



2025 IFRC network mid-year report, January – June

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## IN SUPPORT OF THE NEPAL RED CROSS SOCIETY



77
National Society branches



8,319
National Society local units



89,863
National Society volunteers



343
National Society staff

## **PEOPLE REACHED**

**Emergency** Operations



21,105

Climate and environment



92,125

Disasters and crises



38,658

Health and wellbeing



36,128

Migration and displacement



3,262

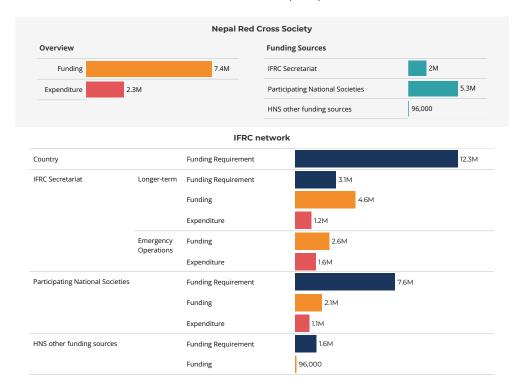
Values, power and inclusion



26,367

## **FINANCIAL OVERVIEW**

in Swiss francs (CHF)



Appeal number MAANP001

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



MDRNP016 / Karnali Earthquake

Climate and environment	Rising climate risks	225
Disasters and crises	Number of people reached with livelihoods support	3,000
Health and wellbeing	Number of people reached by the National Society with contextually appropriate water, sanitation and hygiene services	<b>-21,000</b>

## **STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**



Environmental problems	<b>──●</b> 56,000
Rising climate risks	92,000

#### THE NATIONAL SOCIETY

- has received IFRC Network's support to adapt to longer-term impacts of climate change
- implements environmental or climate campaigns focused on behaviour change, plastic reduction, clean-ups or reducing GHG emissions
- implements nature-based solutions (including those with a particular focus on the planting of trees and mangroves)



Livelihood support	• 3,000
Disaster risk reduction	<b>──•</b> 39,000
Emergency response and early recovery programmes	• 4,000
Shelter support	• 8,000



## assistance delivered using cash and vouchers

## Health and wellbeing Number of people reached by the National Society with

Contextually appropriate health services	●36,000
Contextually appropriate water, sanitation and hygiene services	▶18,000



## Migration and displacement



Migrants and displaced persons reached with services for assistance \_\_\_\_\_ 3,000 and protection



Reached by protection, gender and inclusion programming	• 26,000
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## THE NATIONAL SOCIETY

• has a Community Engagement and Accountability policy, strategy or plan

## **ENABLING FUNCTIONS**



#### Strategic and operational coordination

2 Number of formal interagency/international coordination platforms the National Society

4

is part of

Number of government-led coordination platforms the National Society is part of



#### National Society development

✓ National Society covers health, accident and death compensation for all of its volunteers

✓ National Society has created and implemented youth engagement strategies

National Society has developed and/or implemented a strategy for strengthening their auxiliary role

✓There is a National Society Development plan in place



Humanitarian diplomacy

 National Society has a domestic advocacy strategy developed aligning, at least in part, with global IFRC advocacy strategies

✓ National Society participates in IFRC-led campaigns



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

✓ National Society has a Protection of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) policy to enforce prevention and support survivors

√ National Society has a PSEA Action Plan to enforce prevention and support survivors

✓ National Society has strengthened its integrity and reputational risk mechanism

✓ National Society is implementing a digital transformation roadmap in line with the IFRC strategy

## IFRC NETWORK BILATERAL-SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

National Society	Funding Reported	Climate and enviroment	Disasters and crises	Health and wellbeing	Migration and displacement	Values, power and inclusion	Enabling Functions
American Red Cross	229,000	•	•				
British Red Cross		•	•			•	
Canadian Red Cross Society		•					
Danish Red Cross	1.1M	•	•			•	
Finnish Red Cross	339,000	•					
Irish Red Cross Society							
Japanese Red Cross Society		•					
Luxembourg Red Cross		•					
Republic of Korea National Red Cross							
Singapore Red Cross Society			•				
Swiss Red Cross	371,000	•	•			•	

## **Q1. OVERALL PERFORMANCE**

## Context

The political situation remained comparatively stable in the first half of the year. However, in late <u>March 2025</u>, violence broke out during a pro-monarchy protest organized to reinstate the monarchy that was abolished some 19 years ago. During the violence, two people lost their lives and many others were reported injured.

Nepal's economy grew by <u>4.9 per cent</u> in the first half of 2025, against the 2025 projected real GDP growth, which was 4 per cent, mostly driven by agriculture and industry. Inflation eased to <u>4.9 per cent</u>, though food prices remained high. Remittance inflows declined slightly and the trade deficit narrowed. However, challenges persist in private investment, fiscal efficiency and financial stability.

Nepal's tech sector is expanding, with growth in startups, IT services and digital infrastructure. Government initiatives, such as the Digital Nepal Framework and plans for 5G rollout, are enhancing connectivity. However, rural areas face infrastructure gaps and a digital divide. Talent retention and regulatory clarity remain key challenges.

In April 2025, Kathmandu City witnessed the worst air pollution in many years. The country remained shrouded in haze for more than two weeks, primarily due to wildfires, which were reported mostly in the central and eastern parts of the country. Air pollution reached critical levels in Kathmandu, with PM2.5 levels exceeding WHO limits by over 40 times. In addition, 41 people lost their lives due to a thunderbolt, while 33 people were killed by flood and landslides between January and June 2025. Another major environmental concern growing gradually in the country is heat waves. The temperature in the southern plains rose above 40 degrees Celsius, resulting in people facing difficulties conducting their day-to-day activities, such as attending schools, agriculture, travelling, etc.

Additionally, dengue remained a major concern for public health in Nepal. According to the <u>Epidemiology and Disease Control Division (EDCD)</u>, as of June 2025, 1,582 dengue cases were confirmed in 73 districts, with the possibility of an increase in the coming days due to the monsoon, which is a favourable condition for the dengue-carrying mosquito to breed.

## **Key achievements**

#### Climate and environment

During the reporting period, the Nepal Red Cross Society advanced climate resilience through heatwave preparedness, anticipatory action, nature-based solutions and biodiversity conservation. It revised <a href="Early Action Protocols">Early Action Protocols</a>, supported national frameworks, <a href="Early Marning Systems">Strengthened early Warning Systems</a> in three provinces and promoted mitigation activities including tree plantations and bioengineering. A nature-based solutions project was launched in Kailali and youth-led adaptation was supported through the Paribartak Campaign.

#### Disasters and crises

Between January and June 2025, the Nepal Red Cross Society supported people affected by <u>floods and landslides</u> in Bagmati. It conducted multi-hazard risk assessments, relief distributions and provided <u>cash assistance</u>. It responded to fires and glacial lake outburst floods, revised preparedness tools, expanded warehousing and developed the 'Rahat' app. It engaged in policy support, co-hosted national consultations and contributed to frameworks for <u>anticipatory action</u> and disaster risk governance.

## Health and wellbeing

During the reporting period, the Nepal Red Cross Society partnered with government and international agencies to conduct nationwide vaccination campaigns and develop health guidelines, including for <u>mental health</u> and non-communicable diseases. It expanded eye health services, deployed emergency clinics and delivered flagship services such as ambulance and blood transfusion. Community-based programmes addressed maternal and child health,

nutrition, <u>Healthy Ageing</u> and first aid. It also strengthened <u>water</u>, <u>sanitation and hygiene (WASH)</u> infrastructure and delivered safe water and sanitation during disaster responses.

## Migration and displacement

During the period from January to December 2025, the Nepal Red Cross Society supported migrant populations through humanitarian assistance, cash grants and skill-based training, particularly in Sudur Paschim. It engaged in anti-trafficking efforts along the India border, provided relief to disaster-affected families and continued <u>Restoring Family Links</u> services. Additionally, it finalized its National Strategy on Migration and Displacement for 2025–2030 in alignment with Movement priorities.

## Values, power and inclusion

In the first half of 2025, the Nepal Red Cross Society strengthened youth engagement through Junior and Youth Red Cross circles, revised the Junior and Youth Red Cross Policy and Procedure Guidelines and implemented initiatives including the Paribartak Campaign, Y-Adapt training, Youth Leadership Initiative and Youth in Climate Entrepreneurship programme. It advanced safe and inclusive programming through safeguarding mechanisms, the Protection, Gender and Inclusion Emergency Fund and inclusive planning. Protection, Gender and Inclusion was institutionalized through training, guideline development and integration of Community Engagement and Accountability across programmes. A Community Trust Index survey was conducted in seven districts and inclusive feedback mechanisms were expanded to strengthen trust and accountability.

## **Enabling local actors**

During the reporting period January to June 2025, the Nepal Red Cross Society advanced its governance and legal framework through advocacy for a Red Cross Law, stakeholder engagement in governance transition and renewal of the <u>Statutes</u>. It localized strategic and development plans across provinces, strengthened <u>youth engagement</u> through seminars and campaigns and improved infrastructure via <u>Branch Organizational Capacity Assessments</u> and office construction. It enhanced domestic income generation, launched the iRaiser digital fundraising platform and secured co-funding from municipalities for development projects.

In the first half of 2025, the Nepal Red Cross Society strengthened <u>humanitarian diplomacy</u> through joint advocacy strategies and agreements with local authorities for free blood services. It engaged in policy dialogue to develop frameworks on volunteer mobilization, <u>anticipatory action</u> and disaster governance. It improved financial and administrative systems, updated National Staff Regulation, reinforced security measures and <u>advanced digital systems</u> including blood service digitization and organizational information management.

## **Q2. CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS**

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



Volunteers and staff members of the Nepal Red Cross Society providing technical support to community members in the development of a Water Safety Plan under the Karnali Earthquake Recovery Programme (Photo: Nepal Red Cross Society)

# Q3. MEASURING RESULTS OF THE IFRC NETWORK ACTION

## **ONGOING EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

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Name	Nepal Karnali Earthquake
Appeal number	MDRNP016
People affected	250,000
People to be assisted	50,000
Duration	16 months (4 November 2023 to 31 March 2025)
Funding requirements	Funding requirement through the IFRC Appeal: CHF 5 million Federation-wide funding requirements: CHF 7 M
Emergency Appeal	Nepal Earthquake Emergency Appeal
Operational Strategy	Nepal Earthquake Operational Strategy

On November 3, 2023, a magnitude 6.4 earthquake struck the Jajarkot district, resulting in widespread destruction of lives and properties. The disaster claimed 157 lives and left hundreds injured across 11 districts, with Jajarkot and Rukum West being the hardest hit. According to the National Emergency Operation Centre (NEOC), approximately 35,321 households (176,605 people) were affected. Additionally, an estimated 250,000 people were at risk.

This was the largest earthquake to impact Nepal since the 7.3 magnitude earthquake in 2015 and the latest one to hit western Nepal in the past year since November 2022. The impact of the earthquake was expected to be hugely challenging for the most vulnerable in the area, which was already coping with low socioeconomic indicators. Additionally, districts such as Jajarkot experience seasonal migration of men to India while the women, children and elderly are left behind.

Through this Federation-wide Emergency Appeal, the IFRC and member National Societies aim to support the Nepal Red Cross Society in responding to the extremely severe effects of Earthquake Karnali. The Nepal Red Cross Society-led operation aims to assist 50,000 people during a one-year time period.

## Short description of the emergency operational strategy

The strategy of the operation is to support the immediate humanitarian needs and recovery of people affected by Earthquake Karnali, especially in the regions of Jajarkot and Rukum West. The primary goal of the Nepal Red Cross Society response operation is to meet the urgent needs of around 10,000 families (50,000 people) impacted by the earthquake, particularly in the hardest-hit districts of Rukum West, Salyan and Jajarkot. The targeted individuals will be supported through an integrated approach, aiming to meet shelter, WASH, health and protection interventions.

For the period 4 November 2023 to 31 March 2025, the following assistance was provided:

**Shelter, Housing and Settlements:** The National Society distributed tarpaulins and blankets to affected populations in Jajarkot, Rukum West and Salyan Districts. Additionally, non-food relief items were distributed to affected families.

**Livelihoods:** The National Society reached people with at least the first instalment of the conditional cash grant for livelihood support as well as various training on livelihood.

**Health and Care:** The National Society provided psychosocial support, Red Cross Emergency Clinic (RCEC) and health messaging and awareness campaigns.

**Water, Sanitation and Hygiene:** The National Society reached people affected through various activities on WASH such as toilet construction, hygiene promotion activities and drinking water schemes among others.

**Protection, Gender and Inclusion:** Events of CEA and PGI training were organized for District chapters staff and volunteers from three targeted districts.

**Community Engagement and Accountability:** The National Society shared its hotline number 1130 with all households in targeted communities of Jajarkot, Rukum West and Salyan districts and NHQs focal person for collecting feedback from the community. In addition, the district chapters are mobilizing staff and volunteers in communities who are also collecting feedback face-to-face. .

## STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



## Climate and environment

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

In the first half of 2025, the Nepal Red Cross Society continued its efforts to strengthen community resilience to climate change. The National promoted environment-friendly practices in alignment with its Climate and Environmental Policy, including sustainable livelihood approaches, waste segregation, water source conservation through tree plantations and locally driven innovations.

The National Society implemented climate change adaptation interventions such as heatwave preparedness, anticipatory action, nature-based solutions, ecosystem and biodiversity conservation, climate-smart livelihoods, multi-hazard early warning systems, environmental restoration, air pollution monitoring, water source conservation, hydro-meteorological station installation and health-related initiatives. The Nepal Red Cross Society revised the simplified <a href="Early Action Protocol">Early Action Protocol</a> for floods and developed new drafts for heatwaves and dengue. The National Society also implemented priority actions from its Heat Action Plan, including cooling centres, community engagement and awareness campaigns. The National Society organized a national heat action dialogue, contributed to the Heatwave Plan of Action and supported the development of national frameworks and roadmaps on anticipatory action and heat preparedness. A Heat Action Day event was hosted to promote proactive responses to heat risks.

The Nepal Red Cross Society strengthened community early warning systems, evacuation protocols and conducted drills in Koshi, Lumbini and Sudur Paschim provinces. These efforts connected at-risk communities to risk monitoring systems and facilitated the dissemination of warnings to vulnerable groups. It contributed to the national Early Warning for All initiative led by the Government of Nepal, supporting provincial consultations and planning for a national roadmap. It also made efforts to integrate anticipatory action and early response modules into disaster risk management training for local governments. Additionally, the National Society facilitated provincial community of practice sessions.

The National Society revised its <u>vulnerability</u> and <u>capacity</u> assessment tools to integrate climate science and community insights into nature-based solutions in municipalities of Sudur Paschim Province. It promoted climate change mitigation activities in community-based programming, including tree plantation, recharge ponds, water source conservation, bioengineering, bio-dike construction and forest and biodiversity conservation in partnership with the National Trust for Nature Conservation. The National Society also contributed to the National Adaptation Plan.

The Nepal Red Cross Society developed a nature-based solutions project targeting the Mohana watershed in Kailali district focusing on sub-watersheds affected by deforestation, land-use changes and unsustainable agricultural practices, addressing soil erosion, river cutting, sedimentation and biodiversity loss. Additionally, it implemented the Paribartak Campaign to support youth-led climate adaptation initiatives.

## IFRC network joint support

**The IFRC** provided the Nepal Red Cross Society with technical support for climate change adaptation interventions and the rollout of the Climate and Environment Policy and Framework. It also supported the National Society in the development of a joint nature-based solutions project and the implementation of the Paribartak Campaign and youth-led climate adaptation initiatives.

The **American Red Cross** supported the National Society in heatwave preparedness, anticipatory action, nature-based solutions and climate change mitigation activities.

The **British Red Cross** supported the National Society in ecosystem and biodiversity conservation, nature-based solutions, climate-smart livelihoods and heat risk management.

The **Danish Red Cross** supported anticipatory action and funded community of practice sessions.

The **Finnish Red Cross** supported the Nepal Red Cross Society in heatwave preparedness, early warning, anticipatory action, nature-based solutions, heat and health and ecosystem and biodiversity conservation.

The **Swiss Red Cross** supported nature-based solutions, multi-hazard early warning systems, environmental restoration, air pollution monitoring, water source conservation, hydro-meteorological station installation, ecosystem and biodiversity conservation and heat and health initiatives.



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During the first half of 2025, IFRC Disaster Response Emergency Fund (IFRC-DREF) was utilized for a floods and landslides related emergency.

NAME OF THE OPERATION	Nepal - Flood and Landslide 2024
MDR-CODE	MDRNP018
DURATION	6 months (2 October 2024 to 30 April 2025)
FUNDING ALLOCATION	CHF 520,718
PEOPLE TARGETED	9,000 people
LATEST OPERATION UPDATE	DREF Final Report

The IFRC-DREF allocation of CHF 520,718 in October 2024 supported the Nepal Red Cross Society in assisting 9,000 floods and landslides caused by intense rainfall in Bagmati. The National Society supported the targeted people over a six-month period with assistance such as the provision conditional cash support and shelter support including mattresses, tarpaulins and blankets. Other support provided included mental health and psychosocial support services complemented by health promotion as well as the construction and rehabilitation of water schemes and distribution of hygiene kits.

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

Between January and June 2025, the Nepal Red Cross Society provided services in municipalities across fifteen districts of Nepal by conducting multi-hazard risk assessments, developing early warning systems, supporting anticipatory actions, advancing risk reduction planning, carrying out small-scale mitigation, managing emergency funds, organizing school disaster risk reduction activities and training first responders. The National Society prioritized the inclusion of persons with disabilities, elderly, children and pregnant and lactating women, collaborated with local governments, promoted resource sharing and supported the rollout of the Municipal Disaster Risk Governance Assessment tool endorsed by the Ministry of Federal Affairs and General Administration. To ensure sustainability, the National Society

worked with municipalities to build local ownership and expand <u>community-based disaster risk reduction</u> to address climate and disaster risks.

In response to fire incidents in Bajura and Humla districts, the Nepal Red Cross Society collected and distributed food and emergency shelter items. Several glacial lake outburst flood events occurred, including flooding from a glacial lake breach in Tibet that damaged infrastructure and caused deaths and missing persons in Rasuwa district. In response, the National Society mobilized volunteers to support search and rescue efforts. It provided non-food relief items and emergency shelter items from its warehouses, benefiting households affected by floods, landslides, windstorms, extreme cold and earthquakes.

In Kavre district, the Nepal Red Cross Society provided conditional cash grants for livelihoods to affected households, coordinated with district-level agriculture and livestock authorities to deliver technical training, supported business planning and enabled households to start new income-generating activities. It mobilized community members for structural mitigation work under a cash-for-work approach. The National Society also distributed multipurpose cash to households affected by floods, which enabled them to pay rent and purchase essential household items.

The Nepal Red Cross Society revised disaster preparedness and response documents including the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Policy, Emergency Operations Centre standard operating procedures and response operational manual. It developed a readiness index on anticipatory action, a cash and voucher assistance roadmap, a cash pre-positioning guideline and a shelter and settlement strategy. It advanced an agreement with Global IME Bank to enable rapid cash transfers during emergencies. The National Society localized cash and voucher assistance initiatives at provincial and municipal levels through training and formation of surge teams. In collaboration with the Danish Red Cross and the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority, the Nepal Red Cross Society also contributed to the development of the shock responsive social protection and relief distribution guideline, which was endorsed by the cabinet.

The Nepal Red Cross Society developed a multi-hazard disaster preparedness and response plan and pre-positioned non-food relief items in warehouses across strategic locations. It expanded warehousing capacity with new facilities under construction in Kalikot, Achham and Bajura. It strengthened digital innovation by developing and testing the 'Rahat' app.

The Nepal Red Cross Society continued policy engagement with government authorities, supporting municipalities in developing and implementing disaster risk management regulatory frameworks. It served as the Secretariat for the Community Based Disaster Risk Management Platform led by the Ministry of Federal Affairs and General Administration, which brought together humanitarian and development partners. The National Society co-hosted a consultative meeting of the platform, where partners provided inputs on the National Monsoon Preparedness and Response Plan and shared updates on disaster risk management policies and priorities. Additionally, the National Society supported the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority in drafting anticipatory action national frameworks and developing a roadmap for heat anticipatory action.

## IFRC network joint support

**IFRC** mechanisms such as the <u>Disaster Response Emergency Fund (IFRC-DREF)</u> and Emergency Appeals will be drawn on as needed for the Nepal Red Cross Society to respond to disasters and crises. The IFRC also provided financial support to the National Society for disaster risk reduction, preparedness and climate adaptation activities. It also provided technical assistance in the drafting of anticipatory action national frameworks and development of a roadmap for heat anticipatory action.

The **American Red Cross** provided support to the National Society for the construction of its warehouses in Accham and Bajura.

The **British Red Cross** provided the Nepal Red Cross Society with conditional cash grants for livelihoods in Kavre district.

The **Danish Red Cross** supported the National Society in the development of its shock responsive social protection guideline as well as the 'Rahat' app.

The Luxembourg Red Cross supported the construction of a warehouse in Kalikot.

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

During the reporting period, the Nepal Red Cross Society worked with all three tiers of government and partnered with municipalities to enhance health response capacity. It collaborated with the Ministry of Health and Population, World Health Organization and UNICEF to conduct nationwide HPV and measles-rubella vaccination campaigns. The National Society developed the Package of Essential Non-Communicable Diseases in Disaster Settings with and prepared early warning messages for people living with non-communicable diseases.

The Nepal Red Cross Society advanced technical guidelines by developing a <u>Healthy Ageing</u> school curriculum and a <u>mental health and psychosocial support</u> guideline. It developed and strengthened emergency response plans for governmental health posts in Karnali and Lumbini provinces. The National Society signed a strategic partnership with the Tilganga Institute of Ophthalmology to expand eye health services in Madhesh and Karnali provinces. It also developed a cholera elimination plan targeting districts vulnerable to cholera epidemics.

The Nepal Red Cross Society implemented community-based health programmes targeting women, children, adolescents, elderly people and those affected by disasters. These programmes addressed reproductive, maternal, neonatal and child health, <u>Healthy Ageing</u>, nutrition, non-communicable disease awareness, eye and ear health, immunization and health promotion. It promoted behaviour change interventions and contextualized the electronic community-based health and first aid guidelines for Nepal while expanding first aid training as a resource-generating activity.

The Nepal Red Cross Society continued to deliver flagship health services including ambulance and blood transfusion services nationwide. In June, the IFRC facilitated an assessment visit by the Global Advisory Panel on Corporate Governance and Risk Management of Blood Services to strengthen blood services. Emergency health response and preparedness activities included pre-hospital care, eye care, blood services, snakebite treatment and dengue prevention through awareness campaigns, environmental sanitation, vector control and school-based activities. The Red Cross Emergency Clinic was deployed three times in earthquake-affected districts and twice for dengue response. The National Society also carried out school-based mental health awareness and suicide prevention campaigns.

To build local capacity, the Nepal Red Cross Society delivered psychological first aid training for healthcare workers, teachers, youth leaders and volunteers, collaborated with national authorities and hotline centres on mental health programming and conducted cholera management and basic life support training. It distributed emergency medicines, personal protective equipment and health equipment to health facilities in Gandaki and Lumbini provinces.

The Nepal Red Cross Society promoted equitable access to safe drinking water, improved sanitation and hygiene behaviour change in rural and disaster-prone areas. It strengthened <u>water</u>, <u>sanitation and hygiene</u> coordination committees and developed local plans in Okhaldunga and Sankhuwashabha districts. Drinking water schemes were constructed or rehabilitated in partnership with municipalities and water user committees. The National Society supported total sanitation declarations and maintained open defecation-free areas by constructing inclusive toilets, washing platforms and water schemes. During the 2024 floods and landslides response, it delivered safe water, sanitation and hygiene kits, purifiers and awareness interventions to prevent waterborne diseases. Additionally, it pre-positioned water, sanitation and hygiene relief items in strategic warehouses and mobilized trained volunteers to deliver services in affected communities.

#### IFRC network joint support

**The IFRC** supported the Nepal Red Cross Society to develop a cholera elimination plan. It also provided support to the National Society in strengthening its blood services. Additionally, assistance was provided to the National Society to enhance its emergency health response and preparedness.

The **British Red Cross** supported the Nepal Red Cross Society in conducting health system strengthening activities. It also contributed to <u>water, sanitation and hygiene</u> programming.

The **Canadian Red Cross** supported health system strengthening activities.

The **Danish Red Cross** supported the National Society in health system strengthening activities. It also provided technical support for the development of the Package of Essential Non-Communicable Diseases in Disaster Settings.

Additionally, it supported the development of Healthy Ageing and <u>mental health and psychosocial support</u> guidelines as well as <u>water</u>, <u>sanitation and hygiene</u> programming.

The **Hong Kong Red Cross branch of the Red Cross Society of China** supported water, sanitation and hygiene programming.

The Korean National Red Cross supported water, sanitation and hygiene programming.

The **Swiss Red Cross** supported the National Society in health system strengthening activities as well as the development of <u>Healthy Ageing</u> and <u>mental health and psychosocial support</u> guidelines. It also provided support in the strengthening of emergency and water, sanitation and hygiene programming.



## Migration and displacement

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

During the period from January to December 2025, the Nepal Red Cross Society coordinated with its partners and organized events on migration that supported migrant populations in accessing humanitarian assistance and protection. The National Society conducted a livelihoods needs assessment among migrant people in Sudur Paschim province under the disaster risk reduction project. Based on the findings, it provided livelihoods promotional activities including cash grants and skill-based training to selected households returning from India and other countries.

The Nepal Red Cross Society engaged in anti-trafficking activities, particularly along the open border with India and regularly advocated with government authorities to ensure access to services for migrants and displaced families. The National Society provided humanitarian assistance to families affected by earthquakes, floods and landslides through relief items, cash support, temporary shelter and psychosocial support. It also continued Restoring Family Links services, assisting with family reunification, Red Cross message exchange and tracing the missing.

Additionally, during the first half of 2025, the Nepal Red Cross Society finalized its National Strategy on Migration and Displacement for 2025 to 2030 in line with Movement priorities.

## IFRC network joint support

**The IFRC** provided technical and financial assistance to the Nepal Red Cross Society in providing assistance to migrants and displaced persons.

The American Red Cross supported the National Society in its disaster risk reduction project.

The **British Red Cross** provided technical support to the National Society in conducting a livelihoods assessment in the province of Sudur Paschim.

Under wider Movement support, **the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)** supported the National Society in providing Restoring Family Links services.



## Values, power and inclusion

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

Between January and June 2025, the Nepal Red Cross Society strengthened youth engagement by supporting Junior and Youth Red Cross circles in Lamjung, Rupandehi and Jumla to conduct training sessions in the Red Cross Movement, first aid, climate change, Y-Adapt and waste management. Youth volunteers organized blood donation campaigns, promoted donor participation, produced sanitary pads and undertook sanitation and hygiene promotion activities. The National Society revised and endorsed the Junior and Youth Red Cross Policy and Procedure Guidelines, while also implementing initiatives such as the Paribartak Campaign, Y-Adapt training, the Youth Leadership Initiative and the

Youth in Climate Entrepreneurship programme in the Kathmandu Valley, where young people received seed funding for climate-friendly projects. Municipal-level volunteer bureaus were formed in Sainamaina and Chandannath to lead events on climate action, heat action, dengue prevention and disaster risk and climate change adaptation awareness. Youth in Lamjung were supported to initiate livelihoods.

The Nepal Red Cross Society advanced safe and inclusive programming by continuing <u>safeguarding mechanisms</u> such as a dedicated safe call for <u>Protection Against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA)</u> and institutional support for safeguarding policies. The Protection, Gender and Inclusion Emergency Fund provided urgent assistance to people with disabilities, those with chronic illnesses and survivors of sexual and gender-based violence. The National Society exceeded gender inclusion targets, promoted the participation of marginalized groups in decision-making and improved infrastructure in Lamjung through inclusive planning. It also provided identity and rehabilitation support for people with disabilities. The National Society drafted safeguarding policies, including a code of conduct and whistleblower policy and updated disability-inclusive checklists and training plans to strengthen inclusive disaster risk reduction and climate adaptation.

To institutionalize Protection, Gender and Inclusion (PGI), the National Society conducted training and orientation for staff, volunteers and communities in Kailali and Lamjung. It initiated plans to update mainstreaming and fund management guidelines, expand the emergency fund, strengthen safeguarding through advocacy and develop operational guidelines for PGI. It promoted the collection of sex, age and disability disaggregated data and integrated Community Engagement and Accountability (CEA) through training in Kailali and Salyan. A three-year roadmap for CEA integration was developed with focal points and leadership and accountability mechanisms were mainstreamed across programmes including blood and eye care. Anticipatory action awareness for people with non-communicable diseases was promoted through training of frontline actors and dissemination of information materials.

The Nepal Red Cross Society strengthened trust and accountability by conducting a <u>Community Trust Index</u> survey in seven districts in collaboration with government agencies, which showed high levels of community trust but raised governance concerns from authorities. Monthly feedback reports were compiled from hotline services and other channels and inclusive feedback mechanisms were extended to new districts. The National Society maintained regular engagement with <u>CEA</u> focal points. Additionally, it made attempts to further develop its capacity to collect, analyse and disseminate feedback at all levels.

#### IFRC network joint support

**The IFRC** supported the Nepal Red Cross Society in its <u>youth initiatives</u> including the Paribartak Campaign, <u>Y-Adapt training</u>, the Youth Leadership Initiative and the Youth in Climate Entrepreneurship project. It also provided technical support to the National Society in advancing safeguarding mechanisms, inclusive programming and in developing a three-year roadmap for <u>Community Engagement and Accountability</u>. Additionally, support was provided for the <u>Community Trust Index</u> survey.

The **British Red Cross** supported the National Society in implementing inclusive programming and conducting the <u>Community Trust Index</u> survey.

The **Danish Red Cross** provided technical support for the Package of Essential Non-Communicable Diseases in Disaster Settings. It also supported the National Society in developing safeguarding guidelines and contributed to youth initiatives including the Youth in Climate Entrepreneurship project.

The Finnish Red Cross supported the advancement of inclusive programming across the National Society.

The **Swiss Red Cross** supported safeguarding and mental health guidelines, contributed to municipal volunteer bureau formation and strengthened inclusive programming and safeguarding policies.

## **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.

National Society's longer-term partners support the Nepal Red Cross Society through specific focus areas. These include the American Red Cross, British Red Cross, Canadian Red Cross, Danish Red Cross, Finnish Red Cross, Japanese Red Cross Society and Swiss Red Cross.

#### Movement coordination

The Nepal 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.

In Nepal, **the ICRC** focused on support for Restoring Family Links and for government efforts to develop truth and reconciliation mechanisms related to the internal conflict that ended in 2006. It supports the Nepal Red Cross Society, local government and other bodies to boost their emergency capacities and promotes international humanitarian law. The ICRC carries out most of its work in coordination with the National Society. Nepal is covered by the ICRC regional delegation in India.

#### **External coordination**

The Nepal Red Cross Society's shelter cluster leadership role significantly contributes towards the localization efforts of the international humanitarian system. Its local knowledge and understanding of the context, along with its network and established community relationships, enhance the effectiveness, relevance and connectedness of the overall humanitarian shelter response.

In line with its auxiliary role, the Nepal Red Cross Society coordinates closely with public authorities for disaster management and health and works with government-led relevant platforms and mechanisms. This includes line agencies of the Ministry of Home Affairs, such as the National Emergency Operating Centre and the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority. The National Society coordinates with government agencies at provincial and local levels, including local governments, district disaster management committees and national clusters.

The Nepal Red Cross Society also has a long-standing partnership with UN agencies, such as UNICEF, UNFPA and WFP, not only for humanitarian response but also for specific development projects, including disaster risk reduction, anticipatory action, vaccination campaigns, etc. In times of emergencies, the National Society and the IFRC coordinate with the UN Resident Coordinator's Office.

In Nepal, the coordination of shelter cluster member agencies is one of the Nepal Red Cross Society and the IFRC's regular activities at the country level, as part of the wider Humanitarian Country Team and under the leadership of the Ministry of Urban Development. In line with the cluster system in place in the country, the shelter cluster is chaired by the Department of Urban Development and Building Construction under the Ministry of Urban Development, while the IFRC is co-chair in coordination with the Nepal Red Cross Society.

## Resource mobilization

In the first half of 2025, the Nepal Red Cross Society strengthened sustainable domestic income, with a focus on provincial and district branches during the governance transition. With Swiss Red Cross support, the National Society

established iRaiser, a digital fundraising platform for non-profit organizations and secured an average of 20 per cent co-funding from municipalities for its development projects.



## **National Society development**

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

During the reporting period January to June 2025, the Nepal Red Cross Society advanced its governance and legal framework by continuing high-level advocacy for a Red Cross Law and engaging stakeholders in the ongoing governance transition, elections and renewal of the <u>Statutes</u>. The National Society also progressed in contextualizing its structures, systems and policies to align with changing internal and external environments.

The Nepal Red Cross Society continued to localize its strategic plan and the National Society Development Consolidated Plans through workshops across the seven provinces, leading to finalized provincial plans now actively used for engagement with provincial authorities and stakeholders. It also formulated volunteer management and resource mobilization plans and convened a two-day workshop to review the 8th Development Plan and the National Society Development Plan.

The Nepal Red Cross Society organized youth-focused initiatives, concluding the Paribartak campaign on climate action. A national youth seminar and provincial seminars promoted youth engagement and leadership, while <u>Y-Adapt training</u> was rolled out in Achham District. Two youth volunteers participated in an international youth exchange programme and implemented youth and livelihoods initiatives linked to community resilience in Lamjung District.

The Nepal Red Cross Society improved infrastructure and local capacity through <u>Branch Organizational Capacity Assessments (BOCA)</u> in district chapters, which resulted in operational plans for each chapter. The National Society also advanced office and warehouse construction strengthened local fundraising and continued youth and National Society development programming across provinces.

## IFRC network joint support

**The IFRC** supported the Nepal Red Cross Society in conducting Branch Organizational Capacity Assessments (BOCA) in multiple district chapters and provided technical support to provincial and district planning workshops.

The **British Red Cross** and the **Swiss Red Cross** jointly supported the National Society in conducting a health project in Karnali and Lumbini provinces, which included construction of offices and warehouses. Technical assistance on local fundraising was also provided.

The **Danish Red Cross** supported the National Society in advancing youth engagement through exchange and livelihoods initiatives in Lamjung District.

The **Finnish Red Cross** provided assistance to the Nepal Red Cross Society to strengthen National Society development and youth components.



## **Humanitarian diplomacy**

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

The Nepal Red Cross Society advanced <u>humanitarian diplomacy</u> through the development of a joint strategy with its partners to strengthen collective advocacy. A major focus was addressing the governance situation, including advocacy with ministries and government bodies, which resulted in the appointment of an interim ad hoc committee mandated to update the constitution and conduct elections. The National Society also signed agreements with local authorities to provide free blood services with reimbursement arrangements and delivered first aid during public events and demonstrations, further strengthening its public profile. Additionally, the National Society advanced its communications role in building its image and representation.

The Nepal Red Cross Society engaged in policy dialogue with government authorities to develop frameworks and guidelines on volunteer mobilization, community health first responders, anticipatory action, heatwave preparedness, shock-responsive social protection and relief distribution standards. It also worked with line ministries to implement the Municipal Disaster Risk Governance Assessment tool, which was highlighted through a published case study showcasing its development, endorsement and contribution to strengthening municipal disaster governance.

### IFRC network joint support

**The IFRC** supported the Nepal Red Cross Society in the development of the joint humanitarian diplomacy strategy, advocacy on governance issues and engagement with line ministries on the Municipal Disaster Risk Governance Assessment tool.

The American Red Cross, British Red Cross, Canadian Red Cross, Danish Red Cross, Finnish Red Cross and Swiss Red Cross supported the National Society in its policy engagement with government authorities to develop frameworks and guidelines on volunteer mobilization, community health first responders, anticipatory action, heatwave preparedness, shock-responsive social protection and relief distribution standards.



## Accountability and agility (cross-cutting)

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

In the first half of 2025, the Nepal Red Cross Society strengthened its financial and administrative systems to ensure accountability, transparency and compliance across all operations.

The Nepal Red Cross Society enhanced human resource management by updating its National Staff Regulation following consultations with staff, ensuring gender and diversity considerations in recruitment and management, providing health insurance coverage for staff and dependents and conducting safeguarding awareness and training. The National Society also engaged in institutional restructuring to improve operational efficiency and risk management.

The Nepal Red Cross Society reinforced <u>security</u> measures through continuous monitoring of the national context, issuing advisories and alerts, enforcing field mission orders and briefings and providing staff with emergency communication tools and training. These measures supported operational continuity and safety for staff, volunteers and communities.

The Nepal Red Cross Society <u>strengthened information technology and digital systems</u> by providing IT support for Office 365 administration, IT infrastructure, software development, training and active participation in <u>digital initiatives</u> across all levels of the organization. It implemented a funding plan for digitizing blood services and supported the digitalization of members, volunteers and relief stock across district chapters. The Nepal Red Cross Society strengthened organizational systems in <u>Planning</u>, <u>Monitoring</u>, <u>Evaluation and Reporting</u> and information management..

## IFRC network joint support

**The IFRC** supported the Nepal Red Cross Society in financial and administrative systems, human resource management, IT and digitalization initiatives, security measures and agile risk management.

The **American Red Cross** supported the National Society in developing a policy and technical guidance for financial and administrative oversight and governance.

The **Finnish Red Cross** supported human resource management and strategic planning under the National Society development framework.

The Swiss Red Cross supported the National Society in advancing safeguarding, digitalization and IT initiatives.

## **Q4. AFFECTED PERSONS (PEOPLE REACHED)**

See cover pages

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

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

## **Q6. RISK MANAGEMENT**

This information is not available in Mid-Year Reports

## **Q7. EXIT STRATEGY AND SUSTAINABILITY**

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

## **Q8. LESSONS LEARNED**

Nothing to report

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

The IFRC network structures its result-based management along five Strategic priorities and four Enabling functions, developed based on the IFRC network's <u>Strategy 2030</u>:

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



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#### **DATA SCOPE AND LIMITATIONS**

- **Timeframe and alignment:** The reporting timeframe for this overview is covering the period from 1 January to 30 June 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 2025 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**

- NP Nepal MYR Financials.pdf (Note: For emergencies for which a financial report is not yet available, see MDRNP016, MDRNP018)
- IFRC network country plans
- Subscribe for updates
- Live Disaster Response Emergency Fund (DREF) data
- Operational information: IFRC GO platform
- National Society data: IFRC Federation-wide Databank and Reporting System
- Evaluations database

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