



# CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

2024 IFRC Network Mid-Year Report, January – June

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## IN SUPPORT OF CENTRAL AFRICAN RED CROSS SOCIETY



Data taken from published 2024 IFRC network country plan

## PEOPLE REACHED



## FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

in Swiss francs (CHF)

Country		Funding Requirement	19.8M
IFRC Secretariat	Longer-term	Funding Requirement	16.3M
		Funding	Not reported
		Expenditure	Not reported
Participating National Societies		Funding Requirement	1.2M
		Funding	162,000
		Expenditure	13,000
HNS other funding sources		Funding Requirement	2.3M
		Funding	Not reported

### Central African Red Cross Society

#### Overview


Funding	Not reported
Expenditure	Not reported

#### Funding Sources

IFRC Secretariat	Not reported
Participating National Societies	Not reported
HNS other funding sources	Not reported

Appeal number **MAACF002**

## STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Climate and environment	National Society is implementing environmental or climate campaigns focused on behaviour change, plastic reduction or clean-ups.	0
	National Society is implementing nature-based solutions (including those with a particular focus on the planting of trees and mangroves).	0
	National Society is supported in developing and implementing strategies and plans that address rising climate and environmental risks.	0
Disasters and crises	Number of RCRC staff and volunteers trained in disaster risk reduction.	50
Health and wellbeing	Number of people reached with immunization services.	 20,000
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.	0
	Number of Humanitarian Service Points (HSPs) that provided assistance and/or protection to people on the move along land based migration routes.	0
Values, power and inclusion	National Society reports that they have integrated and institutionalised Community Engagement and Accountability in their policies, operations, and procedures (with clear benchmarks).	Yes
	Number of people reached by RCRC educational programmes.	35

## 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.	0
	Number of formal interagency/international coordination platforms the IFRC Network is part of.	0
National Society development	National Society covers health, accident and death compensation for all of their volunteers.	0
	National Society develops and/or implements a strategy for strengthening their auxiliary role	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 has domestic advocacy strategies developed aligning, at least in part, with global IFRC advocacy strategies	Yes
	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.	0
	National Society has a Protection of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) policy to enforce prevention and support survivors.	Yes
	National Society has a PSEA Action Plan to enforce prevention and support survivors (cumulative).	Yes
	National Society has implemented a digital transformation roadmap in line with the IFRC strategy.	0
	National Society has strengthened their integrity risk mechanisms.	0

## 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
Netherlands Red Cross	162,000						

Total Funding Reported **CHF 162,000**

# OVERALL PROGRESS

## Context

The Central African Republic, situated in the heart of Africa, is a landlocked country bordered by Chad, Sudan, South Sudan, the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Republic of Congo, and Cameroon. It spans 623,000 km<sup>2</sup>, characterized by forested savannahs in the north and dense forests in the south. With an average altitude of 650,850 metres, Central African Republic has a sub-equatorial climate, with temperatures around 26 degrees Celsius annually. Rainfall varies, averaging 226 millimetres in July and 5 millimetres in December.

Economically, Central African Republic faces challenges with stagnant growth, high poverty rates, and limited infrastructure. Subsistence agriculture, mining, and services are key sectors. Despite natural resource wealth, Central African Republic remains one of the poorest countries globally. Access to electricity is limited, with only 14 per cent having access, primarily in urban areas.

Socially, Central African Republic struggles with poverty, gender inequality, and low education indicators. Multidimensional poverty is high, with 71 per cent living below the international poverty line. The humanitarian situation is dire, with 56 per cent needing assistance in 2023. Education and health indicators are low, with disparities between genders and regions.

The Central African Republic faces significant socio-economic and political challenges, compounded by its landlocked status, political instability, and limited infrastructure. Efforts to address these challenges require comprehensive strategies focused on peacebuilding, poverty reduction, and sustainable development.

## Key achievements

### Climate and environment

During the reporting period, the Central African Red Cross Society continued its efforts to address climate change impacts, taking steps towards resource mobilization, though no significant progress was made.

### Disasters and crises

During the reporting period, the Central African Red Cross Society focused on climate change adaptation, launched a child protection project, and trained 14 National Disaster Response Teams.

### Health and wellbeing

During the reporting period, the Central African Red Cross Society continued its humanitarian efforts in vulnerable communities, focusing on health and well-being. Interventions included recruiting and training qualified health personnel, offering scholarships for health worker training in underserved areas, and revising manuals on emergency obstetric and neonatal care and immunization. Routine immunization activities were conducted through the expanded immunization programme, and local committees were established to engage in public space cleanups and assist vulnerable individuals, including the elderly.

### Values, power and inclusion

During the reporting period, the Central African Red Cross Society made significant progress in values, power, and inclusion, revitalizing several sub-prefectural committees and developing an action plan for 2025.

### Enabling Local Actors

Between January and June 2024, the Central African Red Cross Society focused on enhancing strategic and operational coordination, organizing regular meetings, training governance members at sub-prefectural committees and strengthening consultation among movement members. It also revitalized local branches and raised awareness of National Assembly texts in local committees. The National Society implemented the Gogoro project to digitize volunteer data, with steering and technical committees established, and provided Safer Access training to governance members. A successful workshop in May 2024 involved 250 participants, strengthening the National Society's partnerships and clarifying its auxiliary role. Progress was made in strengthening the National Society's legal foundation, culminating in the adoption of a new Model Law to clarify its legal status.

# IFRC NETWORK ACTION

## STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



### Climate and environment

#### Progress by the National Society against objectives

During the reporting period, the Central African Red Cross Society continued to implement actions aimed at achieving its objectives in the fight against the effects of climate change. While no significant progress has been made, the National Society has taken steps towards resource mobilization.

#### IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided technical and financial support to the Central African Red Cross Society in ensuring its active participation.



### Disasters and crises

For real-time information on emergencies, see IFRC GO page, [Central African Republic](#)

#### Progress by the National Society against objectives

During the reporting period, the Central African Red Cross Society focused on climate change adaptation. It also initiated child protection project and conducted training for 14 National Disaster Response Teams.



*National Society volunteers responding to conflict by collecting bodies and arranging dignified burials (Photo: Central African Red Cross Society)*

### IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided technical and financial support to the National Society through training of fourteen National Disaster Response Teams and the initiation of a child protection project.



## Health and wellbeing

### Progress by the National Society against objectives

During the reporting period, the Central African Red Cross Society continued its humanitarian efforts in the most vulnerable communities, focusing on health and well-being. Its interventions included the reconstruction of the health system through the training and recruitment of qualified health personnel, the allocation of scholarships for health worker training in underserved areas and the revision of manuals on emergency obstetric and neonatal care, as well as immunization.

Additionally, routine immunization activities were conducted through the expanded immunization programme. The National Society also established local committees to engage in public space cleanups such as markets, roads, schools and hospitals and assist vulnerable individuals, including the elderly, prisoners, and the sick.

### IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided technical assistance to the National Society for its health activities.



## Values, power and inclusion

### Progress by the National Society against Objectives

During the reporting period, the Central African Red Cross Society made significant progress in advancing its goals related to values, power, and inclusion. The National Society successfully revitalized several sub-prefectural committees and worked on developing an action plan for 2025.

### IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided technical support to the Central African Red Cross Society in implementation of its programmes and initiatives.

## ENABLING LOCAL ACTORS



## Strategic and operational coordination

### IFRC membership coordination

IFRC membership coordination involves working with member National Societies to assess the humanitarian context, humanitarian situations and needs; agreeing on common priorities; jointly developing common strategies to address issues such as obtaining greater humanitarian access, acceptance and space; mobilizing funding and other resources; clarifying consistent public messaging; and monitoring progress. This also means ensuring that strategies and programmes in support of people in need, incorporate clarity of humanitarian action, links with development assistance, and efforts to reinforce National Societies in their respective countries, including through their auxiliary role.

The Central African Red Cross Society works with several participating National Societies in longer-term technical and financial partnerships such as the **Cameroon Red Cross, Canadian Red Cross Society, French Red Cross** and the **Netherlands Red Cross**.

## Movement coordination

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

In the Central African Republic, the **ICRC** helps people affected by conflict and violence. It provides aid, runs livelihood-support projects and repairs water and sanitation systems. It visits detainees, restores contact between relatives separated by conflict and promotes international humanitarian law.

## External coordination

As an auxiliary to the public authorities, the Central African Red Cross Society is placed under the purview of the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Solidarity and National Reconciliation. Its work is carried out in partnership with the Prime Minister's Office and key ministries such as the Ministry of Health and Population, and the Ministry of Territorial Administration and Decentralization.

The Central African Red Cross Society focused on enhancing strategic and operational coordination, which is key to fostering collaboration with other members of the movement in the country. To strengthen this coordination, several objectives were set, and notable progress was made, including the organization of regular coordination meetings between all movement members, the training of 81 governance members at the 13 revitalized sub-prefectural committees, and the strengthening of the consultation framework between movement members.



## National Society development

### Progress by the National Society against objectives

During the reporting period, the Central African Red Cross Society revitalized 13 local branches, strengthening its presence and capacity across the country. Additionally, it focused on increasing awareness of National Assembly texts, ensuring its dissemination to local committees in Bangui and several provincial towns.

The National Society also implemented the Gogoro project for acquiring a digitized database of volunteers. Steering and technical committees were established for the project. During the training of governance members of the revitalized committees, all participants received Safer Access training.

### IFRC network joint support

The **IFRC** provided financial and technical support to the National Society in facilitating its initiatives and programmes, including the implementation of the Gogoro project.



## Humanitarian diplomacy

### Progress by the National Society against objectives

During the reporting period, the Central African Red Cross Society focused on establishing a humanitarian diplomacy department to develop and popularize a communication strategy, promote the dissemination of International Humanitarian Law, and strengthen the capacities of the communication network. The department was created, and a Head of Humanitarian Diplomacy was recruited at the National Assembly.

In February 2024, a Guidance Note on the 'Role of Humanitarian Diplomacy in Strengthening the Auxiliary Role of the Public Authorities Attributed to the CRCA' was drafted and shared with state actors to prepare for future advocacy efforts. This revival of partnerships culminated in a successful workshop on May 15, 2024, which brought together around 250 participants from various government ministries, diplomatic missions, international institutions, NGOs, and the Red Cross/Red Crescent Movement. The workshop achieved key results, including a better understanding of the National Society's mission, strengthened partnerships within the Movement, clearer roles of public authorities

in supporting the Central African Red Cross Society's auxiliary role, and a commitment to protecting the Red Cross emblem and principles.

Additionally, the process of strengthening the National Society's legal foundation progressed, leading to the adoption of a new Model Law to clarify its legal status and resolve confusion between internal statutes and the need for a specific law.

#### **IFRC network joint support**

**The IFRC** provided financial and technical support to the National Society to strengthen its programmes and activities.



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

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

During the reporting period, the Central African Red Cross Society focused on promoting participation and inclusion of women and other minorities within its operations.

#### **IFRC network joint support**

**The IFRC** provided financial and technical support to the National Society in the effective implementation of its projects and activities.





## 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 16 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 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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