



ALBANIA

2025 IFRC network mid-year report, January – June



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IN SUPPORT OF THE ALBANIAN RED CROSS



39

National Society
branches



39

National Society
local units



2,800

National Society
volunteers



58

National Society
staff

PEOPLE REACHED

Climate and
environment



15,000

Disasters and
crises



2,713

Health and
wellbeing



28,120

Migration and
displacement



1,820

Values, power
and inclusion



16,200

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

in Swiss francs (CHF)



IFRC network			
Country	Funding Requirement		Not reported
IFRC Secretariat	Longer-term	Funding Requirement	Not reported
		Funding	Not reported
		Expenditure	Not reported
	Emergency Operations	Funding	Not reported
		Expenditure	Not reported
Participating National Societies	Funding Requirement		Not reported
	Funding		25,000
	Expenditure		25,000
HNS other funding sources	Funding Requirement		Not reported
	Funding		861,000

Appeal number **MAAAL003**

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

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Climate and environment

Number of people reached with activities addressing



Heatwave risk reduction, preparedness or response

● 15,000

THE NATIONAL SOCIETY

- has received IFRC Network's support to adapt to longer-term impacts of climate change



Disasters and crises

Number of people reached with



Livelihood support

● 3,000



Disaster risk reduction

● 2,000



Emergency response and early recovery programmes

● 250



Shelter support

● 250



Health and wellbeing

Number of people reached by the National Society with



Contextually appropriate health services

● 28,000



Training in first aid

● 22,000



Psychosocial and mental health services

● 520



Migration and displacement



Migrants and displaced persons reached with services for assistance and protection

→ 2,000



Values, power and inclusion

Number of people



Reached by the National Society's educational programmes

→ 16,000



Reached by protection, gender and inclusion programming

→ 3,000

THE NATIONAL SOCIETY

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

ENABLING FUNCTIONS



Strategic and operational coordination

2

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

3

Number of formal interagency/international coordination platforms the National Society is part of



National Society development

✓ 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 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

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
Austrian Red Cross	25,000						
Qatar Red Crescent Society							

Total Funding Reported **CHF 25,000**

Q1. OVERALL PERFORMANCE

Context

Albania, located in southeastern Europe on the western Balkan Peninsula, shares borders with Montenegro, Kosovo, North Macedonia and Greece, and lies across the Adriatic Sea from Italy. Covering about 28,748 square kilometres, the country holds a strategic geographic position.

Albania's population has declined by roughly 14.5 percent over the past 12 years and is projected to shrink by over 20 percent in the next three decades. The country is highly vulnerable to climate change, with agriculture, hydroelectricity and tourism particularly at risk, making adaptation strategies essential.

Despite structural challenges, Albania's economy has shown resilience, with steady growth driven by tourism and construction. Inflation is easing but remains above target, and labour market inclusion- especially for women and rural populations—continues to be a challenge.

Albania faces mixed migration flows, including refugees, asylum seekers and stateless individuals. While the country has ratified key international human rights instruments, further efforts are needed to strengthen institutions and ensure consistent implementation of human rights protections.

Key achievements

Climate and environment

By mid-2025, the Albanian Red Cross strengthened its disaster risk reduction and early warning systems, with a particular focus on extreme heat preparedness. A nationwide awareness campaign was launched to educate communities and protect vulnerable groups, while a new Early Action Protocol (EAP) for heatwaves was initiated to enable anticipatory action in three high-risk regions. These efforts reinforced the National Society's role in climate adaptation and community resilience. Disasters and crises

Disasters and crises

The National Society enhanced its national visibility and coordination role through participation in major simulation exercises on floods and wildfires. It improved operational readiness, strengthened collaboration with civil protection authorities, and launched a pilot coastal lifeguard project to improve safety along the Durrës coastline. Small-scale disaster responses also continued, providing rapid humanitarian assistance to affected families.

Health and wellbeing

During the reporting period, the Albanian Red Cross advanced community health, first aid and healthy ageing initiatives nationwide. Key achievements included large-scale first aid and blood donation campaigns, health education in schools, and the expansion of mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) and home care services for older people. New manuals and training frameworks were developed to professionalize home-based care and ensure quality service delivery across branches.

Migration and displacement

Through a new partnership with UNHCR, the Albanian Red Cross expanded its protection and assistance for displaced individuals and asylum seekers. It strengthened border monitoring, provided humanitarian relief at entry points, and improved referral and reunification systems. The initiative enhanced collaboration with migration authorities and ensured greater access to essential services and information for people on the move.

Values, power and inclusion

From January to June 2025, the National Society promoted humanitarian values, inclusion, and civic engagement through awareness campaigns, youth activities and volunteer mobilization. It strengthened community feedback systems via its 'Green Line' hotline and satisfaction surveys, ensuring more responsive programming. Campaigns on

violence prevention, healthy ageing and child protection engaged schools and local communities, reinforcing inclusion and protection principles across operations.

Enabling local actors

The Albanian Red Cross continued to strengthen institutional capacity through [digital transformation](#), governance improvement and branch development. It expanded partnerships with national institutions and contributed to policy discussions on disaster management and migration. Internal reforms enhanced accountability, safeguarding and financial transparency, supported by staff training and updated [integrity policies](#). These efforts solidified the National Society's role as a trusted and effective humanitarian actor.

Q2. CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS

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



The Albanian Red Cross volunteers are always ready and equipped to assist people in need during times of emergencies. (Photo: Albanian Red Cross)

Q3. MEASURING RESULTS OF THE IFRC NETWORK ACTION

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Climate and environment

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Albanian Red Cross continues to strengthen its strategies for reducing disaster risks and improving early warning systems in response to increasingly frequent and severe hazards. A central priority is ensuring that alerts and safety information are effectively communicated to those most at risk, particularly as disasters become more intense and less predictable.

To address the rising threat of extreme heat, the National Society launched a nationwide awareness campaign that reached over 15,000 people. The initiative included distributing educational materials in public areas, conducting awareness sessions, organizing simulation exercises and using social media to share practical safety messages. Seven branches in heatwave-affected regions actively participated, mobilizing 90 trained volunteers. Over a five-day period, volunteers distributed 10,000 bottles of water and 3,500 leaflets in urban centres and public spaces, focusing on high-risk groups. More than 50 sessions were held in day centres, reaching over 500 older adults—one of the most vulnerable groups during extreme heat. An additional 1,000 leaflets with heat safety advice were shared during these sessions.

Although a formal feedback system is not yet in place, public response indicated strong awareness and engagement. Principles of protection, gender and inclusion (PGI) were integrated throughout the campaign, with targeted outreach to older individuals and those with chronic health conditions.

To further strengthen preparedness and enable early action before the onset of extreme heat, the Albanian Red Cross secured funding through a simplified Early Action Protocol (EAP) designed to support anticipatory action. This two-year initiative, active since 20 June 2025, focuses on vulnerable populations in Tirana, Elbasan and Berat. Planned activities include informing communities, distributing essential supplies and preparing mobile response teams. By acting early based on weather forecasts, the National Society aims to reduce the impact of heatwaves, limit damage and improve the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of its response. For more information on this operation, see under strategic priority ‘Disasters and crises’.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided strategic support, technical expertise and resource mobilization and capacity-building efforts of the Albanian Red Cross towards climate resilience and preparedness. The Albanian Red Cross also received assistance through its access to IFRC Reference Centres as well as IFRC Hubs and Labs for innovation, experimentation, learning, knowledge sharing and networking opportunities.

As part of its cooperation with the IFRC on climate change initiatives, the IFRC aids the Albanian Red Cross in building long-term resilience against climate disasters. Part of this cooperation is the application and implementation of the Disaster Response Emergency Fund (DREF) simplified Early Action Protocol (EAP) in response to heat waves.

The Albanian Red Cross is also part of the IFRC Global Climate Resilience Programme, which aims to foster an unprecedented scale-up in locally led, climate-smart, disaster risk reduction and adaptation efforts to prevent and reduce climate-related disaster impacts and build community-level climate resilience. The programme aims to support 500 million people in 100 of the most climate-vulnerable countries, focusing on the least supported and marginalized communities. This holistic, multi-year programmatic approach consists of four operational pillars: (1) scaling up climate-smart disaster risk reduction, anticipatory action and preparedness; (2) reducing the public health impacts of climate change; (3) addressing climate displacement; (4) enabling climate-resilient livelihoods and ecosystem services.



Disasters and crises

For real-time information on emergencies, see IFRC GO page, Albania.

During January to June 2025, one IFRC Disaster Response Emergency Fund (IFRC-DREF) was approved for extreme heatwave in Albania.

NAME OF THE OPERATION	Simplified Early Action Protocol Albania - Heatwave
MDR CODE	<u>MDRAL009</u>
DURATION	2 years (sEAP approved: 24 June 2025)
FUNDING ALLOCATION	CHF 199,966
PEOPLE TARGETTED	17,000 people

The DREF allocation of CHF 199,966 active since 20 June 2025 will support the Albanian Red Cross in assisting approximately 17,000 people. The main goal of the this two-year initiative intervention is to safeguard the lives and livelihoods of vulnerable urban populations in Tirana, Berat and Elbasan from the effects of extreme heat by strengthening institutional and community resilience and improving early response systems. This action enables early measures such as community alerts, supply distribution and mobile team readiness.

Progress by the National Society against objectives

To enhance its visibility and operational role within Albania's Civil Protection System, the Albanian Red Cross actively participated in two major simulation exercises in 2025. In April, the Albanian Red Cross took part in the "[FloodNorthALB](#)" simulation in Shkodër, organized by the National Civil Protection Agency with support from the EU Civil Protection Mechanism. The exercise simulated a large-scale flood scenario and involved civil protection agencies from across the Balkans and Mediterranean. The National Society played a key humanitarian role—conducting rapid needs assessments, delivering advanced first aid and leading community awareness sessions on flood risk, health and hygiene. Despite logistical challenges, the Albanian Red Cross mobilized over 40 volunteers and staff, set up multiple aid stations and demonstrated strong coordination and operational capacity. Its active involvement in planning and field operations highlighted its growing contribution to national disaster preparedness.

In June, the Albanian Red Cross joined a two-day field simulation titled "[Response to Massive Fires 2025](#)" in Gjirokastër, led by the National Civil Protection Agency. The Albanian Red Cross staff from headquarters and the Gjirokastër branch—including the Disaster Coordinator, Advanced First Aid Coordinator, 12 volunteers and five staff—responded to simulated wildfire scenarios affecting protected and residential areas. The Albanian Red Cross teams supported evacuations, provided [first aid](#) and triage and assisted with transportation, reinforcing their readiness and coordination in emergency situations.

In addition to simulation exercises, the Albanian Red Cross expanded its coastal safety services. A pilot project was launched to develop water lifeguard services along the Durrës coastline. As part of this initiative, 10 new local trainers from coastal branches were trained, and a standardized lifeguard manual was developed—strengthening the National Society's long-term capacity in aquatic safety.

The Albanian Red Cross also responded to small-scale local disasters such as wildfires and landslides, ensuring timely support to affected families. Assistance was provided to 50 families (250 individuals), including standard food parcels and essential accommodation items such as blankets, beds, mattresses and kitchen sets.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provides long-term support to the Albanian Red Cross in disaster and crisis management, aiming to enhance its capacity for timely response and mitigate the impacts of disasters on communities. This support involves capacity building, technical expertise, and resource mobilization to strengthen the National Society's ability to address humanitarian needs during disasters.

The **Austrian Red Cross**, the **Swiss Red Cross**, the **Red Cross Society of Montenegro** and the **Italian Red Cross** provided technical support to the Albanian Red Cross conducting rapid needs assessments, delivering advanced first aid and leading community awareness sessions on flood risk, health and hygiene.

The **Spanish Red Cross** supported the Albanian Red Cross in its coastal safety services.



Health and wellbeing

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Albanian Red Cross continued to advance its health and wellbeing objectives by delivering a wide range of services and awareness activities across Albania, with a strong focus on vulnerable groups. To promote life-saving skills and workplace safety, the Albanian Red Cross provided [first aid](#) training to approximately 20,700 individuals preparing for driver's licenses and 1,200 employees from various private companies and institutions. These sessions, led by certified Albanian Red Cross trainers, adhered to the standards of the [IFRC Global First Aid Reference Centre](#), ensuring high-quality instruction aligned with international best practices.

On 14 June, in observance of World Blood Donor Day, the National Society organized a national awareness campaign that reached over 12,000 people. During this period, 2,203 units of blood were collected through 150 donation sessions, supported by 300 promotional activities aimed at engaging and informing potential donors.

Health prevention efforts targeted over 3,200 children and youth through educational sessions in schools nationwide. In more than 50 elementary schools, personal hygiene sessions reached around 700 children, while community hygiene activities engaged approximately 800 participants. In 60 high schools, sessions focused on HIV/AIDS prevention (reaching 900 students) and substance abuse prevention (reaching 800 students), providing age-appropriate and accurate health information.

These activities were supported by around 140 trained volunteers from local Albanian Red Cross branches. Additional awareness campaigns were held to mark key international observances, including World Oral Health Day (20 March), World Health Day (7 April) and Earth Day (22 April).

During Mental Health Awareness Week, 39 Albanian Red Cross branches participated in a nationwide online campaign to promote mental health and reduce stigma. The campaign reached over 15,000 people via social media, sharing key messages on mental health awareness, preventive practices, and the importance of seeking professional support. To reinforce the campaign, 2,000 informational leaflets were distributed through local branches. Mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services were extended to vulnerable individuals, including 300 older people attending the National Society daily centres who participated in individual and group sessions. An additional 180 older people and caregivers received remote support through phone consultations and home visits.

The Albanian Red Cross expanded its healthy ageing and home care programme, reaching 320 older people in Shkodra, Berat, Durrës and Tirana. Eight mobile teams of trained volunteers conducted home visits to 160 older individuals living alone in remote or informal areas, offering basic health monitoring, emotional support and regular social interaction. In parallel, 214 health and MHPSS sessions were delivered at four daily centres, benefiting another 160 older people and promoting active ageing.

To ensure continuity of care, around 80 older individuals identified as high-risk were referred to nearby public health centres for specialized follow-up. A comprehensive framework for home help and visiting services was also developed resulting in three key documents: a Training Curriculum, Home Care Manual and Management Handbook. These will support future Training of Trainers (ToT) and volunteer capacity-building efforts.

So far, 14 staff and volunteers have completed the Home Care ToT, and 41 volunteers have received home care training to enhance their caregiving skills. Additionally, integrated social and health services were provided to 200 older people affected by neglect, illness, or social isolation at eight daily centres, aiming to improve their quality of life and promote healthier, more active lifestyles.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC continues to support the Albanian Red Cross in the health and wellbeing sector including technical expertise, resources and capacity building to enhance the National Society's healthcare programmes and services. The focus is on improving access to healthcare including MHPSS, addressing epidemics, promoting vaccinations, tackling malnutrition and strengthening water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) systems.

The **Austrian Red Cross** provides technical support to the Albanian Red Cross in expanding its healthy ageing and home care programme, reaching 320 older people in Shkodra, Berat, Durrës and Tirana. The Austrian Red Cross also supported the National Society in developing a comprehensive framework for home help and visiting services, resulting in training documents.



Migration and displacement

Progress by the National Society against objectives

During the reporting period, the Albanian Red Cross established a new partnership with the UNHCR to strengthen the protection of people forcibly displaced due to conflict, persecution, or instability. This collaboration aims to improve access to asylum procedures, enhance early identification and referral systems, and build the capacity of border and migration authorities to provide better services for individuals seeking international protection.

Through an integrated approach that combines monitoring and support services, the project seeks to ensure safety, address specific needs and improve access to essential services for approximately 1,500 displaced individuals. The Albanian Red Cross increased its presence at key entry points and temporary reception centres, offering humanitarian assistance including food and essential household items.

Support was also extended to 370 individuals apprehended at border crossings as part of mixed migration movements. Services provided included interpretation, counselling, needs assessments, referrals and information on asylum rights and procedures. In addition, 30 monitoring visits were conducted in border communities, along with six visits to reception centres accommodating irregular migrants. Ten individuals also received assistance through family reunification services.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provides long-term support to the Albanian Red Cross in addressing the needs of migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers and it collaborates with the National Society to aid those affected and advocate for their rights and well-being.



Values, power and inclusion

Progress by the National Society against objectives

As part of its long-term commitment to promoting humanitarian values and active citizenship, the Albanian Red Cross engaged approximately 43,000 individuals through awareness campaigns, community-based activities, and internal training sessions. These efforts are aimed at deepening public understanding of humanitarian principles and building a culture of compassion and civic responsibility. In addition, national outreach campaigns indirectly reached an estimated 50,000 people.

Around 1,500 volunteers participated in a wide range of activities across the country. A well-organized volunteer database supports effective management, and ongoing efforts are being made to improve systems for volunteer motivation and recognition to encourage sustained engagement.

To strengthen youth engagement, local branches implemented educational initiatives such as the 28th National Art Exhibit titled 'Children and the Red Cross,' which engaged 13,000 children and young people from 250 secondary schools. These programmes promote humanitarian values, encourage volunteerism and empower youth to contribute meaningfully to their communities. Approximately 400 volunteers supported the initiative, playing a vital role in organizing and coordinating activities at the community level.

To support children at risk of dropping out of school, 100 received social and educational assistance. Their families also participated in sessions that emphasized the importance of education and provided practical strategies to help support their children's learning and development.

The Albanian Red Cross continued to strengthen its communication and community feedback mechanisms, recognizing the central role of communities in its humanitarian mission. One key initiative is the Green Line, a toll-free number that has served over 300 individuals seeking assistance or sharing concerns. Of these, 120 cases were followed by dedicated staff who provided relief items, information, or mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) based on individual needs. Feedback was also collected through satisfaction surveys, particularly after the delivery of services such as food parcels or MHPSS in daily centres. This input helps the National Society improve future interventions.

Several local branches successfully engaged community members as volunteers, including youth groups in Tirana, Shkodër and Durrës. These volunteers helped ensure that programmes were locally driven and culturally appropriate, while also strengthening communication between the National Society and the communities it serves.

Throughout the reporting period, awareness campaigns addressed key social and health issues. These included solidarity initiatives for people experiencing hunger and poverty, violence prevention campaigns—particularly those focused on violence against women and older people—and efforts to promote [healthy ageing](#). These campaigns reached over 10,000 people nationwide.

In May and June, special attention was given to children's well-being through a campaign focused on child health, safety and rights. Organized by 10 local branches, the campaign engaged schools, parents, local businesses and potential donors, providing support to 378 children in vulnerable situations and contributing to their overall development. Activities also focused on preventing violence against older women, reaching more than 500 older individuals across several regions.

To meet the basic needs of households in vulnerable situations, the Albanian Red Cross provided food assistance and essential relief items to 265 families, reaching approximately 1,325 people. Additionally, 63 individuals experiencing abandonment or homelessness received hot meals to address their immediate nutritional needs.

The National Society distributed 760 winter jackets to vulnerable individuals in rural areas, with a focus on families with older people, children, people with disabilities and those with limited access to basic services. The Albanian Red Cross also expanded its community-based and home care programme in four regions. This initiative provided regular visits, basic health monitoring and social support to 320 older individuals living alone, particularly in remote and informal areas. The programme aims to reduce isolation and improve access to essential services for one of the most vulnerable groups in the country.

IFRC network joint support

The **IFRC** in collaboration with participating National Societies provided technical expertise, resources and training to enhance the Albanian Red Cross' capacity to conduct various educational programmes, training and workshops on protection, gender and inclusion ([PGI](#)) and dissemination of humanitarian values among its pool of volunteers as well as among general population.

Additionally, the IFRC and the participating National Societies work together to implement longer-term development programmes that promote community resilience and sustainable development. These programmes focus on areas such as promoting human values and contributing to the inclusion of various marginalized groups, including the Roma population.

The **Qatar Red Crescent** supported the National Society to reach vulnerable individuals in rural areas, with a focus on families with older people, children, persons with disabilities and those with limited access to basic services.

With technical support from the **Austrian Red Cross**, the Albanian Red Cross expanded its community-based and home care programme in four regions.

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.

During the reporting period, the Albanian Red Cross remained committed to strengthening and expanding its presence across all regions of the country. To ensure close connection with communities, the National Society continued to grow its volunteer network, deliver targeted interventions based on locally assessed needs, enhance transparency, reinforce community engagement and accountability ([CEA](#)) and build sustainable partnerships that contribute to long-term impact.

In February, two representatives from the Albanian Red Cross participated in a workshop on risk management held in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Later, in June, the National Society hosted a similar workshop in Albania. Both events were organized by the IFRC, with support and facilitation from the **Turkish Red Crescent** and the **Luxembourg Red Cross**.

These training sessions focused on enterprise-level risk management, strategic planning, the full cycle of risk management and the key components of a comprehensive risk and assurance framework. Participants explored practical approaches to strengthening risk management systems within National Societies across Central and South-Eastern Europe.

Over the years, the Albanian Red Cross has developed strong relationships and projects with the **Austrian Red Cross**, the **Italian Red Cross** and the **Qatar Red Crescent Society**. Their support includes:

The Albanian Red Cross continues its long-standing partnership with the **Austrian Red Cross**, which has previously supported the development of first aid systems and the earthquake response in 2019. Since 2021, both National Societies have been implementing a three-year project focused on strengthening volunteering in first aid and disaster preparedness. This initiative includes regular training for volunteers in first aid and MHPSS, extending their role to large public events and tourist areas through new partnerships. The project also aims to build sustainable services, generate income and reinforce collaboration with government and civil society. Additionally, the Austrian Red Cross provides technical expertise in delivering Cash and Voucher Assistance ([CVA](#)) to vulnerable populations.

Before 2019, the **Italian Red Cross** supported the Albanian Red Cross in areas such as women's empowerment, first aid training and emergency response. In late 2018, the partnership expanded with two new initiatives: a home care programme in collaboration with the **Montenegro Red Cross** and a women's empowerment project. Following the 2019 earthquake, the Italian Red Cross deployed technical personnel to assist with rescue operations and MHPSS. It currently provides technical and financial support for the ongoing home care programme for older people.

Starting in 2018, the Qatar Red Crescent has been offering financial assistance to provide relief support to vulnerable families, primarily through food packages. This support has reached approximately 5000 families to date. Furthermore, the Qatar Red Crescent played a significant role in supporting the Albanian Red Cross during the emergency response operation following the earthquake that struck Albania in November 2019.

Movement coordination

The Albanian 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 provides ongoing support to the National Society in protection and restoring family links programmes. This partnership involves providing support and assistance to those in need, promoting and upholding International Humanitarian Law ([IHL](#)), and facilitating of the Restoring Family Links ([RFL](#)) for separated or missing persons. The Albanian Red Cross and ICRC jointly implement activities such as tracing and reconnecting separated family members and promoting awareness of humanitarian principles by conducting training and capacity building for staff and volunteers.

External coordination

To implement its humanitarian activities, the Albanian Red Cross cooperates with the diplomatic-consular sector in Albania, as well as with many international organizations (EU Delegation, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the World Health Organization (WHO), the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and World Vision.

The Albanian Red Cross enjoys a high level of autonomy and independence to act in accordance with its mandate and auxiliary role in Albania. In general, the relationship with the public authorities is satisfactory. The National Society maintains good relationships with ministries, various departments and government institutions and there is cooperation in several areas. However, the Albanian Red Cross cooperates more closely with public authorities, especially on disaster preparedness and its first aid programme.

According to the National Plan of Civil Protection, the Albanian Red Cross is a member of the Albanian disaster management structure on local, regional and national levels. In terms of first aid training, the Albanian Red Cross is certified by the Global First Aid Reference Centre (formerly the European Reference Centre for First Aid, EFAC).



National Society development

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In alignment with its Strategy for the year 2025, the Albanian Red Cross has adapted its operations to address a range of pressing challenges, including an ageing population, rising living costs for low-income families, increased migration, limited financial resources and the growing impact of climate change. In response to the increasing frequency of climate-related disasters such as wildfires and heatwaves, the National Society has expanded its disaster risk reduction efforts and strengthened early warning systems, with a focus on effectively communicating risks to vulnerable communities.

The Albanian Red Cross continued to enhance essential health and social services, including community-based care for older individuals, support for families facing social and economic hardship, promotion of voluntary blood donation, first aid training and public health awareness campaigns.

To improve its emergency response capabilities, the Albanian Red Cross adopted digital tools such as Kobo toolbox for data collection. These tools were used during cash and voucher assistance programs and in the delivery of home care services, enabling more flexible and dignified support for those in need.

The National Society also advanced its internal development through the continued implementation of the Branch Organizational Capacity Assessment (BOCA), which began in 2024.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided technical expertise, guidance and capacity building to the Albanian Red Cross in areas such as governance, leadership, organizational development, branch strengthening, volunteer management and development and resource mobilization.

It will continue to support the Albanian Red Cross in strengthening governance structures, enhancing leadership and implementing international standards. Training and mentoring will also be provided in strategic planning, programme and financial management, as well as monitoring and evaluation.



Humanitarian diplomacy

Progress by the National Society against objectives

Partnership and coordination remain central to the approach of the Albanian Red Cross. In 2025, the organization collaborated closely with key national and local institutions, including the National Civil Protection Agency, the Ministry of Defence, the National Search and Rescue Centre, the Geological Institute, the Institute of Public Health, the Albanian Football Federation and various local government units.

The Albanian Red Cross regularly participated in meetings and roundtable discussions with public authorities, addressing critical topics such as disaster risk management, climate change adaptation, demographic shifts and migration-related challenges.

Additionally, the National Society is an active member of the inter-institutional coordination group led by the Ministry of Defence. This group is currently overseeing the revision of the National Search and Rescue Plan and its corresponding Action Plan, ensuring that both are aligned with international standards and reflect the operational realities in Albania.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC continuously supports the Albanian Red Cross in enhancing its humanitarian diplomacy endeavours. This includes capacity building, training and knowledge exchange on advocacy strategies. It assists the National Society in devising and executing diplomatic initiatives to shape policies affecting humanitarian efforts.

Additionally, the IFRC will foster partnerships between the Albanian Red Cross and other Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, along with international organizations and diplomatic entities. The Albanian Red Cross will receive collaboration from traditional partners such as the **Austrian Red Cross**, the **Italian Red Cross** and the **Qatar Red Crescent Society** for its humanitarian diplomacy measures.



Accountability and agility (cross-cutting)

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Albanian Red Cross has taken concrete steps to enhance accountability and promote agility across its operations. By mid-2025, the National Society continued to improve internal systems related to human resources, financial management, organizational integrity, risk mitigation and digital transformation.

The Albanian Red Cross consistently invested in building the skills and competencies of its staff and volunteers. To promote transparency, 320 printed leaflets and flyers were distributed in community centres, day centres and at key border points for migrant support. These materials provided clear information about available services, eligibility criteria and how to give feedback or file complaints. A total of 21 staff members from headquarters and local branches participated in training on the updated Code of Conduct and safeguarding policies, including protection, gender and inclusion (PGI). Participants were also introduced to an online course covering the identification, reporting, investigation and response to misconduct, including Prevention and Response to Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA).

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Albanian Red Cross strengthen its governance, accountability and operational systems. This includes improving financial and administrative procedures, monitoring and evaluation processes and ethical standards. To enhance agility, the IFRC supports the development of emergency preparedness strategies, resource mobilization and coordination during crises. It also promotes the use of digital tools and innovative technologies for faster decision-making and more effective humanitarian action. Capacity-building efforts include training in disaster risk reduction, emergency health care and community resilience. Additionally, the Albanian Red Cross is improving its logistics and warehouse systems to better support its activities.

Q4. AFFECTED PERSONS (PEOPLE REACHED)

See cover pages

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

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

Q6. RISK MANAGEMENT

This information is not available in Mid-Year Reports

Q7. EXIT STRATEGY AND SUSTAINABILITY

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

Q8. LESSONS LEARNED

Nothing to report

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

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

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

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

8+3 template	IFRC network Mid-Year Report <i>(with variance in structure in red)</i>
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

- [AL_Albania MYR Financials.pdf](#)
- [IFRC network country plans](#)
- [Subscribe for updates](#)
- [Live Disaster Response Emergency Fund \(DREF\) data](#)
- Operational information: [IFRC GO platform](#)
- National Society data: [IFRC Federation-wide Databank and Reporting System](#)
- [Evaluations database](#)

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