



# MALAYSIA

2024 IFRC Network Mid-Year Report, January – June

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IN SUPPORT OF MALAYSIAN RED CRESCENT SOCIETY



## PEOPLE REACHED

Climate and  
environment



**100**

Disasters  
and crises



**540**

Health and  
wellbeing



**1,104,248**

Migration and  
displacement



**2,911**

## FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

*in Swiss francs (CHF)*

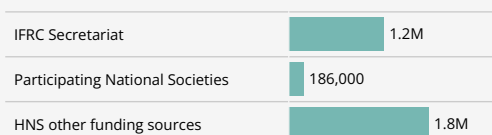
Country	Funding Requirement	4.4M
IFRC Secretariat	Longer-term Funding Requirement	4.0M
	Funding	Not reported
	Expenditure	Not reported
Participating National Societies	Funding	49,000
	Expenditure	49,000
HNS other funding sources	Funding Requirement	450,000
	Funding	1.8M

### Malaysian Red Crescent Society

#### Overview





#### Funding Sources



Appeal number **MAAMY002**

## STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Climate and environment	Number of people reached with activities to address environmental problems.	100
	Number of people reached with activities to address rising climate risks.	100
Disasters and crises	Number of people reached with disaster risk reduction.	540
Health and wellbeing	Number of people reached by National Societies with contextually appropriate health services.	 1.1M
	Number of people reached by National Societies with contextually appropriate water, sanitation and hygiene services.	 1.1M
	Number of people reached with psychosocial and mental health services.	1,000
	Number of people trained by National Societies in first aid.	4,000
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
	Number of migrants and displaced persons reached with services for assistance and protection.	3,000
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

## 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
National Society development	National Society covers health, accident and death compensation for all of their volunteers.	Yes
	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
Accountability and agility	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	Bilateral Support						
	Funding Reported	Climate and environment	Disasters and crises	Health and wellbeing	Migration and displacement	Values, power and inclusion	Enabling Functions
Australian Red Cross				●			
Indonesian Red Cross Society				●			
Italian Red Cross	49,000		●				
Norwegian Red Cross							●

Total Funding Reported **CHF 49,000**

# OVERALL PROGRESS

## Context

Between December 2022 and June 2024, [dengue cases](#) in Malaysia rose sharply by over 200 per cent. In 2024, there were nearly 68,000 cases reported, up from about 51,000 in 2023 and 20,000 in 2022. The number of dengue-related deaths also increased, reaching 48 by June 2024.

The El Niño phenomenon, predicted by the [World Meteorological Organization](#) in July 2023, caused unusually hot and dry weather in early 2024. This led to higher temperatures, lower rainfall, droughts, and water shortages in some areas. The government responded by distributing water to affected communities.

Malaysia continues to attract a large number of migrant workers and refugees, with over 2 million documented migrants and around 190,000 refugees and asylum-seekers, primarily from Myanmar. Their needs have remained consistent, as identified in the previous year's Migrant Needs Assessment.

## Key achievements

### Climate and environment

During the first half of 2024, the Malaysian Red Crescent Society intensified its climate action efforts by enhancing staff and volunteer capacity, partnering with the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) on nature-based solutions, and engaging relevant ministries and stakeholders. It hosted a Climate Change Forum, bringing together government sectors, universities, NGOs, embassies, and the IFRC, and conducted four workshops to raise climate change awareness among university students. Additionally, it signed an MoU with WWF Malaysia, and collaborated with WWF and the IFRC to deliver Enhanced Vulnerability Capacity Assessment ([eVCA](#)) workshops to government staff and provided eVCA training to its own staff and volunteers.

### Disasters and crises

During the reporting period, the Malaysian Red Crescent Society provided emergency response services, including hygiene kits, food, cash assistance, WASH, and health services, in response to floods in Kelantan and Terengganu and a drought in Sabah, supported by local fundraising. The National Society also strengthened community resilience through a NADMA-funded project and maintained strong engagement with key government agencies to enhance disaster risk management. It focused on increasing staff and volunteer capacity in disaster management through trainings like enhanced Vulnerability Capacity Assessment ([eVCA](#)) and cash and voucher assistance ([CVA](#)) workshops, while continuing the Financial Service Provider selection process.

### Health and wellbeing

During the reporting period, the Malaysian Red Crescent Society enhanced community health access during emergencies and built resilience against pandemics by training staff and providing services to vulnerable groups. It launched the Stockpile project with the Ministry of Health, funded by Japan, receiving USD 1.7 million for pandemic preparedness. Additionally, it secured USD 500,000 from UNSDG for an 18-month project to provide health services to migrants and vulnerable populations.

### Migration and displacement

During the reporting period, the Malaysian Red Crescent Society strengthened its engagement with agencies working with migrants, providing first aid and mental health training to refugees. It continued collaboration with the ICRC on the [Restoring Family Links](#) programme and initiated discussions on its transition plan. The National Society also focused on integrating migration into emergency response, youth activities, and health services.

### Values, power and inclusion

During the reporting period, the Malaysian Red Crescent Society strengthened its focus on [protection, gender, inclusion \(PGI\)](#), and community engagement and accountability ([CEA](#)) by training staff and volunteers to lead inclusivity programs and implementing feedback mechanisms to align with community needs. The National Society also reviewed its Youth Engagement Strategy and developed a partnership plan with UNICEF, the Ministry of Education, and corporate partners to enhance collaboration in humanitarian education.

## Enabling Local Actors

Between January and June 2024, the Malaysian Red Crescent Society has strengthened its auxiliary role by collaborating closely with various governmental bodies, particularly the Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development and the Ministry of Health, coordinating with them during emergencies at both national and district levels. The National Society launched a new phase of the Red Ready project, funded by USAID BHA, set for a two-year implementation starting in February 2024. To improve operational efficiency, it is advancing its digital transformation with a Digitalization Roadmap for 2024-2025, improving Microsoft 365 adoption, and exploring innovative technologies such as virtual reality and geospatial technology. In human resources, the National Society is developing a performance appraisal system and revising its staff handbook. The active participation of youth volunteers remains central to its engagement and development efforts.

# IFRC NETWORK ACTION

## STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



### Climate and environment

*Communities and Red Cross and Red Crescent staff and volunteers undertake urgent action to adapt to the rising and evolving risks from the climate and environmental crises*

#### Progress by the National Society against objectives

During the reporting period, the Malaysian Red Crescent Society intensified its climate action efforts in the first half of 2024 by enhancing the capacity of its staff and volunteers, partnering with the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) on nature-based solutions, and engaging relevant ministries and stakeholders in Malaysia. It hosted a Climate Change Forum on February 8th, which brought together government sectors, universities, NGOs, embassies, and the IFRC. The Malaysian Red Crescent Society also conducted four workshops to raise awareness about climate change and environmental crises among university students.



*National Society volunteers providing urgent relief to communities affected by widespread flooding in Kelantan, Terengganu, and Kedah  
(Photo: Malaysian Red Crescent Society)*

Additionally, the National Society integrated a Disaster Risk Reduction module into the Safe Step Kids programme to educate students in schools. Discussions were initiated with UNICEF to explore potential collaborations with the Ministry of Education and the National Disaster Management Agency on DRR and climate change initiatives for youth. Furthermore, the Malaysian Red Crescent signed a Memorandum of Understanding with WWF Malaysia to formalize the partnership and collaborated with both WWF and the IFRC to deliver workshops on Enhanced Vulnerability Capacity Assessment ([eVCA](#)) to government staff. Training on eVCA was also provided to Malaysian Red Crescent staff and volunteers.

**IFRC network joint support**

The IFRC provided technical and financial support to the Malaysian Red crescent Society by providing training to ensure its active participation.



**Disasters and crises**

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

Between January to June 2024, the IFRC Disaster Response Emergency Funds ([IFRC-DREF](#)) provided support for a dengue emergency.

NAME OF THE OPERATION	<a href="#">Malaysia - Dengue prevention and control</a>
MDR-CODE	<a href="#">MDRMY010</a>
DURATION	5 months (16 November 2023 to 30 April 2024)
FUNDING ALLOCATION	CHF 121,673
PEOPLE TARGETED	48,000 people

The DREF allocation of CHF 121,673 in November 2023 supported the Malaysian Red Crescent Society in aiding 48,000 people affected by a surge of dengue cases in Malaysia in 2023 up till October. The support included awareness on hygiene promotion activities and dengue prevention workshops for adults and children. Affected communities were also provided with dengue prevention kits. The volunteers were also given training on [protection, gender and inclusion](#) and [community engagement and accountability](#).

*Communities take action to increase their resilience to evolving and multiple shocks and hazards*

**Progress by the National Society against objectives**

During the reporting period, the Malaysian Red Crescent Society provided emergency response services, including basic needs support such as hygiene kits and food items, cash assistance, WASH, and health services, in response to floods in Kelantan and Terengganu and a drought in Sabah in early 2024. These efforts were supported by local fundraising.

Additionally, the Malaysian Red Crescent Society enhanced community resilience through a project funded by NADMA from 2023 and maintained strong engagement with key government agencies such as NADMA, MetMalaysia, the Ministry of Health, and other stakeholders to strengthen its disaster risk management capabilities.

The National Society also focused on increasing the capacity of its staff and volunteers in disaster management by conducting trainings and workshops, such as the Enhanced Vulnerability Capacity Assessment ([eVCA](#)) and cash and voucher assistance ([CVA](#)) workshops, to develop Standard Operating Procedures for the Malaysian Red Crescent. It also continued the Financial Service Provider selection process.

**IFRC network joint support**

The IFRC provided technical and financial support, including training to build the knowledge and capacity of its staff and volunteers.

The **Italian Red Cross** provided financial support to the National Society to enhance its Humanitarian Field School

which aims to serve as a training center to provide skills training for humanitarian workers. The funding supported the development of a five-year business plan, and fundraising activities.



## Health and wellbeing

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*Communities have increased access to affordable, appropriate and environmentally sustainable water, sanitation and hygiene services*

### Progress by the National Society against objectives

During the reporting period, the Malaysian Red Crescent Society continued to enhance community access to health services during emergencies and strengthen resilience against pandemics and outbreaks in Malaysia. This was achieved by building the capacity of staff and volunteers and providing health services to vulnerable communities in both normal and emergency situations.

The Malaysian Red Crescent Society launched a preparedness project for future pandemics and epidemics, known as the Stockpile project, in partnership with the Ministry of Health and funded by the Government of Japan. The project received USD 1.7 million for a two-year period. It also secured USD 500,000 from UNSDG funds for an 18-month project aimed at providing health services to migrants and vulnerable populations in Malaysia.

### IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided technical assistance to the National Society for its health activities. It also supported the Malaysian Red Crescent Society in developing proposals to secure funding opportunities from a pharmaceutical company.

Additionally, the Malaysian Red Crescent Society received peer-to-peer support from Palang Merah Indonesia on EPIC training, which included community-based health and first aid, community-based surveillance and enhanced Vulnerability Capacity Assessment (eVCA).



## Migration and displacement

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*Migrants and displaced persons have access to humanitarian assistance and protection at key points along migratory routes as well access to durable solutions when appropriate*

### Progress by the National Society against objectives

During the reporting period, the Malaysian Red Crescent Society began implementing its action plan based on endorsed policies and strategies. The National Society increased its engagement with various agencies working with migrants in Malaysia, including UNHCR, IOM, and MSF Malaysia, by providing first aid and mental health and psychosocial support training to refugees managed under UNHCR and IOM.

Additionally, the Malaysian Red Crescent Society continued its collaboration with the ICRC on the restoring family links programme and initiated discussions on a transition plan as part of the ICRC's exit strategy from Malaysia for this programme. The National Society also strengthened its efforts to integrate migration into various sectoral priorities, focusing on migrant populations in emergency response, Youth Safe Step Kids activities and health services.

### IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided support to the Malaysian Red Crescent Society in its involvement at both global and regional levels, including participation in the Global Migration Leadership Working Group and the Regional Migration Network.





## Values, power and inclusion

*People and communities, vulnerable to and affected by crises, are empowered to influence decisions affecting them and trust Malaysian Red Crescent Society to serve their best interests*

### Progress by the National Society against objectives

During the reporting period, the Malaysian Red Crescent Society intensified its integration of protection, gender, and inclusion (PGI) and community engagement and accountability (CEA) into its activities. This included comprehensive PGI training for staff and volunteers, empowering them to lead inclusivity programs within communities. The National Society also strengthened its engagement mechanisms by implementing feedback, communication, and complaint procedures to better align operations with community needs. These mechanisms were applied both during emergency responses and in non-emergency situations, ensuring that all activities are responsive and inclusive.

Additionally, the National Society strategically enhanced its focus on youth and education by reviewing its Youth Engagement Strategy to ensure it remains relevant and impactful, setting the stage for future implementation after elections with new leadership. It also developed a partnership strategy involving key stakeholders such as UNICEF, the Ministry of Education, and corporate partners like Nestle, Prudence Foundation and DHL, to foster innovative collaboration in humanitarian education.

### IFRC network joint support

The IFRC continues to provide technical support to the Malaysian Red Crescent Society, including assistance with proposal development to secure potential funding.

## 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.

Participating National Societies currently providing remote support and assistance during emergency operations include the **Australian Red Cross** and the **Italian Red Cross**.

### Movement coordination

The Malaysian Red Crescent 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** Regional Office in Kuala Lumpur is closed. Nevertheless, it still has a few representatives in Kuala Lumpur. The Malaysian Red Crescent Society and the ICRC established a five-year partnership agreement for the period 2021 to 2026, to jointly cooperate in the areas of migration and restoring family links, and the overall development of the National Society, including its role as auxiliary to public authorities.

### External coordination

In line with its auxiliary role, the Malaysian Red Crescent Society works closely with a range of governmental bodies, particularly the Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development, and the Ministry of Health. During emergencies, the Malaysian Red Crescent Society coordinates with the governmental bodies at both national and district levels. It strengthened stakeholder engagement which helped align external support with National Society Development priorities, fostering collaborations with UN agencies, INGOs and embassies.



## National Society development

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### Progress by the National Society against objectives

During the reporting period, the Malaysian Red Crescent Society focused on active participation of its youth volunteers which plays a crucial role in the engagement and development efforts of the National Society.

### IFRC network joint support

The **IFRC** provided financial and technical support to the National Society in facilitating its initiatives and programmes.



## Humanitarian diplomacy

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### Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Malaysian Red Crescent Society actively engaged with various Ministries and Agencies to strengthen the understanding of its auxiliary role and humanitarian activities in Malaysia. It also actively involved in discussions on migrant issues in Malaysia with various stakeholders and continues efforts to deepen its engagement with the Ministry of Home Affairs on these matters.

### 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

The Malaysian Red Crescent Society launched a new phase of the Red Ready project, funded by USAID BHA, set for a two-year implementation starting in February 2024. To enhance operational efficiency, the Malaysian Red Crescent Society is advancing its [digital transformation](#), including the approval of a Digitalization Roadmap for 2024-2025, data model development, and improving Microsoft 365 adoption. The National Society is also implementing data protection measures and updating volunteer engagement platforms. Additionally, it is exploring innovative technologies like virtual reality for disaster management and geospatial technology. In human resources, the Malaysian Red Crescent Society is developing a performance appraisal system for staff and volunteers, continuing its staff handbook revisions.

### IFRC Network joint support

The **IFRC** provided financial and technical support to the National Society in strengthening its internal systems and policy frameworks.



## 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

- [For emergencies for which financial report is not yet available, see: MDRMY010](#)
- [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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