



# GABON

2024 IFRC network mid-year report, January – June

15 April 2025


## IN SUPPORT OF THE GABONESE RED CROSS SOCIETY



**9**  
National Society  
branches



**54**  
National Society  
local units



**3,500**  
National Society  
volunteers



**52**  
National Society  
staff

## PEOPLE REACHED

Climate and  
environment



**7,380**

Disasters  
and crises



**229**

## FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

in Swiss francs (CHF)

Country	Funding Requirement	<div></div>	4.2M
IFRC Secretariat	Longer-term Funding Requirement	<div></div>	684,000
	Funding	<div></div>	Not reported
	Expenditure	<div></div>	Not reported
HNS other funding sources	Funding Requirement	<div></div>	3.5M
	Funding	<div></div>	Not reported

### Gabonese Red Cross Society

#### Overview

Funding	<div></div>	Not reported
Expenditure	<div></div>	Not reported





#### Funding Sources

IFRC Secretariat	<div></div>	Not reported
Participating National Societies	<div></div>	Not reported
HNS other funding sources	<div></div>	Not reported

Appeal number **MAAGA002**

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

## STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Climate and environment	National Society is implementing nature-based solutions (including those with a particular focus on the planting of trees and mangroves).	Yes
	National Society is supported in developing and implementing strategies and plans that address rising climate and environmental risks.	Yes
	Number of people reached by public campaigns involving clean-up, recycling or urban greening	 7,000
	Number of people reached with activities to address rising climate risks.	 7,000
Disasters and crises	Number of people reached with disaster risk reduction.	 229
Health and wellbeing	Number of people trained by National Societies in first aid.	 534

## ENABLING FUNCTIONS

Strategic and operational coordination	National Society increases the number of government led platforms in which they are actively participating to achieve humanitarian or development goals.	3
	Number of formal interagency/international coordination platforms the IFRC Network is part of.	1
National Society development	National Society has created and implemented youth engagement strategies.	Yes
	The National Society has a risk management framework in place	1
Humanitarian diplomacy	National Society is participating in IFRC-led campaigns.	Yes
Accountability and agility	National Society has implemented a digital transformation roadmap in line with the IFRC strategy.	Yes

# OVERALL PROGRESS

## Context

Gabon is located on the west coast of Central Africa, bordered by the Republic of Congo, Cameroon, Equatorial Guinea and the Gulf of Guinea. It is one of the least densely populated countries in the world. More than 70 per cent of the total population live in the coastal areas, which are also home to the majority of economic activities. Gabon is rich in extractive natural resources, mainly manganese, oil and its timber and forest reserves. Abundant oil, foreign private investment and low population density have helped make the country one of the most prosperous in sub-Saharan Africa, with the third highest GDP per capita in the region. Gabon has the highest human development indices in sub-Saharan Africa.

However, despite abundant natural resources, Gabon is dependent on imports of food and capital goods and is lacking infrastructure (transport and electricity). It is also facing high unemployment rates, endemic poverty, poor wealth distribution and has an informal economy (estimated at between 40 per cent and 50 per cent of the GDP).

In Gabon, the rainy season generally lasts from October to end of May, early June, depending on climatic variations. Torrential rains in Gabon are slanting and heavy, generally accompanied by landslides and/or violent winds throughout the rainy season.

## Key achievements

### Health and wellbeing

Gabonese Red Cross continued providing training in community-based health and first aid, health topics related to health and safety in the workplace, first aid coverage at public events, life-saving support in the case of accidents, and ambulance services.

### Values, power and inclusion

Promotion of humanitarian values and human rights: Thanks to the e-learning platform, several people have been trained on the principles and ideals of the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement, International Humanitarian Law, prevention of child trafficking and exploitation; promotion and protection of the social status of women, and prevention of gender-based violence.

# IFRC NETWORK ACTION

## STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



### Climate and environment

#### Progress by the National Society against objectives

The National Society carried out sensitizations that reached 7,380 people on environmental protection, floods preparedness and intervention. It also carried tree planting (mangrove plantation) activities in the month of May.

The Gabon Red Cross organized sessions with Forestry and Water Management School students, expanded partnerships with the Ministry of Environment and key companies, and launched the "One family, one volunteer – one volunteer, hundred trees" strategy.

## IFRC network joint support

The IFRC shared the seasonal and weekly weather forecasts and monthly climate watches produced for Central Africa by the Centre for Climate Application and Forecasting in Central Africa with the Gabon Red Cross.

National Society youth volunteers for Tree Plantation and Care (Climate Actions) were involved in 100,000 Tree plantation / Care project.



## Disasters and crises

### Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Gabonese Red Cross reached 229 people in disaster risk reduction focusing on floods preparedness and interventions.

The National Society also embarked on the process of setting up an early warning system thanks to a partnership signed with the Agence Gabonaise d'Etude et d'Observation Spatiales. It also increased collaboration with the national investigation office for aeronautical incidents. Gabonese Red Cross volunteers were trained in mapping risk areas using open-source software such as QGIS and Lotus map.

### IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the National Society to participate in the exchange platform for disaster management managers for Central Africa. The Gabon Red Cross also increased its participation in the platform and monthly meetings of the Cash and Voucher Assistance community of practitioners.

The Gabonese Red Cross now have trained staff and volunteers to implement Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA) activities with IFRC support.



*Under the initiative 1volunteer- 100 trees, Gabon Red Cross volunteers and IFRC staff are planting trees to reforest the mangrove, address climate change and reduce risks and disasters in Libreville in June 2024 (Photo: IFRC)*



## Health and wellbeing

### Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Gabonese Red Cross has been participating effectively in decision-making bodies in health. At both provincial and national levels, the National Society takes part in meetings of the Coordination Opérationnelle de Réponse aux Épidémies (CORÉ).

The National Society trained 534 (298 Men and 204 Women) in first aid.

### IFRC network joint support

**The IFRC** has been supporting the National Society in strengthening its auxiliary role to the public authorities, particularly with the Ministry of Health, and to position itself as a key public health actor.



## Values, power and inclusion

### Progress by the National Society against objectives

A number of staff have benefited from training on the principles and values of the Movement through the IFRC's e-learning platform. Other activities in this period included the promotion of International Humanitarian Law; prevention of child trafficking and exploitation; the promotion and protection of the social status of women, and the prevention of gender-based violence.

The IFRC supported the Gabonese Red Cross in developing its Protection against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) policy. This policy is crucial for safeguarding the most vulnerable and ensuring a safe environment for all.

On International Women's Day, March 8th, the IFRC cohosted a transformative panel discussion on "Women in Leadership, Youth, and Investment." The event featured influential leaders such as Dr. Véronique Tsakoura, President of Gabon RC; Mrs. Bafou Ba, President of Senegal RC; Dr. Asha Mohammed, IFRC Representative in AU and Glow Red Network; Gloria Lombo, Secretary General of DRC RC; and Lebogang Seabelo, Chairperson of the Southern Africa Youth Network. Their insights underscored the critical role of women in driving forward the humanitarian mission.

### IFRC network joint support

**The IFRC** provided the National Society with technical and financial assistance in integrating the cross-cutting approaches of protection, gender and inclusion and community, engagement and accountability throughout its operations.

## ENABLING FUNCTIONS



## Strategic and operational coordination

### 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.



The Gabonese Red Cross also participates in the [IFRC's pan-African initiatives](#) focused on tree planting and maintenance, the Readiness and Preparedness programme and the development of National Societies.

Support to the Gabonese Red Cross by other National Societies is channeled through the IFRC, and there are no participating National Societies present in Gabon

### **Movement coordination**

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

**The ICRC** collaborates regularly with the National Society from its delegation in Yaoundé, Cameroon. The ICRC provides legal support to the National Society, as well as technical and financial support and undertakes other cooperation and capacity-building activities

### **External coordination**

In line with its auxiliary role, the Gabonese Red Cross continues to maintain close coordination with a range of government ministries, departments and agencies. In particular, it works with the Ministry of Health and Social Affairs, the Ministry of the Interior, the Ministry of National Education and the Ministry of Environment, in the areas of disaster preparedness and response, health, climate, community involvement and responsibility, and institutional development.

The National Society also works in partnership with UN agencies, in particular with WHO in the areas of health, community involvement and responsibility, and with UNICEF, UNFPA and UNDP in the areas of health, climate, community involvement and responsibility, and institutional development. Other partnerships also exist: UNAIDS on health, community involvement and responsibility, and institutional development; Organisation for Coordinating the Fight Against Endemics in Central Africa (OCEAC) on disaster preparedness and response, health, climate, community involvement and responsibility, and institutional development; and the Global Fund on health and community involvement and responsibility.



## **National Society development**

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

In 2023, the Gabonese Red Cross Society focused on financial sustainability by developing three applications for the [IFRC Capacity Building Fund](#). It updated its volunteer policy and made efforts to engage the youth in its activities. The National Society also participated in a sub-regional event for peer-to-peer learning and sharing. Additionally, it trained its volunteers in mapping risk areas using open-source software such as QGIS and Lotus map.

### **IFRC network joint support**

**The IFRC's** support has been vital in training volunteers in tree plantation and care techniques, an essential initiative for environmental sustainability. The ambitious project to strengthen organizational and operational capacities is making significant progress, including in branch evaluations, funding for income-generating activities, the development of a volunteer management policy, and the revision of administrative and financial manuals. The ongoing implementation of a risk management mechanism further enhances the resilience of local communities.'



## **Humanitarian diplomacy**

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

As part of the IFRC's humanitarian diplomacy plan, key partners of the Gabon Red Cross were visited. In the meeting a brief overview of the Gabon Red Cross and the IFRC was made, highlighting the Gabon Red Cross's auxiliary role with

the government. Presentations were also given on the 2024 Gabon Red Cross's Unified Plan, tree plantation and care initiatives (concept of One Family-One Volunteer and 1 Volunteer = 100 Tree Plantation and Care Campaigns) and the upcoming International Conference of the Red Cross Movement.

Further discussions were held on the importance of having an MOU between the Ministry of Social Affairs and the Gabon Red Cross and on how the MOUs and joint proposals could be developed and mobilize resources by generating support from Institutional Donors (such as African Development Bank, World Bank, EU, FCDO, IsDB, Eco Bank, Embassies, etc.) and the corporate sector.

There was also an elaboration of the key plans and activities of the Gabon Red Cross including the key disaster response emergency plan (DREF) operations.

A request was made for the Presidency to promote an enabling environment for the Gabon Red Cross, especially in facilitating the Government's support and funding.

The Gabon Red Cross's President further requested support for completing the necessary process for donating ten vehicles from the Government to the Gabon Red Cross that had been approved by the Prime Minister a few months ago. The representatives of the presidency advised the Gabon Red Cross president to conduct another round of follow-up with the relevant line ministries (Health Ministry and Social Affairs Ministry).

Discussions were held on the four key areas of collaboration/ partnership between the Gabon Red Cross and the Mayor's office:

- i. Environment and Climate (urban tree plantation and care),
- ii. Disaster Preparedness and Response,
- iii. Urban Community Resilience and iv. Health and Water and Sanitation activities. Satisfaction was expressed by the Minister of Health for the active engagement of the Gabon Red Cross in developing the Global Pandemic Fund Proposal and the importance of engaging the Gabon Red Cross in other key health areas and for funding opportunities was highlighted.

The importance of having an MOU between the Health Minister and the Gabon Red Cross for critical health programs and activities was stressed and the renewal of MOUs was discussed (IFRC and ECCAS).

### **IFRC Network joint support**

Following these visits, the IFRC supported the Gabon Red Cross in drafting MOUs and concept notes /proposals to: the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Social Affairs, The Ministry of Environment, The Mayor's office, Samuel Sante and ECCAS.



## **Accountability and agility (cross-cutting)**

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

The Gabonese Red Cross continues its commitment to integrating risk management at National Society level through the appointment of a National Society risk focal point, the development of a risk register, and the use of the risk register to guide decisions within National Societies.

During this period, the Gabonese Red Cross trained its management, staff, and volunteers in risk management, ensured that all programs/projects and operations have a risk focal point, and develop a risk register to be used in the program/project and operations management process.

### **IFRC network joint support**

The IFRC has been working closely with the National Society as well as internally to implement planned activities in relation to accountability. These activities include: transparent and regular communication, informal updates, strategic coordination, calls, and periodical updates and reports: risk management in IFRC's Yaoundé country cluster delegation as well as the National Society; zero-tolerance for fraud and corruption; increased number of volunteers and staff of

National Society trained on key policies for accountability; 100 percent compliance with mandatory training/courses at the IFRC country cluster delegation level.

To promote agility and accountability, the IFRC also supported the Gabon Red Cross to ensure diversified budget holders in the country cluster delegation. It was also agreed to simplify procedures in the country cluster delegation and increase agility in administration, logistics, finance, human resource, and deployments/travel. IFRC also helped to strengthen reporting compliance and reduce the incidence of overdue reports.

Regarding safeguarding, efforts were scaled up on the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse including; increased understanding of safeguarding policies in the IFRC country cluster delegation and the National Society; training in the National Society on the protection from sexual exploitation and abuse; organizing in-depth onboarding processes and follow-up for new staff and, continuing to enhance team spirit by organizing formal and informal events for building positive team dynamics.





**The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)** is the world's largest humanitarian network, with 191 National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and around 15 million volunteers. Our volunteers are present in communities before, during and after a crisis or disaster. We work in the most hard to reach and complex settings in the world, saving lives and promoting human dignity. We support communities to become stronger and more resilient places where people can live safe and healthy lives, and have opportunities to thrive.

## 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 Gabon 2024 Financial Report](#)

**Note:** For emergencies for which a financial report is not yet available, see: [MDRGA009](#), [MDRGA010](#), [MDRGA011](#)

- [IFRC network country plan](#)
- [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](#)
- [IFRC Evaluation and Research Databank](#)

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