



MONTENEGRO

2024 IFRC network mid-year report, January – June

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23

National Society
branches



23

National Society
local units



1,493

National Society
volunteers



194

National Society
staff

PEOPLE REACHED

Climate and
environment



13,058

Disasters
and crises



7,292

Health and
wellbeing



6,348

Migration and
displacement



2,250

Values, power
and inclusion



7,217

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

in Swiss francs (CHF)

Country	Funding Requirement		3.7M
IFRC Secretariat	Longer-term Funding Requirement		1.7M
	Funding		Not reported
	Expenditure		Not reported
Participating National Societies	Funding Requirement		471,000
	Funding		201,000
	Expenditure		192,000
HNS other funding sources	Funding Requirement		1.5M
	Funding		1M

Red Cross of Montenegro

Overview

Funding		1.6M
Expenditure		1.1M

Funding Sources

IFRC Secretariat		372,000
Participating National Societies		197,000
HNS other funding sources		1M

Appeal number **MAAME002**

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

ONGOING EMERGENCY INDICATORS

MGR65022 / *Ukraine and impacted countries*

Number of migrants and displaced persons reached with services for assistance and protection.	3,000
Number of people reached by RCRC educational programmes.	203
Number of people reached by protection, gender and inclusion programming.	118
Number of people reached by National Societies with contextually appropriate health services.	114
Number of people reached with psychosocial and mental health services.	110
Number of people reached per year with support services, in-kind, cash and voucher assistance for emergency response and recovery.	72
Number of Humanitarian Service Points (HSPs) that provided assistance and/or protection to people on the move along land based migration routes.	2
National Society reports that they have integrated and institutionalised Community Engagement and Accountability in their policies, operations, and procedures (with clear benchmarks).	Yes
National Society has undertaken any data collection, research, analysis or other information management initiatives to better assist and protect people on the move.	Yes
National Society covers health, accident and death compensation for all of their volunteers.	Yes
Percentage of people surveyed who report receiving useful and actionable information.	96%

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Climate and environment	National Society is implementing environmental or climate campaigns focused on behaviour change, plastic reduction or clean-ups.	Yes
	Number of people reached with activities to address environmental problems.	4,000
	Number of people reached with activities to address rising climate risks.	13,000
	Number of people reached with heatwave risk reduction, preparedness or response activities.	8,000
Disasters and crises	Number of people reached with disaster risk reduction.	644
	Number of people reached with livelihoods support	7,000
Health and wellbeing	Number of people donating blood	1,000
	Number of people reached by National Societies with contextually appropriate health services.	5,000
	Number of people reached by National Societies with contextually appropriate water, sanitation and hygiene services.	6,000
	Number of people reached with psychosocial and mental health services.	2,000
	Number of people trained by National Societies in first aid.	27,000
Migration and displacement	National Society has undertaken any advocacy, dialogues, educational or communication initiatives to change the legal, policy, or operational environment to better assist and protect people on the move.	Yes
	National Society has undertaken any data collection, research, analysis or other information management initiatives to better assist and protect people on the move.	Yes
	Number of Humanitarian Service Points (HSPs) that provided assistance and/or protection to people on the move along land based migration routes.	2
	Number of migrants and displaced persons reached with services for assistance and protection.	2,000
Values, power and inclusion	Number of people reached by protection, gender and inclusion programming.	5,000
	Number of people reached by RCRC educational programmes.	7,000

ENABLING FUNCTIONS

National Society development	National Society covers health, accident and death compensation for all of their volunteers.	Yes
	National Society has created and implemented youth engagement strategies.	Yes
	National Society has One National Society Development country plan created.	Yes
Humanitarian diplomacy	National Society is participating in IFRC-led campaigns.	Yes
Accountability and agility	National Society has a functioning data management systems that inform decision making and support monitoring and reporting on the impact and evidence of the IFRC network's contributions.	Yes
	National Society has a Protection of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) policy to enforce prevention and support survivors.	Yes
	National Society has strengthened their integrity risk mechanisms.	Yes

IFRC NETWORK SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

National Society	Funding Reported	Bilateral Support					
		Climate and environment	Disasters and crises	Health and wellbeing	Migration and displacement	Values, power and inclusion	Enabling Functions
Austrian Red Cross	123,000						
Italian Red Cross	78,000						
Swiss Red Cross							

Total Funding Reported **CHF 201,000**

OVERALL PROGRESS

Context

According to the latest macroeconomic report of the Ministry of Finance, in the first quarter of 2024, Montenegro achieved a gross domestic product (GDP) growth rate of 4.4 per cent, ranking among the leading countries in terms of growth rate in Europe.

According to the report, gross investments in fixed assets increased by 8.2 per cent, and private consumption by 5.7 per cent, while exports of goods and services recorded a 21 per cent drop in the first quarter.

Labour market indicators showed positive trends. According to the Labour Force Survey, the number of employed individuals in the first quarter of 2024 was 280,500, marking an increase of 8.2 per cent compared to the same quarter in 2023. Meanwhile, the unemployment rate stood at 11.9 per cent, reflecting a year-on-year decrease of 3.6 percentage points. The inflation rate increased by 4.9 per cent in the first five months of 2024. The average net salary in the first four months of 2024 increased by 6.3 per cent and amounted to CHF 775, while the average pension with calculated differences in April amounted to CHF 668, which is an annual growth of 36.3 per cent.

Montenegro faces economic vulnerability due to heavy dependence on external investments and tourism. This reliance, combined with extensive infrastructure investments and costly social programmes, strains fiscal sustainability.

Key achievements

Climate and environment

In the first half of 2024, the Red Cross of Montenegro, as part of the Zurich Flood Resilience Alliance (ZFRA), contributed to a communications project focused on the new collective quantified goal (NCQG) under the Paris Agreement. Its achievement included the development of a 60-second explainer video that clarified one letter of the NCQG, which was integrated into a collaborative series with contributions from other countries, aiming to enhance understanding of the NCQG and its objectives.

Disasters and crises

In the first half of 2024, the Red Cross of Montenegro continued to strengthen its disaster response capacities alongside its active response to the Ukraine crisis. Notable activities included participating in a forest fire rescue exercise in North Macedonia in March, a sub-regional functional exercise on migration management in Bulgaria in April, and attending a supply chain management conference in Dubai, which provided insights into partnerships, digital transformation, and sustainability. The National Society also focused on building local branch capacities through training and workshops, resulting in enhanced community support and emergency response readiness. Additionally, in May, the Red Cross of Montenegro participated in a workshop on cash and voucher assistance (CVA), sharing valuable lessons learned from the Ukraine crisis response.

Health and wellbeing

In this reporting period, the Red Cross of Montenegro conducted a range of activities focused on first aid, tuberculosis prevention, and voluntary blood donation. The National Society provided basic first aid training to individuals, with many renewing their licenses. Its first aid team supported a major event for children and facilitated training for water lifeguards. Additionally, local branches organized first aid competitions, culminating in a state-level competition in June. The National Society also launched a social media campaign on World Tuberculosis Prevention Day to raise awareness about the disease. In blood donation efforts, numerous collection actions were organized, with many people donating blood, supported by training sessions for blood donation motivators and continued financial support for blood donation clubs.

Migration and displacement

The Red Cross of Montenegro carried out medical interventions, doctor's examinations, and provided translation services at the reception centre in Bozaj. It also facilitated transport for migrants to relevant institutions. The National Society held workshops to enhance employment opportunities, covering topics such as CV writing, job

applications, and social and cultural differences, while also assisting children with their homework. Additionally, with support from the UNHCR, the National Society provided psychosocial and medical support to refugees, asylum seekers, and stateless persons, offering protection activities, counselling, and monitoring for over 900 individuals. Community workshops on health, employment, and integration were also organized, benefiting more than 1,600 people, including those granted international and temporary protection.

Values, power and inclusion

During this reporting period, the Red Cross of Montenegro implemented several key initiatives to support vulnerable communities. Under the Roma Employment in Montenegro project, regular distributions of donated clothing, health workshops, and counselling were provided to the Roma community, with focus group discussions held to better meet their needs. The National Society also organized youth club workshops and community mediation for people with disabilities, offering assistance such as financial support and home visits. Through its professional homecare services, the National Society assisted older individuals with daily living tasks and implemented the addressing and preventing care needs project in Bar and Bijelo Polje. Additionally, the home care cross-border project supported older people in nine municipalities, and the community social services initiative focused on social inclusion and independent living. The National Society also hosted a community engagement and accountability (CEA) workshop and participated in training to enhance its emergency response efforts.

Enabling local actors

In the first half of 2024, the Red Cross of Montenegro made progress in its organizational development. The National Society successfully completed a one-year academic fundraising program, establishing a customer relationship management system and launching a secure online donation platform. Workshops were organized for employees to understand and implement the resource mobilization system. Additionally, the National Society continued to engage with the ICRC/IFRC Joint Commission to secure approval for amendments to its Statute, and the Governing Board adopted key changes, including the introduction of a recognition system for exceptional employees and individuals in journalism.

The Red Cross of Montenegro also participated in regional and international workshops, enhancing its capacity for humanitarian diplomacy and strengthening its commitment to integrity. The National Society hosted its first humanitarian diplomacy working group meeting, fostering cooperation across cluster countries, and engaged in the European Awareness and Response workshop, focusing on fraud prevention and accountability. These efforts align with the National Society's dedication to transparency, capacity building, and the effective use of resources to further its humanitarian mission.

IFRC NETWORK ACTION

ONGOING EMERGENCY RESPONSE

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

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Name	Ukraine and impacted countries crisis
Appeal number	MGR65002
People to be assisted	22.7 M (total); 10,000 (in Montenegro)
Duration	28 February 2022 – 31 December 2025
Funding requirements	Federation-wide funding requirement: CHF 2.7 billion IFRC Secretariat funding requirement: CHF 800M Federation-wide funding requirement (Montenegro): CHF 6M IFRC Secretariat funding requirement (Montenegro): CHF 6M

Link to Revised Emergency Appeal	Revised Emergency Appeal
Link to Latest Operational Strategy	Operational Strategy
Link to Country Response Plan	Montenegro Response Plan

Since the armed conflict in Ukraine began and escalated over time, the conflict has grown in complexity, producing multi-faceted and wide-reaching impacts. Humanitarian needs are particularly severe among those who remain at home in conflict prevalent areas and with internally displaced persons (IDPs). At the start of 2023, the number of IDPs within Ukraine was estimated at 5.4 million. The spread of hostilities in Ukraine has resulted in over 20.4 million movements out of Ukraine since the escalation of the armed conflict. Most of the displaced people from Ukraine have entered the immediate neighbouring countries, primarily Poland, Russia, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia, and Moldova. Following the action of the Temporary Protection Directive (TPD) by the European Union (EU), 5 million displaced people from Ukraine have registered for temporary protection in EU countries.

According to official data from the Ministry of Interior, from the period of 24th February 2022 until 23rd January 2023, 91,547 displaced people from Ukraine entered Montenegro. Currently, there are 6,962 people from Ukraine in the country, which represents 1.12 per cent of the total population of Montenegro comprising 619,211 people. Since the beginning of the escalation of the conflict in Ukraine, 7,861 people have applied for temporary protection in Montenegro.

Short description of emergency operational strategy

A regional operational strategy and a revised emergency appeal were developed with the support of a harmonized revision of the 17 National Society Response Plans and the Ukrainian Red Cross Society [One Plan for 2023 – 2025](#).

Through this revised emergency appeal, the Red Cross of Montenegro is providing targeted assistance to about 10,000 people. The interventions consist of:

Health and care including water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH): Providing [community-based health services](#) to displaced people from Ukraine. Disseminating information accessing the public health system in Montenegro through [humanitarian service points \(HSPs\)](#) to displaced people. Providing [psychological first aid](#) through the helpline as well as through individual sessions to people who have been identified as the most marginalized and need more specialized support and through group sessions in collective [shelters](#). Delivering [first aid](#) training to volunteers and new staff as part of their onboarding.

Shelter, housing, and settlements: Providing winter assistance for clothing and footwear through [cash and voucher assistance \(CVA\)](#) once a year. Supporting the most marginalized people through unconditional CVA to cover their basic needs on monthly basis for a period of 18 months. Providing one-off multipurpose cash assistance to displaced people from Ukraine in case of further escalation or increases in arrivals.

Protection, gender, and inclusion (PGI): Establishing new child friendly spaces to support children in line with Movement standards. Facilitating integration of children within local communities by organizing afterschool activities. Mapping services and disseminating information about referral pathways. Supporting integration and inclusion of displaced people from Ukraine through field trips and summer camps. Appointing a focal point for PGI within the National Society.

Community engagement and accountability (CEA): Managing effective feedback mechanisms for the Ukraine response, including a helpline with Ukrainian-speaking operators, social media, and face-to-face channels. Setting up one central case management system for categorizing and tracking community feedback collected through different feedback mechanisms. Strengthening electronic needs assessment, registration and feedback system using Kobo toolbox through different links and QR codes.

Migration and displacement: Ensuring provision of humanitarian services through already established HSPs in local National Society branches. Establishing new or mobile HSPs at key border crossings in case of increase in new arrivals. Providing information to asylum seekers, people applying for refugee status or seeking temporary protection on

procedures, steps, rights through different channels. Supporting with documentation and counselling, and translation if needed.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Climate and environment

Progress by National Society against objectives

In this reporting period, the Red Cross of Montenegro organized a cleaning action one of the communities in the municipality of Zeta on Planet Earth Day. This cleaning drive was attended by the National Society volunteers and staff, together with staff from the municipality of Zeta and community members. During this event, awareness materials on waste management were also distributed. This activity provided an opportunity to emphasize the importance of proper environment management and demonstrate that all stakeholders should contribute.

In addition to this activity, the project manager of the Zurich Flood Resilience Alliance (ZFRA) participated in a communications project related to the new collective quantified goal (NCQG), a mechanism promoted by the conference of the parties to meet the requirements of the Paris Agreement. The ZFRA project developed a range of materials, including a short series of explainer videos to increase understanding of the NCQG. The task involved producing a 60-second video segment to elucidate one of the letters in the NCQG. This video was subsequently integrated with contributions from other countries, each addressing different letters of the NCQG.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provides support to the Red Cross of Montenegro in its efforts to promote and implement climate and environment-related interventions in Montenegro. The IFRC support consists of relevant development strategies and actions, capacity building training, and financial support for National Society interventions.



Red Cross of Montenegro social worker and psychologist providing psychosocial support to persons with disabilities. (Photo: Red Cross of Montenegro).



Disasters and crises

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

Progress by National Society against objectives

In addition to the National Society's active response to the Ukraine crisis, the Red Cross of Montenegro continuously worked on enhancing its capacities for disaster response. These activities during this reporting period consisted of carrying out fire rescue exercise in North Macedonia where the National Society team participated in a training and demonstration exercise in forest fire extinguishing held in North Macedonia in March. The National Society participated in a sub-regional functional exercise at the Lozen training centre in Bulgaria in April, where the topic was around developing scenarios and response strategies for managing migration influxes. In Dubai, the Red Cross of Montenegro attended the supply chain management conference, where topics such as partnerships and cooperation between National Societies, digital transformation, IT solutions, and sustainability measurement were covered. This conference provided the National Society with valuable insights into the latest trends and allowed it to enhance its operational capabilities.

Furthermore, the National Society continuously worked on strengthening the capacities of its local branches through training and workshops, promoting participation and building a sustainable support network within the community. This initiative resulted in enhanced local structures and increased readiness for emergency response.

In May, the Red Cross of Montenegro participated in the cash and voucher assistance (CVA) lessons learned workshop. This provided an opportunity to discuss experiences, challenges, and successes of CVA implementation in response to the Ukraine crisis. Topics focused on lessons learned from various thematic areas, including cash preparation, agreements with financial service providers, community engagement and accountability, internal and external coordination, multipurpose and sector cash assistance, and others.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provides support to the Red Cross of Montenegro in its efforts to improve readiness and preparedness during emergencies in the country. Technical support consisting of capacity building training for staff and volunteers, coordination efforts with stakeholders, advocacy, and others are provided in order to effectively cater to varying needs. IFRC funding mechanisms such as the IFRC disaster response emergency fund ([DREF](#)) and the Emergency Appeals are activated during emergencies for all emergency responses.



Health and wellbeing

Progress by National Society against objectives

In this reporting period, the Red Cross of Montenegro conducted activities which included first aid, tuberculosis prevention, and voluntary blood donation. The National Society's basic first aid training was provided to more than 450 individuals, 69 of whom renewed their licenses. The National Society's [first aid](#) team provided support at a major event for children, bringing together 600 children from all over the country. Through 13 license renewal courses and four training, more than 600 water lifeguards successfully passed the first aid test and acquired cardiopulmonary resuscitation skills. Additionally, 12 local branches organized local first aid competitions. This was followed by state-level first aid competition held in June.

Within the same reporting period, the National Society launched a social media awareness campaign to highlight the importance of tuberculosis prevention on World Tuberculosis Prevention Day. Through a series of informative posts, the campaign aimed to increase public awareness and promote proactive measures against the disease.

Under blood donation initiative, the National Society organized a training session for blood donation for motivators. This training aimed to enhance and refresh the skills of motivators, ensuring that they are well-prepared to support and inspire their teams in promoting voluntary blood donation. The Red Cross of Montenegro continued to provide financial support to voluntary blood donation clubs for organizing their

events. During this period, 41 blood collection actions were organized, and more than 1,400 people voluntarily donated blood.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provides support to the Red Cross of Montenegro's efforts under health and wellbeing, focusing on National Society priorities as per its Development Strategy. Capacity building sessions, awareness campaigns, community-based health and first aid ([CBHFA](#)), and other activities are supported by the IFRC.



Migration and displacement

Progress by National Society against objectives

Under the [IFRC Global Route Based Migration Programme](#), the National Society conducted a series of medical interventions, doctor's examinations, and translation services at the reception centre in Bozaj. Additionally, transport arrangements supported migrants in transporting them from the centre to relevant institutions.

The Red Cross of Montenegro held workshops on various topics such as enhancing employment opportunities, including CV writing and job applications. These workshops also focused on areas such as social and cultural differences, and assisted children with their homework.

Under the psychosocial and medical support for forcibly displaced persons and stateless persons, supported by the UNHCR, the National Society provided assistance to more than 900 refugees and asylum seekers. This support included community-based protection activities, individual counselling, sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV), and protection monitoring.

Additionally, services were provided to stateless persons and community workshop/training were organized in collaboration with various partners, focusing on health, employment and integration topics. Approximately 1,663 people received services of psychosocial, psychological, and medical support, including 169 persons who were granted international and temporary protection.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provides both financial and technical support to the Red Cross of Montenegro in its migration and displacement initiatives.



Values, power and inclusion

Progress by National Society against objectives

During this reporting period, under the Roma Employment in Montenegro project, the National Society conducted regular distributions of donated second-hand clothing and shoes for both children and adults of the Roma population. Continuous workshops were held on health and collective hygiene awareness. The National Society's staff maintained daily contact with people assisted and provided both group and individual counselling and information to all members of the Roma community the Konik area. The National Society also conducted focus group discussions in Podgorica and Niksic with the Roma community, with the aim of adjusting the main activities to better meet the needs and preferences of the Roma community in these municipalities.

The National Society conducted youth club workshops weekly, covering topics such as creating photo and video materials, exploring career aspirations, discussing environmental issues, and fostering a culture of dialogue.

The National Society's mobile team's mediation in the community for people with disabilities conducted activities such as distribution of New Year's packages, financial and medical assistance, mediation for individuals with a focus on rights of child and social protection, home visits, donation of clothes, among others. The Red Cross of Montenegro provided daily personal assistance to people with disabilities, and sign language interpreters were also employed on specific requirements.

As a licensed provider of professional homecare services, the National Society assisted people through the provision of essential support to older individuals, including assistance with food procurement and meal preparation, mobility aid, personal and household hygiene, heating premises, paying bills, securing household maintenance services, and arranging transportation.

The National Society's addressing and preventing care needs through community care centres project was implemented in the municipalities of Bar and Bijelo Polje through local branches. The activities consisted of preventive home visits for older people from rural areas, healthy aging workshops, self-help group meetings, psychosocial support in crisis situations, preparation of videos and materials, among a range of other services.

During this reporting period, the Red Cross of Montenegro implemented the home care cross-border project in nine municipalities. It provided services to older people who have minimal or no income, people who face health issues, and people who do not receive comparable support from other institutions or organizations. Volunteer provided support services in urban areas and weekly visits to homes were also conducted.

Under the two-year community social services for the elder initiative, the National Society aims to enhance social inclusion and independent living for the older people. Key activities during the reporting period include establishing project advisory boards in Bar and Bijelo Polje municipalities, starting preventive home visits and counselling, forming an elderly club in Bijelo Polje, and developing an accredited training programme for care providers.

The Red Cross of Montenegro hosted a community engagement and accountability (CEA) workshop in February, which focused on responsible communication in communities, emphasizing the importance of placing communities at the centre of communication efforts, ensuring meaningful participation and enhancing accountability. Subsequently in June, the National Society's CEA and protection, gender and inclusion (PGI) focal point participated in CEA in emergencies and feedback and PGI surge training in Hungary. The training provided skills for better application of CEA and PGI during emergency responses.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provides support to the Red Cross of Montenegro in fulfilling its aims and objectives under values, power and inclusion and works with the National Society to ensure that its activities take into consideration the varying needs of people and their diverse needs.

ENABLING LOCAL ACTORS



Strategic and operational coordination

Progress by National Society against objectives

During this reporting period, the National Society obtained a certificate through a one-year academic fundraising development programme. A customer relationship management system was successfully established to facilitate communication with donors and create a unified database. The National Society installed a landing page for online donations, allowing for secure online giving and donor data collection. The procedure for creating this landing page was completed and final training for its implementation was also conducted.

Additionally, the National Society organized workshops for employees to understand and implement the resource mobilization system, including an internal workshop on establishing this system within the National Society.

Membership coordination

IFRC membership coordination involves working with member National Societies to assess the humanitarian context, humanitarian situations and needs; agreeing on common priorities; jointly developing common strategies to address issues such as obtaining greater humanitarian access, acceptance and space; mobilizing funding and other resources; clarifying consistent public messaging; and monitoring progress. This also means ensuring that strategies

and programmes in support of people in need, incorporate clarity of humanitarian action, links with development assistance, and efforts to reinforce National Societies in their respective countries, including through their auxiliary role.

Movement coordination

The Red Cross of Montenegro 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 Red Cross of Montenegro enjoys good cooperation with the regional delegation of the ICRC located in Belgrade, Serbia. A Partnership Framework Agreement defines cooperation in capacity building and joint operations in Montenegro. The cooperation is related to the promotion of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) such as training of staff and volunteers, organization of round tables with relevant stakeholders, support in the Safer Access Framework approach, and restoring family links (RFL) activities.

External coordination

The Red Cross of Montenegro signed an agreement on mutual cooperation in the area of anti-trafficking, initiated by the Ministry of Interior. The National Society played an active role in the development of this agreement, where its role is clearly recognized and defined.

In line with its mission, the Red Cross of Montenegro is committed to developing and expanding its cooperation with other international humanitarian organizations. The National Society of Montenegro cooperates with the diplomatic-consular sector in Montenegro, as well as with many international organizations including the EU delegation, the UNHCR, UNICEF, UNDP, IOM, WHO, the USAID and a variety of international networks.

Additionally, the Red Cross of Montenegro is a member of the 'Neighbours Help First' network that gathers Southeast European National Societies (SENS), IFRC and ICRC. Through this network of National Societies sharing a common background and facing similar challenges, there has been strong regional cooperation in many areas, especially in connection with emergency response.

Since 2008, the Red Cross of Montenegro has been a full member of International Life Saving Federation and the only organization in the country that is licensed to conduct courses for lifeguards on water.



National Society development

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In this reporting period, the National Society continued its communication with the Joint Commission of the ICRC/IFRC with the aim of obtaining approval for the draft amendments to the statute of the Red Cross of Montenegro. Once approved, the amended Statute will be submitted to the Assembly of the Red Cross of Montenegro for adoption.

At the meeting of the Governing Board of the Red Cross of Montenegro, the amendments to the rulebook on recognitions of the Red Cross of Montenegro were adopted. The National Society Charter for individuals and legal entities in the field of journalism was adopted as a key change. Additionally, the National Society has established for the first time the possibility of granting recognition to the employee in exceptional cases and under special considerations.

The Red Cross of Montenegro also participated in a regional workshop on the protection and use of the Emblem, which was organized by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). The workshop focused on the significance of the emblem, its use for protection and recognition purposes, its use for commercial and non-operational purposes, and the legal and regulatory framework for preventing misuse of the emblem.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provides support to the Red Cross of Montenegro in its National Society development initiatives. IFRC funding mechanisms such as the IFRC-ICRC National Society Investment Alliance ([NSIA](#)), the IFRC capacity building fund ([CBF](#)), and the Empress Shoken Fund are utilized for National Society development objectives.



Humanitarian diplomacy

Progress by National Society against objectives

The Red Cross of Montenegro hosted the first humanitarian diplomacy working group meeting in this reporting period. The in-person meeting of humanitarian diplomacy focal points across the cluster countries served as the first step in establishing a meaningful and long-lasting network and cooperation platform for the National Societies. The overall objective of the meeting was to strengthen capacity to engage in humanitarian diplomacy and develop and implement humanitarian diplomacy strategies.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC continues to provide support to the Red Cross of Montenegro in its efforts under humanitarian diplomacy, which involves coordinating with stakeholders and advocating and promoting the National Society's work to place it as the first responder to emergencies in the country.



Accountability and agility (cross-cutting)

Progress by National Society against objectives

In this reporting period, under accountability and agility, the National Society participated in the European Awareness and Response workshop. This workshop addressed awareness raising on fraud and corruption, diagnosing system weaknesses and understanding the factors influencing these issues. It covered global corruption indices, the impact of organizations, the role of organizational culture and integrity, and methods to detect and prevent various types of fraud, including sexual harassment, cyber fraud, and misuse of aid. The session also introduced an integrity line for reporting potential cases of fraud, corruption and abuse.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supports the Red Cross of Montenegro in its efforts to ensure and improve accountability mechanisms.



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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 2024. However, due to the diversity of the IFRC and differences in fiscal years, this coverage may not fully align for some National Societies. Mid-year reporting data may have been based on estimations, with plans to submit more robust numbers at the annual reporting stage.
- **Financial overview:** This overview consolidates data reported by the National Society and its IFRC network partners, as well as data extracted from IFRC's financial systems. All reported figures should include the administrative and operational costs of the different entities. The financial data with a light grey background is solely reported by the National Society, including the funding sources. Financial reporting is often times estimated depending on availability of financial figures, closing of financial periods, and may be incomplete. "Not reported" could sometimes mean "not applicable".
- **Missing data and breakdowns:** National Societies have diverse data collection systems and processes that may not align with the standardized indicators. Data may not be available for some indicators, for some National Societies. This may lead to inconsistencies across different reporting tools as well as potential under or over-estimation of the efforts led by all.
- **Reporting bias:** The data informing this Federation-wide overview is self-reported by each National Society (or its designated support entity) and which is the owner and gatekeeper, and responsible for accuracy and updating. IFRC tries to triangulate the data provided by the National Societies with previous data and other data in the public domain.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- [IFRC Montenegro mid-year 2024 financial report](#)
- [IFRC network country Plans](#)
- [Subscribe for updates](#)
- [Live Disaster Response Emergency Fund \(DREF\) data](#)
- Operational information: [IFRC GO platform](#)
- National Society data: [IFRC Federation-wide Databank and Reporting System](#)
- [Evaluations database](#)

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