society worked closely with the National Blood Bank and the Ministry of Health to support blood donation drives and broader health system strengthening initiatives, while maintaining regular engagement with the Civil Defence Commission. Bimonthly coordination meetings with the IFRC country advisor further supported information sharing, operational alignment and coordinated humanitarian action.

The National Society also strengthened collaboration across disaster risk management and climate resilience platforms. It participated as a core civil society partner in the reconstituted National Disaster Risk Reduction Coordination Platform, contributed to national simulation exercises led by the National Disaster Management Centre, including MECODEX 2025 and worked with the Environmental Protection Agency and other government agencies to support drought preparedness under the National Drought Mitigation and Adaptation Plan. Coordination with local and regional authorities also continued to advance social development and community resilience initiatives for vulnerable populations.



National Society development

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2025, the National Society focused on maintaining core governance and volunteer systems. Volunteer insurance coverage was secured for 100 volunteers in January 2025. The Guyana Red Cross Society also focused on leadership and governance regularization and strove to prioritize statutes revision and strategic planning.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided the Guyana Red Cross Society with ongoing guidance on governance, statutes revision, audits and financial management.



Progress by the National Society against objectives

During the reporting period, the Guyana Red Cross Society strengthened its humanitarian diplomacy by engaging with government institutions, private sector organizations and visiting participating National Societies to explore opportunities for future collaboration. The National Society also laid the groundwork for potential partnerships through continued dialogue with humanitarian partners.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Guyana Red Cross Society by participating in joint discussions with partners and providing technical advice to strengthen the National Society's engagement in climate, disaster law and development dialogues at the national and regional levels.

Q4. AFFECTED PERSONS (PEOPLE REACHED)

See cover pages

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

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

Q6. RISK MANAGEMENT

This information is not available in Annual Reports

Q7. EXIT STRATEGY AND SUSTAINABILITY

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

Q8. LESSONS LEARNED

The Guyana Red Cross Society learned that effective humanitarian action depends on strong legal frameworks, coordinated partnerships and community-centred approaches. Standardized disaster response legislation and close collaboration among government agencies, civil society and volunteer organizations are essential for reducing barriers during emergencies and improving response effectiveness. The National Society also found that engaging young people through meaningful volunteer initiatives strengthens long-term community participation, while integrating mental health awareness into outreach activities enhances community resilience and enables support to reach remote populations. In addition, the experience reinforced the value of expanding the use of cash and voucher assistance as a flexible recovery approach that better meets the needs of affected people while supporting local economies.

SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

in Swiss francs (CHF)

Saint Kitts and Nevis Red Cross Society			
Overview		Funding Sources	
Funding		59,000	
Expenditure		63,000	
		IFRC Secretariat	Not reported
		Participating National Societies	17,000
		HNS other funding sources	Not reported

IFRC network			
Country		Funding Requirement	99,000
IFRC Secretariat	Longer-term	Funding Requirement	52,000
		Funding	<i>Not reported</i>
		Expenditure	<i>Not reported</i>
Participating National Socie..		Funding Requirement	<i>Not reported</i>
HNS other funding sources		Funding Requirement	47,000
		Funding	<i>Not reported</i>

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Climate and environment	National Society implements environmental or climate campaigns focused on behaviour change, plastic reduction, clean-ups or reducing GHG emissions	Yes
	Number of people reached with activities to address rising climate risks	2,000
Disasters and crises	Number of people reached with disaster risk reduction	150
	Number of people reached with emergency response and early recovery programmes	10
Health and wellbeing	Number of people reached by the National Society with contextually appropriate health services	590
	Number of people reached by the National Society with contextually appropriate water, sanitation and hygiene services	60

	Number of people reached by the National Society with training in first aid	 488
	Number of people reached with psychosocial and mental health services	 150
Migration and displacement	Number of migrants and displaced persons reached with services for assistance and protection	2
Values, power and inclusion	National Society has a Community Engagement and Accountability policy, strategy or plan	Yes
	Number of people reached by the National Society's educational programmes	 150

ENABLING FUNCTIONS

Accountability and agility	National Society has a functioning data management system that informs decision making and supports monitoring and reporting on the impact and evidence of its actions	Yes
	National Society has strengthened its integrity and reputational risk mechanism	Yes
Humanitarian diplomacy	National Society has a domestic advocacy strategy developed aligning, at least in part, with global IFRC advocacy strategies	Yes
	National Society participates in IFRC-led campaigns	Yes
National Society development	National Society has created and implemented youth engagement strategies	Yes
	National Society has developed and/or implemented a strategy for strengthening their auxiliary role	Yes
	There is a National Society Development plan in place	Yes

Q1. OVERALL PERFORMANCE

Key achievements

Climate and environment

During the reporting period, the Saint Kitts and Nevis Red Cross Society promoted environmental awareness through social media campaigns, community clean-up activities and peer-to-peer outreach. The National Society also reduced printing through electronic communication and increased the use of existing facilities to limit travel where possible. These efforts supported public engagement, behaviour change and greater community participation in humanitarian and environmental issues.

Disasters and crises

In 2025, the Saint Kitts and Nevis Red Cross Society strengthened disaster preparedness through participation in national pre-hurricane planning, maintenance of prepositioned relief supplies and training in damage and needs assessment, emergency response, radio communications and community preparedness. The National Society also partially restored emergency communication systems, provided Cash and Voucher Assistance to support recovery needs, strengthened coordination with national disaster authorities and advanced a Regional [Early Action Protocol](#) with neighbouring National Societies to enhance anticipatory action and preparedness.

Health and wellbeing

The Guyana Red Cross Society strengthened community health through regular blood donation drives conducted with the National Blood Bank of Guyana, including activities targeting young people. The National Society also delivered First Aid, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Automated External Defibrillator training, continued its children's home and Meals on Wheels programme, supported a multi-specialization medical mission at the Georgetown Public Hospital Corporation and promoted community mental health awareness through partnerships and workshops.

Migration and displacement

From January to December 2025, the Saint Kitts and Nevis Red Cross Society continued providing humanitarian support to migrants through case-based assistance. The National Society worked with immigration and foreign affairs authorities to facilitate access to housing, transportation and orientation services for two Cameroonian migrants remaining in Saint Kitts and Nevis.

Values, power and inclusion

In 2025, the Saint Kitts and Nevis Red Cross Society promoted humanitarian values through volunteer induction and orientation activities, strengthening understanding of Red Cross and Red Crescent principles and volunteer responsibilities. The National Society also engaged children and youth through camps, reintroduced its Youth Arm programme and continued providing inclusive services through First Aid, health support and community engagement activities.

Enabling local actors

During the reporting period, the Saint Kitts and Nevis Red Cross Society strengthened volunteer capacity through training and engagement across disaster preparedness, First Aid and community programmes, despite limited human resources. The National Society also prioritized governance and management strengthening and developed a unified plan to guide future programming and priorities.

The National Society strengthened its auxiliary role and humanitarian diplomacy through engagement with government ministries and national disaster management authorities, including discussions on a pre-disaster agreement to improve emergency coordination. It also strengthened operational accountability through routine financial management, increased use of electronic communication and improvements to emergency communication systems.

Q2. CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS

During 2025, several adjustments were made to the implementation of the Unified Plan for the St. Kitts and Nevis Red Cross Society in response to evolving operational realities, capacity constraints and emerging needs. These changes did not alter the overall strategic direction of the Unified Plan but required prioritisation, sequencing and scaling of activities to ensure continued delivery within available resources.

Q3. MEASURING RESULTS OF THE IFRC NETWORK ACTION

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Climate and environment

Progress by the National Society against objectives

During the reporting period, the Saint Kitts and Nevis Red Cross Society addressed environmental considerations indirectly through operational practices, including reduced printing through electronic communication and increased use of existing facilities to minimise travel where possible. It conducted outreach through a combination of social media campaigns, community clean-up initiatives and peer-to-peer awareness activities. These efforts helped promote public engagement, encourage positive behaviour change and strengthen community participation around key humanitarian and environmental issues. By using both online platforms and direct community outreach, the National Society was able to expand its visibility and connect with diverse groups across different settings..

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC continued to support the efforts of the National Society to address climate and environment-related issues.



Disasters and crises

For real-time information on emergencies, visit the IFRC GO page: [Saint Kitts and Nevis](#)

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2025, the Saint Kitts and Nevis Red Cross Society strengthened disaster preparedness by participating in national pre-hurricane meetings, maintaining and updating prepositioned relief supplies and managing available storage capacity despite infrastructure constraints. The National Society also strengthened emergency response capacity through training in damage and needs assessment, National Disaster Response Team, Community Emergency Response Team and Community Disaster Response Team preparedness, household emergency fire response and radio communications, while partially restoring emergency communication systems and providing Cash and Voucher Assistance to support immediate recovery needs. The National Society remained actively engaged with national disaster authorities and advanced the development of a Regional [Early Action Protocol](#) to strengthen anticipatory action and regional preparedness in collaboration with neighbouring National Societies.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Saint Kitts and Nevis Red Cross Society through online disaster preparedness training, damage and needs assessment training and engagement in regional preparedness initiatives.

The **French Red Cross** and the **Netherlands Red Cross** provided the National Society with technical guidance to support the development of the Regional Early Action Protocol, including technical discussions on logistics, warehousing and regional disaster preparedness activities coordinated through the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency.



Health and wellbeing

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Saint Kitts and Nevis Red Cross Society strengthened community health by delivering First Aid training and developing new First Aid instructors to expand national training capacity. The National Society continued to support the Ministry of Health through first response activities, maintained readiness to lead community health education initiatives and provided health services through community and health fairs.

The National Society also strengthened mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) by providing services to individuals, families and communities. In addition, the Saint Kitts and Nevis Red Cross Society delivered Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) activities, including the distribution of hygiene kits to promote healthier living conditions.

IFRC network joint support

The **IFRC** supported the Saint Kitts and Nevis Red Cross Society through knowledge exchange and alignment with regional First Aid standards.

The **French Red Cross** supported the Saint Kitts and Nevis Red Cross Society through regional First Aid meetings, technical guidance and First Aid instructor development.



Migration and displacement

Progress by the National Society against objectives

For the period from January to December 2025, the Saint Kitts and Nevis Red Cross Society continued to provide humanitarian support to migrants through case-based assistance, coordinating with immigration and foreign affairs authorities to facilitate access to housing, transportation and orientation services for two Cameroonian migrants remaining in Saint Kitts and Nevis following a previous maritime incident.

IFRC network joint support

The **IFRC** continued to support the Saint Kitts and Nevis Red Cross Society with technical and financial support.

Under wider Movement support, the **International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)** supported the Saint Kitts and Nevis Red Cross Society during complex migration-related discussions with national authorities.



Values, power and inclusion

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2025, the Saint Kitts and Nevis Red Cross Society strengthened the promotion of Red Cross and Red Crescent principles by conducting a national volunteer induction and orientation, enhancing the understanding of volunteers of their roles, responsibilities and humanitarian values. The National Society also delivered community outreach activities through Easter and summer camps, promoting humanitarian values, learning and community participation among children, youth and families.

The National Society reintroduced its Youth Arm programme, strengthening youth participation through volunteer engagement and community outreach activities. The Saint Kitts and Nevis Red Cross Society also continued to provide inclusive services through First Aid, health support and broader community engagement and accountability initiatives.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC continued to support the Saint Kitts and Nevis Red Cross Society with technical and financial support.

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.

Movement coordination

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

The ICRC supports some of the National Societies in their work on Restoring Family Links and tracing, primarily in the areas of migration and in promoting international humanitarian law. The Caracas regional delegation covers Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago and Venezuela.

External coordination

The Saint Kitts and Nevis Red Cross Society maintained strong external coordination throughout 2025 by reinforcing its auxiliary role through close engagement with government institutions and regional humanitarian partners. It sustained operational collaboration with national disaster authorities, the Ministry of Health and foreign affairs officials, while advancing discussions on a pre-disaster agreement to formalize roles and responsibilities and strengthen coordination arrangements before emergencies. The National Society also remained actively engaged in national preparedness mechanisms, including the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and the Nevis Disaster Management Department (NDMD), contributing to disaster readiness and response planning. In addition, participation in regional coordination forums and conferences supported knowledge exchange, strengthened partnerships and enhanced humanitarian collaboration across the Caribbean.



National Society development

Progress by the National Society against objectives

Over the reporting period, the Saint Kitts and Nevis Red Cross Society maintained humanitarian service delivery through its staff and volunteer network despite limited human resources, strengthening volunteer capacity through induction, training and engagement across disaster preparedness, First Aid and community activities. The National Society also continued to identify governance and management strengthening as a priority.

The National Society strengthened its auxiliary role by engaging with government ministries and national disaster management authorities to advance discussions on a pre-disaster agreement to clarify roles, strengthen coordination and enhance cooperation during emergencies. The Saint Kitts and Nevis Red Cross Society also held high-level discussions with senior government officials and developed a unified plan to guide future priorities and programming.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC and participating National Societies supported the Saint Kitts and Nevis Red Cross Society through training opportunities, peer exchange, project-based staffing under the Ready 360 programme and technical support for the development of the unified plan.



Humanitarian diplomacy

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Saint Kitts and Nevis Red Cross Society strengthened its humanitarian diplomacy by expanding engagement with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Health and national disaster management authorities to clarify its auxiliary role, strengthen disaster response coordination, advance discussions on a pre-disaster agreement and support humanitarian dialogue on migration-related cases. In May 2025, the National Society participated in the Americas Regional Meeting on First Aid, where it shared progress and lessons learned from its First Aid programming and exchanged experiences with other National Societies. The National Society also developed a case study on integrating First Aid education into laws and policies to strengthen its role in First Aid education.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Saint Kitts and Nevis Red Cross Society by providing technical guidance to develop a draft pre-disaster agreement for engagement with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The IFRC also supported the National Society's participation in the Americas Regional Meeting on First Aid facilitated by the [Global First Aid Reference Centre](#) and provided technical support to develop a case study on integrating First Aid education into laws and policies under the Ready 360 project.

Under wider Movement support, the ICRC supported the National Society during complex migration-related discussions with national authorities.



Accountability and agility (cross-cutting)

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2025, the Saint Kitts and Nevis Red Cross Society maintained basic financial controls and operational accountability through routine financial tracking while adapting service delivery to meet evolving disaster preparedness, facility and migration-related needs. The National Society also strengthened operational coordination through increased use of electronic communication, partial restoration of headquarters radio communications and the use of handheld radios, although broader digital systems development and standardized accountability mechanisms were not achieved during the reporting period.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Saint Kitts and Nevis Red Cross Society through training opportunities on assessment tools, preparedness systems and information management. The IFRC also introduced a digital fundraising platform for the National Society's consideration to support future accountability and transparency efforts.

Q4. AFFECTED PERSONS (PEOPLE REACHED)

See cover pages

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

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

Q6. RISK MANAGEMENT

This information is not available in Annual Reports

Q7. EXIT STRATEGY AND SUSTAINABILITY

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

Q8. LESSONS LEARNED

The Saint Kitts and Nevis Red Cross Society learned that stronger organisational systems are essential for effective programme delivery and sustainable institutional performance. The reporting period highlighted the need for more structured leadership implementation, improved resource allocation and clearer policies and operational guidelines to support consistent decision-making and day-to-day operations. The National Society also recognised the importance of better aligning training initiatives with expected operational deliverables to ensure that capacity-building efforts translate into measurable results. In addition, experience during the year reinforced the need to strengthen volunteer management through more targeted recruitment, meaningful engagement and improved retention strategies to sustain an active and capable volunteer base.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

in Swiss francs (CHF)

Saint Lucia Red Cross		
Overview	Funding Sources	
Funding		190,000
Expenditure		178,000
	IFRC Secretariat	Not reported
	Participating National Societies	Not reported
	HNS other funding sources	Not reported

IFRC network				
Country	Funding Requirement			122,000
IFRC Secretariat	Longer-term	Funding Requirement		39,000
		Funding		95,000
		Expenditure		56,000
Participating National Socie..	Funding Requirement		Not reported	
HNS other funding sources	Funding Requirement			83,000
	Funding		Not reported	

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Climate and environment	National Society implements environmental or climate campaigns focused on behaviour change, plastic reduction, clean-ups or reducing GHG emissions	Yes
Health and wellbeing	Number of people reached by the National Society with training in first aid	700
	Number of people reached with psychosocial and mental health services	84

ENABLING FUNCTIONS

Accountability and agility	National Society has strengthened its integrity and reputational risk mechanism	Yes
National Society development	National Society has created and implemented youth engagement strategies	Yes
	National Society has developed and/or implemented a strategy for strengthening their auxiliary role	Yes
	There is a National Society Development plan in place	Yes

Q1. OVERALL PERFORMANCE

Key achievements

Climate and environment

In 2025, the Saint Lucia Red Cross strengthened climate and environmental action through volunteer and teacher engagement on climate resilience, disaster preparedness and community awareness. The National Society also conducted beach clean-up campaigns with partner organizations across Saint Lucia, promoting environmental stewardship and community participation.

Disasters and crises

During the reporting period, the Saint Lucia Red Cross maintained its auxiliary role in disaster preparedness and response by leading information management in the initial phase of emergencies. The National Society supported hurricane-affected neighbouring islands through relief assistance and financial support, conducted damage and needs assessments, maintained trained community volunteers and assessed warehouse safety and storage needs to strengthen preparedness.

Health and wellbeing

During the reporting period, the Saint Lucia Red Cross strengthened community health through regular First Aid training, ambulance services and efforts to enhance the certification of ambulance personnel. The National Society also organized mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) activities, conducted health fairs and blood donation drives with partners and strengthened community emergency preparedness through Community Disaster Response Team training.

Values, power and inclusion

The Saint Lucia Red Cross promoted humanitarian values and Protection, Gender and Inclusion through youth, volunteer and community activities. The National Society integrated Protection, Gender and Inclusion (PGI) into training and programmes and strengthened youth engagement through its presence in all secondary schools, where Red Cross participation became a mandatory extracurricular activity.

Enabling local actors

During the reporting period, the Saint Lucia Red Cross strengthened its organizational systems by completing outstanding financial and narrative reporting, securing audited financial statements, identifying governance and human resource gaps and initiating statute reviews and workforce planning. The National Society also completed its Unified Country Plan in collaboration with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies to strengthen strategic planning and alignment.

The National Society prioritized volunteer management through reactivation and retraining efforts, strengthened youth engagement through school-based activities, addressed infrastructure needs related to warehouses and headquarters facilities and maintained public outreach through events, blood drives and partnerships. It also initiated efforts to strengthen communications through improved access to digital platforms.

Q2. CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS

During 2025, the Unified Plan was adjusted in response to major changes in the operating context, most notably the sudden leadership transition following the passing of the president. This required an immediate shift toward organisational stabilisation, governance continuity and the restoration of core systems. As a result, some planned activities were delayed, re-sequenced, or implemented at a reduced scale while priority was given to maintaining essential services and institutional oversight.

Q3. MEASURING RESULTS OF THE IFRC NETWORK ACTION

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Climate and environment

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2025, the Saint Lucia Red Cross strengthened climate and environmental action by engaging volunteers and teachers in climate-related discussions linked to resilience, disaster preparedness and community awareness. During the reporting period, the National Society also conducted beach clean-up campaigns in collaboration with partner organizations across the west, east and north coasts of Saint Lucia to promote environmental stewardship and community engagement.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Saint Lucia Red Cross through technical guidance and project frameworks that integrated climate awareness into youth development, resilience-building and training initiatives.



Disasters and crises

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

Progress by the National Society against objectives

During the reporting period, the Saint Lucia Red Cross maintained its auxiliary role in disaster preparedness and response by remaining responsible for information management during the initial phase of emergencies. The National Society supported neighbouring islands affected by hurricanes by providing available relief items and financial assistance for hurricane response in Jamaica. The National Society also assessed warehouse safety, planned improvements to storage facilities, maintained trained volunteers across communities, conducted damage and needs assessments and sustained an active presence in secondary schools despite operational constraints affecting preparedness activities.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Saint Lucia Red Cross through coordination, technical guidance on disaster preparedness standards and engagement on logistics, information management and response planning. The IFRC also supported discussions on strengthening emergency communication systems, including the use of radios and satellite phones to improve assessment and reporting capacity during emergencies.



Health and wellbeing

Progress by the National Society against objectives

For this reporting period, the Saint Lucia Red Cross strengthened community health by delivering regular First Aid training, maintaining ambulance services and initiating arrangements to strengthen the certification of ambulance personnel. The National Society also organized mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) activities to mark World Mental Health Day, conducted public health fairs and blood donation drives in collaboration with partners and strengthened community emergency preparedness through Community Disaster Response Team training.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Saint Lucia Red Cross through technical guidance and programme frameworks for mental health and psychosocial support ([MHPSS](#)), First Aid standards and volunteer training.



Values, power and inclusion

Progress by National Society against objectives

The Saint Lucia Red Cross strengthened the promotion of humanitarian values and Protection, Gender and Inclusion (PGI) by integrating these principles into youth, volunteer and community activities and incorporating PGI concepts into training and ongoing programmes. The National Society also strengthened [youth engagement](#) through its presence in all secondary schools, where Red Cross participation became a mandatory extracurricular activity during the reporting period.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Saint Lucia Red Cross with technical assistance in developing Protection, Gender and Inclusion (PGI) training frameworks. It also provided the National Society with guidance to ensure alignment with Movement standards and inclusion principles.

ENABLING LOCAL ACTORS



Strategic and operational coordination

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Movement coordination

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External coordination

The Saint Lucia Red Cross maintained active external coordination throughout 2025 by strengthening collaboration with government institutions, Movement partners and regional networks. It worked closely with the National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO) and key ministries, including the Ministries of Health, Education and Equity, through regular coordination meetings that reinforced its auxiliary role, while continuing to develop and

update memoranda of understanding despite administrative capacity constraints. In partnership with PIRAC, the National Society strengthened its training capacity by certifying 11 new first aid trainers through a Training of Trainers programme. It also contributed to regional and global initiatives by supporting youth participation in the Caribbean Youth Climate initiative and the Global Youth Mobilization, promoting youth leadership in climate and development discussions. At the national level, the Society supported government ministries during the country's independence celebrations and collaborated with NEMO and the Ministry of Equity to conduct an airport emergency simulation exercise, further enhancing inter-agency preparedness and coordination.



National Society development

Progress by the National Society against objectives

Over the reporting period, the Saint Lucia Red Cross strengthened organizational systems by completing outstanding financial and narrative reporting, securing audited financial statements, identifying governance and human resource gaps and initiating work on job descriptions and statute reviews.

The National Society also prioritized volunteer management through plans for reactivation and retraining, addressed infrastructure needs related to warehouse repairs and headquarters upgrades and implemented the [Youth Engagement Strategy](#) to strengthen youth participation and leadership through structured school-based Red Cross activities. The Saint Lucia Red Cross Society also completed its Unified Country Plan in collaboration with the IFRC to strengthen strategic alignment and planning.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Saint Lucia Red Cross through guidance on financial accountability, reporting, human resource systems and governance strengthening. The IFRC also provided advice on repayment planning, audit follow-up and access to human resource and legal expertise.



Humanitarian diplomacy

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2025, The Saint Lucia Red Cross maintained public outreach through events, blood drives and partnerships with government information services while initiating efforts to restore access to organisational social media accounts and explore alternative digital platforms to strengthen communications.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Saint Lucia Red Cross by providing guidance on digital recovery, communications and public engagement, including advice on restoring access to social media platforms.



Accountability and agility (cross-cutting)

Progress by the National Society against objectives

For the period from January to December 2025, the Saint Lucia Red Cross strengthened institutional accountability by developing draft contract frameworks through its legal team to clarify roles and responsibilities, strengthen governance, integrity and formalize institutional arrangements. The National Society continued to identify digital transformation, security and infrastructure improvements as priorities while relying on existing manual processes, mobile phones and paper-based systems for assessments and reporting.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Saint Lucia Red Cross through technical guidance on accountability, digital transformation priorities and strengthening logistics, finance and information management systems.

Q4. AFFECTED PERSONS (PEOPLE REACHED)

See cover pages

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

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

Q6. RISK MANAGEMENT

This information is not available in Annual Reports

Q7. EXIT STRATEGY AND SUSTAINABILITY

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

Q8. LESSONS LEARNED

Nothing to report.

SUCCESS STORIES



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Strengthening Community Wellbeing through Mental Health Inclusion, First Aid Capacity and Youth Engagement

The Saint Lucia Red Cross achieved significant milestones in strengthening community wellbeing, expanding humanitarian education and building its operational capacity through inclusive and community-focused initiatives.

A key success was the organization of a major mental health initiative in October to commemorate World Mental Health Day. The event brought together individuals from mental health homes in a safe, inclusive and supportive environment, providing opportunities for social interaction, psychosocial engagement and community connection through activities including games and facilitated discussions. With support from medical staff, volunteers and partner organizations, the initiative reached 84 participants and contributed to reducing stigma, promoting inclusion and increasing awareness of the importance of mental health support within communities.

The National Society also strengthened its ability to deliver lifesaving services through collaboration with PIRAC to conduct a Training of Trainers (ToT) in first aid. The initiative resulted in the certification of 11 new first aid trainers, significantly increasing Saint Lucia Red Cross's internal capacity to provide quality first aid training and extend its reach to more communities. This investment in local training capacity strengthened community preparedness and supported the sustainability of first aid programming.

Another important achievement was the formal recognition of Red Cross activities as a mandatory extracurricular programme in secondary and Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) schools. This milestone expanded opportunities for youth engagement, increased awareness of humanitarian principles among students and created a stronger foundation for future volunteer recruitment. Together, these achievements demonstrate Saint Lucia Red Cross's continued efforts to build more inclusive, prepared and engaged communities while strengthening its role as a trusted humanitarian partner.

SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

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Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Red Cross				
Overview			Funding Sources	
Funding		280,000	IFRC Secretariat	Not reported
Expenditure		285,000	Participating National Societies	Not reported
			HNS other funding sources	Not reported

IFRC network				
Country		Funding Requirement		1.7M
IFRC Secretariat	Longer-term	Funding Requirement		64,000
		Funding	Not reported	
		Expenditure	Not reported	
	Emergency Operations	Funding Requirement		1.6M
		Funding	Not reported	
		Expenditure	Not reported	
Participating National Societies		Funding Requirement	Not reported	
		Funding	Not reported	
		Expenditure	Not reported	
HNS other funding sources		Funding Requirement		61,000
		Funding	Not reported	

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Climate and environment	National Society implements environmental or climate campaigns focused on behaviour change, plastic reduction, clean-ups or reducing GHG emissions	Yes
Disasters and crises	Number of people reached with disaster risk reduction	63
Health and wellbeing	Number of people reached by the National Society with training in first aid	75
Values, power and inclusion	Number of people reached by protection, gender and inclusion programming	37

ENABLING FUNCTIONS

National Society development	National Society has developed and/or implemented a strategy for strengthening their auxiliary role	Yes
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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
National Society							
American Red Cross							●
French Red Cross			●				

Q1. OVERALL PERFORMANCE

Key achievements

Climate and environment

In 2025, the Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Red Cross strengthened community understanding of climate risks through Enhanced Vulnerability and Capacity Assessments, supporting preparedness planning and awareness of early warning systems in collaboration with the National Emergency Management Organization. The National Society also conducted environmental clean-up activities, promoted plastic reduction and environmental stewardship through awareness campaigns and worked with partners to strengthen community engagement in environmental action.

Disasters and crises

During the reporting period, the Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Red Cross strengthened disaster preparedness through Community Disaster Response Team engagement, pre-hurricane preparedness activities and ongoing collaboration with national disaster management authorities. The National Society also enhanced community preparedness through continued support for Enhanced Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment processes and strengthened its disaster law and policy capacity through participation in the Regional International Disaster Response Law Working Group and an International Disaster Response Law Tabletop Exercise.

Health and wellbeing

For the period from January to December 2025, the Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Red Cross strengthened community health through First Aid and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation training, including Wilderness First Aid training delivered with the Forestry Department. The National Society also expanded Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) outreach, conducted Water, Sanitation and Hygiene awareness activities, provided community health outreach support and strengthened volunteer capacity in first aid, psychosocial support and community health programming.

Values, power and inclusion

The Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Red Cross strengthened Protection, Gender and Inclusion (PGI) awareness and volunteer capacity through training on the Fundamental Principles, the Code of Conduct, safeguarding and inclusion. The National Society enhanced understanding of inclusive approaches across its staff and volunteer network and supported the integration of Protection, Gender and Inclusion principles into its activities.

Enabling local actors

During the reporting period, the Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Red Cross strengthened organizational capacity through the recruitment of new staff, revisions to the Red Cross Constitution, development of a First Aid Policy and improvements to internal reporting processes. The National Society also aligned community activities with organizational priorities and strengthened planning and implementation processes.

The National Society maintained volunteer insurance coverage, promoted teamwork and volunteer engagement and explored future training opportunities through collaboration with other National Societies. These efforts supported institutional strengthening and volunteer participation across its programmes.

Q2. CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS

Implementation of the Unified Plan in 2025 required measured adjustments due to evolving national circumstances and the extended recovery phase following Hurricane Beryl. While the overall strategic direction of the Plan remained unchanged, activities were reprioritised and sequenced to address ongoing recovery needs, available capacity and operational realities. As a result, the National Society focused on actions supporting community resilience, preparedness and essential services, while some longer-term institutional strengthening initiatives progressed in a phased manner. The no-cost extension of the Hurricane Beryl Emergency Appeal enabled completion of recovery commitments but required continued coordination and reporting, influencing the pacing of Unified Plan milestones. Capacity strengthening efforts, including the onboarding of additional technical staff, continued during the year and are expected to support improved delivery and sustainability in future planning cycles.

Q3. MEASURING RESULTS OF THE IFRC NETWORK ACTION

ONGOING EMERGENCY RESPONSE

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Emergency Appeal name	Hurricane Beryl Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Grenada, Barbados and Jamaica
IFRC Emergency Appeal code	MDRS2001
People affected	1,280,000 people
People to be assisted	25,000 people
Duration	24 months (5 July 2024 to 31 July 2026)
Funding requirements	Funding requirements through the IFRC Appeal: CHF 4 million Federation-wide Funding requirements: CHF 4.5 million
Link to Emergency Appeal	Hurricane Beryl- Emergency Appeal
Link to Operational Strategy	Hurricane Beryl-Operational Strategy
Link to National Society Response Plan	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines National Society Response Plan
Link to Operational Update	Operational Update No. 5

On 29 June 2024, the first major hurricane of the 2024 Atlantic hurricane season was hurricane Beryl which was the earliest Category 4 hurricane to form in recorded history, on 30 June. By 1 July, it became a Category 5 hurricane with maximum sustained winds of 270 km/h. Hurricane Beryl made landfall on 1 July in Barbados, Grenada, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines as a Category 4, causing several deaths and severely damaging most of the properties on the islands. Hurricane Beryl intensified to a category 5 as it approached Jamaica, bringing with it the potential for severe impacts. Reports indicate extensive damage, including numerous fallen trees that have blocked roads, landslides, widespread power outages in multiple communities and structural damage due to high winds.

For the response, the Red Cross Societies of the four countries activated their Emergency Operations Centres to coordinate efforts with local partners. Through this Emergency Appeal, the IFRC aims to support the Barbados Red Cross, Grenada Red Cross, Jamaica Red Cross, the Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Red Cross in responding to the 2024 hurricane.

Short description of the emergency operational strategy

This Emergency Appeal aims to provide humanitarian assistance as well as short to medium-term recovery support to withstand future climate-related shocks and stresses to 25,000 people (5,000 families) living in the affected areas of Barbados, Grenada, Jamaica and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. The response will be conducted over twelve months, with an emergency phase of three months followed by recovery activities. The relief efforts will encompass various forms of assistance. This includes Shelter, Livelihoods, Cash and Voucher Assistance, Mental Health and Psychosocial Support ([MHPSS](#)), Water, Sanitation and Hygiene ([WASH](#)), Risk Reduction and Recovery interventions. Considerations for Protection, Gender and Inclusion and Community Engagement and Accountability will underpin all activities. In addition, the operation aims to strengthen the institutional capacity of the National Societies in order to reinforce ongoing and future response capabilities through the additional training of staff and volunteers, 15 further developments of volunteer management systems, increased logistics capacity and the procurement of critical equipment, among other initiatives.

Following Hurricane Beryl, the Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Red Cross focused on supporting 5,000 affected people (1,000 families) through a multi-sectoral response covering shelter, essential household items, livelihoods, cash assistance, mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS), water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), protection and prevention. The operation prioritized timely relief delivery, restoration of essential services, volunteer and staff deployment and strengthened coordination, while integrating climate resilience, Protection, Gender and Inclusion (PGI) and Community Engagement and Accountability (CEA) approaches to ensure equitable support for the most vulnerable households.

For the period 01 July 2024 to 31 January 2026, the following assistance was provided by the Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Red Cross:

Shelter, housing and settlements

Shelter assistance was provided to affected communities through the distribution of essential household items, including shelter kits, tarpaulins and blankets, while longer-term recovery needs were addressed through the integration of shelter support into the multipurpose cash programme. Additional shelter-related items were prepositioned to strengthen preparedness for future emergencies.

Multi-purpose cash

Multipurpose cash assistance was provided to support vulnerable households in addressing recovery needs, including shelter and livelihood-related expenses. The programme was adapted to improve access through flexible distribution arrangements, beneficiary support mechanisms and coordination with financial service providers to address barriers to collection.

Health and care

Health and psychosocial support was provided to disaster-affected communities through community-based mental health sessions, individual counselling, psychosocial outreach and access to essential supplies. Volunteers and community members were trained in mental health first aid, first aid and emergency response skills to strengthen local capacity, while continued outreach activities supported vulnerable populations with limited access to health services.

Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH)

WASH assistance was provided to affected communities through the distribution of hygiene and cleaning supplies, safe water support, hygiene promotion and community-based training on water safety, sanitation and emergency preparedness. Assessments and monitoring of water and sanitation conditions were conducted to identify risks and strengthen community resilience to future emergencies.

Protection, Gender and Inclusion (PGI)

The National Society enhanced resilience and reduced the vulnerability of communities affected by Hurricane Beryl through comprehensive PGI measures, including the implementation of Protection, Safety and Safeguarding mechanisms in affected communities.

Community Engagement and Accountability (CEA)

Engagement of affected families and other in the design, implementation and monitoring of the response operation was actively encouraged.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Climate and environment

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2025, the Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Red Cross strengthened community-level understanding of climate risks through enhanced Vulnerability and Capacity Assessments ([eVCA](#)). Trained officers supported communities and programme staff in applying eVCA tools, strengthening preparedness and awareness of early warning systems. The National Society also strengthened facilitation capacity for eVCA, enabling continued community-level assessments and preparedness engagement, while supporting alignment with national early warning and preparedness systems in collaboration with the National Emergency Management Organization.

In January 2025, the National Society conducted a large-scale environmental clean-up within a relocated community area, contributing to environmental management efforts. The National Society also carried out a major clean-up in the north of the island with the participation of primary school children and support from parents, demonstrating strong community engagement.

The National Society conducted environmental campaigns focused on behaviour change, particularly promoting plastic reduction and environmental clean-up. It implemented clean-up activities in collaboration with the Central Water and Sewage Authority and other external partners, strengthening coordinated environmental action.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the National Society in conducting training that strengthened enhanced Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment ([eVCA](#)) facilitation capacity, enabling continued community-level assessments and preparedness engagement.



Disasters and crises

For real-time information on emergencies, visit the IFRC GO page [Saint Vincent and the Grenadines](#)

Progress by the National Society against objectives

During the reporting period, the Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Red Cross advanced disaster preparedness and community engagement through regular Community Disaster Response Team meetings that facilitated national and community-level disaster risk discussions. The National Society held a pre-hurricane preparedness session involving the National Emergency Management Organization, the Ministry of Health and the Meteorological Office, with a focus on shelter management. It also continued discussions to align its work with national disaster risk management structures.

The Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Red Cross strengthened community engagement and disaster preparedness planning through continued support from trained officers. It also strengthened preparedness dialogue and enhanced the application of enhanced Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment ([eVCA](#)) processes through continued technical guidance and capacity development.

The National Society continued to participate in the Regional International Disaster Response Law Working Group and contributed to the finalisation of the Model Provisions on International Disaster Response Law as part of the revision of the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency's Model Legislation on Comprehensive Disaster Management in 2025.

The Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Red Cross participated as an observer in an International Disaster Response Law Tabletop Exercise in Guyana. Through the exercise, the National Society tested plans and procedures relevant to emergency response, identified strengths and weaknesses, collaborated with stakeholders to develop recommendations and strengthened its understanding of legal and institutional frameworks for coordination and

facilitation during emergencies. The experience enhanced the National Society's understanding of key International Disaster Response Law issues and supported stronger in-country coordination.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the National Society in preparedness dialogue and provided technical guidance for enhanced Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment processes. It supported the participation of the Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Red Cross in the International Disaster Response Law Tabletop Exercise in Guyana. It also supported the National Society's participation in the Regional International Disaster Response Law Working Group.



Health and wellbeing

Progress by the National Society against objectives

For this reporting period, the Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Red Cross strengthened health and wellbeing through community-based training and outreach activities. The National Society trained individuals in First Aid and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), including commercial and volunteer participants, enhancing community response capacity.

The National Society delivered Wilderness First Aid training in collaboration with the Forestry Department, strengthening emergency response capacity in remote areas. It also conducted Mental Health and Psychosocial Support ([MHPSS](#)) outreach sessions across Kingstown, North Leeward and South Leeward, expanding access to psychosocial support services within communities.

The Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Red Cross conducted introductory Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) training in Barrouallie and Fancy, improving community awareness and knowledge of hygiene practices. The National Society also distributed Fathers' Day humanitarian packages in Fancy as part of its community health outreach activities.

Additionally, the National Society strengthened volunteer capacity in first aid, psychosocial support and community health outreach through health and psychosocial training activities and technical guidance.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Red Cross in training frameworks and provided technical guidance that strengthened volunteer capacity in first aid, psychosocial support and community health outreach.



Values, power and inclusion

Progress by National Society against objectives

The Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Red Cross strengthened Protection, Gender and Inclusion ([PGI](#)) awareness and volunteer capacity through training on the Fundamental Principles, the Code of Conduct and inclusion concepts. The National Society enhanced understanding of inclusion and safeguarding across its workforce and volunteer network, supporting the integration of PGI principles into its activities.

The National Society improved awareness of safeguarding and inclusion through capacity-strengthening initiatives that aligned with regional commitments and standards on inclusion and safeguarding.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided technical to the National Society support for Protection, Gender and Inclusion ([PGI](#)) training, ensuring alignment with regional commitments and IFRC standards on inclusion and safeguarding.

ENABLING LOCAL ACTORS



Strategic and operational coordination

IFRC membership coordination

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Movement coordination

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

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External coordination

The Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Red Cross Society maintained coordination with national authorities, humanitarian partners and community stakeholders to strengthen preparedness, information sharing and its auxiliary role. Engagement with key government counterparts, including the National Emergency Management Organization, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, Ministry of National Mobilization and the Meteorological Office, continued through participation in national and community-level preparedness meetings. These platforms supported coordination, improved access to information and reinforced the National Society's role in supporting disaster preparedness and response efforts. While no memoranda of understanding or formal partnership agreements were developed or signed during the reporting period and broader leadership within national coordination mechanisms remained limited outside emergency operations, the Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Red Cross continued to maintain important operational relationships.

At the international level, the National Society sustained coordination with humanitarian and development partners, including the World Food Programme, UNICEF and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, supporting collaboration and partnership opportunities to strengthen humanitarian action.



National Society development

Progress by the National Society against objectives

Over the reporting period, the Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Red Cross strengthened organizational capacity by onboarding new staff members, including a Project Manager, Logistics and Administrative Officer and Protection, Gender and Inclusion Officer, while initiating revisions to the Red Cross Constitution and development of a First Aid Policy to support institutional strengthening. The National Society improved internal reporting processes by encouraging unit leaders to submit regular reports, aligning community-level activities with strategic priorities and reinforcing awareness of priority areas to support implementation of the overall plan.

The Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Red Cross initiated discussions with other National Societies to explore future training opportunities and strengthened teamwork, staff cohesion and volunteer group engagement despite challenges related to limited documentation and the absence of a formal handover process. The National Society also maintained insurance coverage for volunteers to support their engagement in humanitarian activities.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Red Cross through staff onboarding support and exploratory peer engagement to contribute to longer-term National Society development and capacity strengthening.

Q4. AFFECTED PERSONS (PEOPLE REACHED)

See cover pages

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

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

Q6. RISK MANAGEMENT

This information is not available in Annual Reports

Q7. EXIT STRATEGY AND SUSTAINABILITY

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

Q8. LESSONS LEARNED

The National Society emphasized that overreliance on external funding, especially from IFRC systems, created significant vulnerabilities, including delays in reimbursements, administrative bottlenecks and inability to meet immediate financial obligations such as staff payments. These challenges directly affected operations and staff wellbeing, highlighting that dependence on external partners can place the organization in a weakened and reactive position. Additionally, the experience underscored serious inefficiencies in administrative and reporting processes, particularly around documentation submission and verification.

SUCCESS STORIES



1

Strengthening Community Reach Through Volunteer Engagement and Operational Capacity

A key success of the Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Red Cross Society was the strengthening of its volunteer base and operational capacity through the establishment and activation of trained community teams. These teams supported response activities while creating a stronger foundation for sustained community engagement, expanding awareness of Red Cross services among schools and community members. Increased visibility of the National Society's work contributed to greater trust and recognition within communities, generating new opportunities for collaboration with partners, including interest from government stakeholders in engaging with established community groups. Internally, strengthened staff cohesion and teamwork also emerged as a positive outcome, with improved collaboration and collective problem-solving supporting continuity of operations during a challenging period.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

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Suriname Red Cross			
Overview		Funding Sources	
Funding	28,000	IFRC Secretariat	Not reported
Expenditure	9,000	Participating National Societies	Not reported
		HNS other funding sources	Not reported

IFRC network			
Country		Funding Requirement	71,000
IFRC Secretariat	Longer-term	Funding Requirement	35,000
		Funding	Not reported
		Expenditure	Not reported
HNS other funding sources		Funding Requirement	36,000
		Funding	Not reported

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Health and wellbeing	Number of people donating blood	8,000
	Number of people reached by the National Society with training in first aid	791

Q1. OVERALL PERFORMANCE

Key achievements

Climate and environment

In 2025, the Suriname Red Cross strengthened climate resilience by integrating flood, heavy rainfall and heatwave preparedness into volunteer training and community awareness activities. The National Society shared climate-related messages through social media and WhatsApp, supporting resilience efforts in Brokopondo District and beyond. It also joined the Amazon Alliance and participated in regional dialogue on ecosystem degradation, climate change and community-led resilience.

Disasters and crises

During the reporting period, the Suriname Red Cross strengthened disaster preparedness through volunteer training in disaster preparedness, Community Engagement and Accountability, Protection, Gender and Inclusion, Restoring Family Links (RFL) and IFRC response systems. Volunteers were prepared to conduct community assessments and support Community Disaster Response Teams. The National Society also reviewed and updated disaster response and contingency plans to strengthen emergency readiness.

Health and wellbeing

For the period from January to December 2025, the Suriname Red Cross strengthened community health through First Aid training, health awareness activities and Blood Bank operations. The National Society digitised key First Aid processes to improve efficiency and reporting and integrated topics such as Water, Sanitation and Hygiene, non-communicable diseases, vector-borne diseases and HIV into training and outreach activities. It also strengthened Blood Bank services through equipment upgrades, donor recruitment and preparations for recertification audits.

Values, power and inclusion

The Suriname Red Cross promoted inclusion and community engagement by integrating Community Engagement and Accountability, Protection, Gender and Inclusion and disaster risk reduction concepts into Community Disaster Response Team training. The National Society also provided emergency response and first aid training to staff from institutions supporting persons with disabilities, strengthening their capacity to provide assistance during emergencies.

Enabling local actors

During the reporting period, the Suriname Red Cross strengthened its institutional capacity through volunteer development, advanced training and the continued digitalisation of First Aid services and data collection systems. The National Society also progressed revisions to its statutes, initiated development of its 2025–2030 Strategic Plan and began planning for branch expansion in western Suriname.

The National Society continued engaging government institutions to strengthen its auxiliary role and improved accountability through digital tools and enhanced internal processes. The use of tablets and digital data collection systems improved data accuracy, reporting efficiency, transparency and accountability to communities and donors.

Q2. CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS

During 2025, the Unified Plan was adjusted in response to major changes in the operating context, most notably the sudden leadership transition following the passing of the president. This required an immediate shift toward organisational stabilisation, governance continuity and the restoration of core systems. As a result, some planned activities were delayed, re-sequenced, or implemented at a reduced scale while priority was given to maintaining essential services and institutional oversight.

Q3. MEASURING RESULTS OF THE IFRC NETWORK ACTION

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Climate and environment

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2025, the Suriname Red Cross strengthened climate and environmental resilience by integrating climate-related preparedness into volunteer training and community awareness activities. The National Society trained volunteers on preparedness for floods, heavy rainfall and heatwaves and shared practical climate-related messages with volunteers and communities through WhatsApp and social media. These activities supported community resilience efforts in Brokopondo District and nationwide awareness initiatives.

The Suriname Red Cross joined the Amazon Alliance to engage in discussions on ecosystem degradation, climate change and their impacts on communities and Indigenous peoples. The National Society participated in the first dialogue in Colombia, which explored sustainable, inclusive and locally led approaches to strengthen community resilience.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Suriname Red Cross through technical guidance and alignment with regional preparedness approaches. The IFRC also supported the integration of climate change concepts into volunteer training modules through existing tools and frameworks.



Disasters and crises

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

Progress by the National Society against objectives

During the reporting period, the Suriname Red Cross strengthened disaster preparedness and community resilience through a structured programme implemented in Nieuw Lombe and Tapoeripa in Brokopondo District. The National Society trained volunteers in disaster preparedness, Community Engagement and Accountability (CEA), Protection, Gender and Inclusion (PGI), Restoring Family Links (RFL) and IFRC response systems. The National Society prepared volunteers to conduct community assessments, including Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices (KAP) surveys and enhanced Vulnerability and Capacity Assessments (eVCA) and to support Community Disaster Response Teams in their communities and neighbouring areas.

The Suriname Red Cross reviewed and updated disaster response and contingency plans to improve emergency readiness and reduce reliance on limited staff capacity during future emergencies. The National Society did not implement Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA) or large-scale disaster response activities during the reporting period.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Suriname Red Cross through technical accompaniment for preparedness self-assessment processes and discussions linked to the Preparedness for Effective Response (PER) approach.



Health and wellbeing

Progress by the National Society against objectives

For this reporting period, the Suriname Red Cross strengthened community health through First Aid services, health awareness activities and Blood Bank operations. The National Society delivered First Aid training to companies, institutions and individuals and digitalised part of the First Aid administrative processes, including participant registration, examinations and evaluations, to improve reporting and efficiency. The National Society integrated health awareness topics, including Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), non-communicable diseases, vector-borne diseases and HIV, into First Aid sessions and community activities.

The Suriname Red Cross strengthened Blood Bank operations by renewing key equipment, preparing for recertification audits and continuing donor recruitment initiatives to support the availability of blood supplies.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Suriname Red Cross through technical exchanges and advisory discussions related to health activities.



Values, power and inclusion

Progress by National Society against objectives

The Suriname Red Cross integrated values, power and inclusion priorities into other programme activities by incorporating Community Engagement and Accountability ([CEA](#)), Protection, Gender and Inclusion ([PGI](#)) and Disaster Risk Reduction concepts into Community Disaster Response Team training. The National Society also provided Basic Emergency Response and First Aid Company Emergency Response training to workers from social care institutions supporting persons with disabilities, strengthening their capacity to provide first aid and emergency assistance.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided technical and financial support to the Suriname Red Cross.

ENABLING LOCAL ACTORS



Strategic and operational coordination

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External coordination

The Suriname Red Cross strengthened external coordination with national authorities, United Nations agencies, humanitarian partners, private sector stakeholders and community organizations to enhance disaster preparedness, response capacity and operational alignment. Collaboration with the National Disaster Office (NCCR), ministries, UNICEF, UNDP, UNFPA and medical missions supported coordination on preparedness planning, shelter management, health emergencies and response roles. It participated in multi-agency trainings and exercises, including shelter management, Incident Management System/Common Incident Command System trainings and tabletop exercises, strengthening interoperability with national command structures and improving staff and volunteer readiness.

The National Society also contributed to sector-specific preparedness initiatives, including a national water-related emergency exercise under Project Makandra led by the Ministry of Natural Resources. Participation alongside government institutions supported the identification of coordination and communication gaps, leading to follow-up actions to strengthen standard operating procedures, rapid communication and WASH response capacity. Engagement in the Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP) Training on Sexual and Reproductive Health in Crises, organized by UNFPA and the Medical Mission, further strengthened the National Society's capacity to support health emergency response.

Beyond emergency coordination, Suriname Red Cross reinforced relationships with authorities and community stakeholders through engagement with the Ministry of Health, local organizations and district leadership on preparedness and logistics. The National Society also used its 85th anniversary stakeholder meeting to engage private sector partners, promote awareness of its humanitarian mandate and encourage greater support for its activities.



National Society development

Progress by the National Society against objectives

Over the reporting period, the National Society prioritized internal capacity strengthening. It engaged volunteers actively and also facilitated advanced training for them. The Suriname Red Cross made efforts to digitize its first aid services, using Kobo and mobile devices for data collection and reporting. Work continued on revising the Statutes and initiating development of the 2025–2030 Strategic Plan. Additionally, internal discussions on branch development took place, with plans to establish two branches in western Suriname.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided technical assistance to the Suriname Red Cross in strategic planning, constitutional revision, governance processes and volunteer development during meetings and follow up discussions.



Humanitarian diplomacy

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2025, the Suriname Red Cross continued engaging government institutions to clarify and strengthen its auxiliary role. Discussions were held with ministries, public authorities and the armed forces, including preparations to deliver humanitarian awareness sessions at the military academy.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Suriname Red Cross in civil military coordination.



Progress by the National Society against objectives

For the period from January to December 2025, accountability and agility were addressed mainly through digitalization and improved internal processes. With financial support from Staatsolie Power Company Suriname, the Suriname Red Cross acquired 15 tablets that were immediately deployed for community surveys, volunteer training and examinations. This reduced errors, improved data accuracy and accelerated reporting, while strengthening accountability to both communities and donors. The use of digital tools for training data, evaluations and reporting increased transparency and reduced reliance on paper-based systems. Accountability considerations were also incorporated into the ongoing strategic planning process.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Suriname Red Cross with technical guidance during planning and coordination meetings.

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

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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

Implementation of the unified plan highlighted the importance of accelerating digital transformation, strengthening information management systems and ensuring regular updates to equipment and organizational processes to improve service delivery. The Suriname Red Cross identified that early coordination, standardized training frameworks and alignment with national systems enhance operational efficiency, while improved volunteer records and data systems are essential for rapid mobilization and reporting. The experience also reinforced the value of structured volunteer recognition mechanisms to strengthen motivation, retention and long-term engagement.

SUCCESS STORIES



1

Communities at the Heart of Disaster Preparedness and Resilience

Through the Community Resilience Programme, the Suriname Red Cross empowered vulnerable riverine communities to take an active role in understanding and addressing their disaster risks. Residents of Tapoeripa, Nieuw Lombe and Muje Kiiki participated in risk assessments, knowledge surveys and community discussions, enabling them to identify their own vulnerabilities, capacities and priorities. This participatory approach strengthened local ownership, built trust in Red Cross interventions and created an evidence-based foundation for sustainable community-led disaster preparedness planning.

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

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The Trinidad and Tobago Red Cross Society			
Overview		Funding Sources	
Funding	Not reported	IFRC Secretariat	Not reported
Expenditure	Not reported	Participating National Societies	Not reported
		HNS other funding sources	Not reported

IFRC network				
Country		Funding Requirement		562,000
IFRC Secretariat	Longer-term	Funding Requirement		215,000
		Funding		2.5M
		Expenditure		1.4M
	Emergency Operations	Funding		3.1M
		Expenditure		2.6M
HNS other funding sources		Funding Requirement		347,000
		Funding	Not reported	

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Disasters and crises	Number of people reached with disaster risk reduction	 2,000
Health and wellbeing	Number of people reached by the National Society with contextually appropriate health services	 240
	Number of people reached by the National Society with training in first aid	 2,000
Migration and displacement	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 migrants and displaced persons reached with services for assistance and protection	 738
Values, power and inclusion	Number of people reached by the National Society's educational programmes	 4,000

ENABLING FUNCTIONS

National Society development	National Society covers health, accident and death compensation for all of its volunteers	Yes
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Q1. OVERALL PERFORMANCE

Key achievements

Climate and environment

In 2025, the Trinidad and Tobago Red Cross Society strengthened climate action by integrating climate change awareness into Community-Based Response Team, Emergency Medical Responder and school-based disaster preparedness activities. The National Society also implemented the Reduce, Reuse, Recycle programme in primary schools, advanced preparatory work for Ecosystem-based Adaptation in Woodland and promoted heat-risk awareness through a public information video and a Heat Action Day social media campaign.

Disasters and crises

During the reporting period, the Trinidad and Tobago Red Cross Society strengthened community disaster preparedness through Community-Based Response Team training and continued engagement with Community Resilience Groups. The National Society established its first migrant Community Disaster Response Team and its first Teen Community Disaster Response Team through the Secondary School Trailblazers programme, both supported by disaster simulation exercises. It also procured drones to strengthen assessments, hazard monitoring and future emergency response capacity and maintained coordination with national disaster authorities.

Health and wellbeing

For the period from January to December 2025, the Trinidad and Tobago Red Cross Society strengthened community health through health fairs, mobile clinics, outreach activities and volunteer-led Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) initiatives. The National Society also expanded First Aid training in schools and workplaces, improving community preparedness and emergency response knowledge.

Migration and displacement

The Trinidad and Tobago Red Cross Society strengthened support for migrants through Cash Assistance, health services and community outreach. The National Society implemented Programa TEEN to help migrant children remain in education and continued to explore expanded services including diagnostics, telehealth, mobile clinics and social protection support. It also strengthened disaster preparedness among migrant communities by delivering the first Community Disaster Response Team training in participants' native language.

Values, power and inclusion

In 2025, the Trinidad and Tobago Red Cross Society strengthened Protection, Gender and Inclusion by integrating these principles across programmes for migrant and vulnerable communities and participating in regional discussions. The National Society also promoted youth engagement and environmental awareness through the Youth Links programme and the Reduce, Reuse, Recycle initiative in primary schools and initiated the development of a Protection, Gender and Inclusion Policy.

Enabling local actors

During the reporting period, the Trinidad and Tobago Red Cross Society strengthened organisational development by reviewing volunteer engagement systems, assessing leadership development needs and maintaining health, accident and death insurance coverage for volunteers. The National Society also sustained engagement with national and regional stakeholders, reinforcing its auxiliary role and public visibility.

The National Society continued work on financial reporting, governance and accountability processes and maintained digital systems for volunteer management and data collection. It also acquired drones and amateur high-frequency radio equipment to strengthen preparedness, communications and emergency assessment capacity.

Q2. CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS

During the reporting period, adjustments were made to the Unified Plan in response to changes in funding availability, operational capacity and evolving needs. These adjustments affected the timing, scale and delivery of activities but did not alter the overall strategic direction of the Plan.

Implementation during the early part of the year was slower than anticipated due to the loss or delay of expected funding. As a result, several activities planned for full implementation in 2025 were scaled back, postponed, or delivered through lower-cost approaches. This particularly affected the establishment of new community resilience groups, the rollout of structured climate change curricula and the implementation of nature-based solutions, which remained at a preparatory stage.

In response, the National Society prioritised continuity of engagement over expansion. Rather than establishing five new community resilience groups as planned, efforts focused on sustaining engagement with existing groups and delivering selected trainings through cost-sharing and community-led models. While this limited progress against some numerical targets, it helped maintain community presence and programme momentum under constrained conditions.

Q3. MEASURING RESULTS OF THE IFRC NETWORK ACTION

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Climate and environment

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2025, the Trinidad and Tobago Red Cross Society strengthened climate action by integrating climate change awareness into Community-Based Response Team, Emergency Medical Responder and school-based disaster preparedness activities. The National Society also implemented its Reduce, Reuse, Recycle programme in primary schools to promote environmental protection and sustainable waste management and advanced preparatory work for Ecosystem-based Adaptation in Woodland through community mobilisation, risk analysis and internal planning. The Trinidad and Tobago Red Cross Society developed a heat awareness video highlighting the signs and symptoms of heat-related illnesses and launched a social media campaign to mark Heat Action Day 2025.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Trinidad and Tobago Red Cross Society through technical guidance and advisory support on climate action, including Ecosystem-based Adaptation and Nature-based Solutions. It engaged in discussions on technical requirements and potential donor opportunities for future projects. The IFRC also supported the development of the heat awareness video and the Heat Action Day 2025 social media campaign.



Disasters and crises

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

Progress by the National Society against objectives

During the reporting period, the Trinidad and Tobago Red Cross Society strengthened community disaster preparedness by sustaining engagement with existing Community Resilience Groups and delivering Community-Based Response Team training through community-led and cost-sharing approaches. The National Society established its first Community Disaster Response Team composed entirely of migrants and its first Teen Community Disaster Response Team through the Secondary School Trailblazers programme, incorporating disaster simulation exercises into both training programmes.

The Trinidad and Tobago Red Cross Society strengthened emergency preparedness by procuring drones to support enhanced Vulnerability and Capacity Assessments (eVCA), real-time hazard data collection during emergencies and the future development of a drone response team for national, regional and international disaster response. The National Society also continued coordination with national disaster authorities and maintained its auxiliary role in emergency preparedness and response.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Trinidad and Tobago Red Cross Society through technical engagement, advisory support and dialogue on disaster preparedness systems, training approaches, early warning and coordination mechanisms. The IFRC also supported the National Society and the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management to finalize the third draft of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Policy.



Health and wellbeing

Progress by the National Society against objectives

For this reporting period, the Trinidad and Tobago Red Cross Society strengthened community health through community health fairs, outreach activities and mobile service delivery, including Mobile Clinics and Health Fairs across Trinidad and Tobago. The National Society integrated Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) considerations into community health outreach through volunteer engagement.

The Trinidad and Tobago Red Cross Society expanded its community-based First Aid education programme by delivering training in schools and companies, strengthening First Aid knowledge and preparedness among students and employees.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the National Society through technical guidance for health programming.



Migration and displacement

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Trinidad and Tobago Red Cross Society strengthened support for migrants by providing Cash Assistance, health services and community outreach activities. The National Society implemented Programa TEEN, providing Cash Assistance to migrant families to help children remain in education despite financial and social challenges and concluded the programme as planned in July 2025. The National Society also continued to provide health and outreach services for migrants and initiated discussions on expanding services such as diagnostics, mobile clinics, telehealth and social protection assistance.

The Trinidad and Tobago Red Cross Society strengthened disaster preparedness among migrant communities by delivering the first Community Disaster Response Team training specifically for migrants in Trinidad and Tobago in participants' native language.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Trinidad and Tobago Red Cross Society through technical dialogue and exchange on migration-related programming.



Values, power and inclusion

Progress by National Society against objectives

In 2025, the Trinidad and Tobago Red Cross Society strengthened Protection, Gender and Inclusion (PGI) by integrating these principles across programmes supporting migrant and vulnerable communities and participating in regional PGI discussions. The National Society also delivered educational programmes through the Youth Links programme and the Reduce, Reuse, Recycle programme in primary schools, promoting environmental protection, sustainable waste management and community awareness.

The Trinidad and Tobago Red Cross Society initiated the development of a PGI Policy and Terms of Reference for the recruitment of a PGI Officer.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Trinidad and Tobago Red Cross Society through regional Protection, Gender and Inclusion (PGI) networks that facilitated technical exchange and alignment.

ENABLING LOCAL ACTORS



Strategic and operational coordination

IFRC membership coordination

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Movement coordination

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External coordination

The National Society strengthened collaboration with community leaders, government counterparts and non-traditional partners. Despite funding and reputational challenges early in the year, coordination with donors such as the EU and UNICEF supported continued delivery of priority activities. The National Society participated in the National Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Multi-Sectoral Committee, supporting national coordination and dialogue on disaster risk reduction and preparedness. Engagement with ODPM and other national stakeholders remained ongoing.



National Society development

Progress by the National Society against objectives

Over the reporting period, the Trinidad and Tobago Red Cross Society strengthened organisational development by reviewing volunteer engagement systems, reassessing training pathways and identifying leadership development needs to improve volunteer retention and mobilisation. The National Society also maintained health, accident and death insurance coverage for volunteers as part of the global volunteer insurance programme.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Trinidad and Tobago Red Cross Society through technical discussions, reflection sessions, the sharing of good practices on volunteer development and coordination of the global volunteer insurance programme.



Humanitarian diplomacy

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2025, the National Society maintained advocacy, dialogue and engagement with national and regional stakeholders, reinforcing its auxiliary role and public presence despite constraints. Efforts focused on sustaining trust and visibility rather than launching new advocacy campaigns.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Trinidad and Tobago Red Cross Society through advisory support in humanitarian diplomacy through coordination, joint discussions and alignment with Movement advocacy priorities.



Accountability and agility (cross-cutting)

Progress by the National Society against objectives

For the period from January to December 2025, the Trinidad and Tobago Red Cross Society continued internal work on financial reporting, governance reflections and accountability processes. Digital systems for volunteer management and data collection remained in use. New equipment, including drones and amateur HF radio equipment were received in late 2025, supported preparedness for early warning, enhanced communications and assessment activities, with operational use planned for the following period.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Trinidad and Tobago Red Cross Society through technical guidance and advisory support related to accountability, reporting, innovation and digital approaches. This included discussion and support linked to innovation grants and system improvements, with operational rollout planned beyond the reporting period.

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

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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

Implementation in 2025 reinforced that sustainable humanitarian action depends on diversified and flexible funding, stronger community ownership and resilient organizational systems. The Trinidad and Tobago Red Cross Society found that community cost-sharing approaches strengthened local ownership of preparedness activities, while staff transitions highlighted the need for improved workforce planning, leadership development, succession planning and specialized capacity to ensure consistent programme delivery and organizational resilience.

SUCCESS STORIES



1

Inclusive disaster preparedness through Spanish-language community emergency response training

In 2025, the Trinidad and Tobago Red Cross Society advanced inclusive disaster preparedness by training Spanish-speaking migrants as frontline responders, not only as recipients of aid. Through the European Union funded Unity in Diversity programme, 22 participants completed an intensive Community Disaster Response Team course delivered in their native language at the Society's headquarters in Port of Spain. The training ran across four sessions on August 24, August 30, September 6 and September 7 and culminated in a full simulation exercise where teams demonstrated triage, first aid, light search and rescue and safe response coordination.

Practical design choices made the difference by teaching disaster risk reduction, fire safety, chainsaw safety and disaster psychology alongside core CDRT modules, the programme addressed the realities migrants face when early warning messages or emergency instructions are not accessible. Delivering the course in Spanish reduced misunderstanding risk and strengthened trust, while the final simulation validated competence under pressure.

The result was a new, community-anchored response capacity. The programme helped break down cultural and language barriers while strengthening preparedness across the country. Graduates left with shared terminology, practiced coordination and a clear role in local risk management, supporting both migrant communities and the wider national population.

2

Cash for education protecting migrant children's learning through Programa TEEN

For migrant families, education access often hinges on small, recurring costs. In 2025, Programa TEEN, a cash transfer initiative funded by UNICEF and implemented through the Trinidad and Tobago Red Cross Society, helped families keep children learning despite high rent, unstable income and limited access to public services. The first 2025 distribution took place on January 29 and 30, delivered through distribution centres set up in four key locations across the country.

TEEN targeted migrant households with children newly admitted to national schools or enrolled in Dawere, an accredited online secondary education platform. Cash support was designed to cover practical barriers such as connectivity, learning materials, transport and often the costs of eyeglasses. Beneficiary testimony captured the lived impact. Feedback from one beneficiary parent emphasized that the transfer helped pay travelling cost to the child-friendly space that allowed his child to interact and reconnect with peers and access in-person support that was absent during periods of online education.

While the programme closed in July 2025 after a final distribution due to funding limitations, it was not without measured success; the third-party monitoring report found 88 percent of participants felt better equipped to meet their children's educational needs after receiving the transfer.

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Youth engagement that produces readiness through the Teen Community Disaster Response Team

Youth preparedness became tangible capacity in 2025 when the Trinidad and Tobago Red Cross Society converted its Secondary School Trailblazers network into an operational teen response group. The TTRCS created its first fully Teen Community Disaster Response Team during the July to August vacation period, training 48 participants drawn from the Trailblazers programme and testing skills through disaster simulations.

Trailblazers was designed to fill a practical education gap by teaching secondary school students disaster preparedness and life skills. The Society's describes Trailblazers as serving students ages 12 to 18 through workshops, training sessions and community outreach that build disaster resilience.

In 2025, this foundation was strengthened into response readiness. Training connected learning to real response tasks, such as situational assessment, basic triage, first aid and safe coordination. Simulations ensured lessons were not only understood but practiced under controlled stress. Youth programmes delivered the greatest impact when they produced tested skills, defined responsibilities and a pathway into community resilience groups.

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

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

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

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

8+3 template	IFRC network Annual Report (with variance in structure in red)
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 annual reports
2. Visibility	Not included in annual reports
3. Coordination	Under Q3 Enabling Function 1: Strategic and operational coordination
4. Implementing Partners	Cross-cutting, with a focus on support to localization through the Q3 Enabling Functions 1 to 4
5. Activities or Steps Towards implementation	Cross-cutting in Q3 Strategic Priorities and Enabling Functions
6. Environment	Under Q3 Strategic Priority 1: Climate and environment



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DATA SCOPE AND LIMITATIONS

- **Timeframe and alignment:** The reporting timeframe for this overview is covering the period from 1 January to 31 December 2025. However, due to the diversity of the IFRC and differences in fiscal years, this coverage may not fully align for some National Societies.
- **Financial overview:** This overview consolidates data reported by the National Society and its IFRC network partners, as well as data extracted from IFRC's financial systems. All reported figures should include the administrative and operational costs of the different entities. The financial data with a grey background is solely reported by the National Society, including the funding sources. Financial reporting is often times estimated depending on availability of financial figures, closing of financial periods, and may be incomplete. 'Not reported' could sometimes mean 'not applicable'. Also note that funding requirements are already reflected in the published 2024 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

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- [BZ_Belize AR Financials.pdf](#) (Note: This financial report link will be fed when the report is available. For emergencies for which a financial report is not yet available, see [MDRBZ008](#))
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