



PAPUA NEW GUINEA

2024 IFRC Network Mid-Year Report, January – June

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IN SUPPORT OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA RED CROSS SOCIETY



12

National Society
branches



12

National Society
local units



850

National Society
volunteers



32

National Society
staff

PEOPLE REACHED

Values, power
and inclusion



3,078

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

in Swiss francs (CHF)

Country	Funding Requirement	1.4M
IFRC Secretariat	Longer-term Funding Requirement	1.1M
	Funding	Not reported
	Expenditure	Not reported
Participating National Societies	Funding Requirement	201,000
HNS other funding sources	Funding Requirement	160,000
	Funding	Not reported

Papua New Guinea Red Cross Society

Overview

Funding	Not reported
Expenditure	Not reported





Funding Sources

IFRC Secretariat	638,000
Participating National Societies	Not reported
HNS other funding sources	Not reported

Appeal number **MAAPG003**

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

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Health and wellbeing	Number of people trained by National Societies in first aid.	 578
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 protection, gender and inclusion programming.	 812
	Number of people reached by RCRC educational programmes.	 3,000
	Number of staff, volunteers and leadership trained on community engagement and accountability.	 98
	Percentage of people surveyed who report receiving useful and actionable information.	44%

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.	2
	Number of formal interagency/international coordination platforms the IFRC Network is part of.	2
National Society development	Number of community engagement and accountability coordination forums attended.	6
Humanitarian diplomacy	Number of NS with domestic advocacy strategies developed aligning, at least in part, with global IFRC advocacy strategies	1
Accountability and agility	National Society has a Protection of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) policy to enforce prevention and support survivors.	Yes

OVERALL PROGRESS

Context

Papua New Guinea has a population of approximately 10 million, with more than 800 languages spoken among more than 1,000 ethnic clans. Agriculture, fishing, forestry, artisanal, and small-scale mining are primary livelihood activities in rural areas, while the minerals and energy extraction sector account for most export earnings and GDP.

Papua New Guinea in 2024 presents a complex landscape shaped by its diverse cultural heritage, political dynamics, economic challenges—particularly the impacts of inflation—and various social issues experienced daily across the country. The economic environment is of significant concern, particularly the high cost of goods and services, which directly impacts national programmes and projects. Budget forecasting has become unpredictable as inflationary pressures fluctuate, creating challenges for effective planning. In provinces and rural areas, the cost of goods and services is particularly high due to additional expenses such as freight costs, which include air, ship, and land transport.

Compounding these challenges is the ongoing political complexity, which hampers stability in engagements with development partners. Political instability also manifests in local unrest, as seen in early January 2024 when a police protest led to civil unrest and looting in Port Moresby. The incident resulted in 15 deaths and 31 injuries, along with widespread destruction of major stores and shopping centers.

In addition to political instability, protracted tribal conflicts in the highlands and disruptions related to local elections have posed significant challenges to safety and security, particularly for humanitarian operations and development projects. Access to vulnerable populations has been hindered, and these conflicts have exacerbated the difficulties in providing aid. For instance, a landslide in Enga province on May 24, 2024, exacerbated the crisis in a region already suffering from tribal clashes. The landslide affected six clans, and immediate relief efforts were required. However, ongoing instability in the region has severely impacted operations, making relief efforts more challenging.

Several disasters occurred during the reporting period, necessitating a response from the humanitarian community. A 6.0-magnitude earthquake in West New Britain caused no significant damage, injuries, or fatalities. In East Sepik, a 6.5-magnitude earthquake resulted in damage to semi-permanent houses and infrastructure, with injuries reported. In Jiwaka province, heavy rains triggered severe flooding along the Waghi River, affecting an estimated 10,000 individuals. Though no fatalities were reported, the ongoing rainfall posed a significant risk of further flooding. Lastly, a devastating landslide in Yambali village in Enga province affected 7,849 people, leaving many in mourning.

Key achievements

Climate and environment

During this reporting period, the Papua New Guinea Red Cross Society actively addressed climate and environmental challenges by participating in the Pacific Climate Hub workshop in Suva, Fiji, alongside other Pacific national societies. The National Society organized a climate and environment program in Papua New Guinea, conducted Pacific climate training and workshops, and launched the 'Locally Led Climate Action and PGI' project in April 2024.

Disasters and crises

During the reporting period, the Papua New Guinea Red Cross Society participated in monthly Disaster Management Team Secretariat meetings with development partners and government departments, focusing on disaster and emergency response. The Madang branch responded to the East Sepik flooding disaster but, due to limited funds, was only able to conduct an assessment of the situation.

Health and wellbeing

The Papua New Guinea Red Cross Society's First Aid programme remained a core function and income-generating activity, collaborating with communities and the private sector to offer both community-based and commercial services. The First Aid team facilitated several commercial first aid training sessions and one community training at the Madang branch, training a total of 578 participants.

Values, power and inclusion

The Papua New Guinea Red Cross Society facilitated Disability Inclusion training for staff in collaboration with the PNG Assembly of Disabled Persons, with twelve participants. The National Society also partnered with the government and development organizations for the International Women's Day event, where around 800 participants joined a five-kilometer walk to raise awareness on issues affecting women and girls. In February, it conducted an endline survey for the community engagement and accountability (CEA) in the COVID-19 Building Trust project. The National Society developed six community feedback reports and launched the CEA Guidelines in English and Tok Pidgin, presenting findings and the IFRC dashboard.

Enabling Local Actors

Between January and June 2024, the Papua New Guinea Red Cross Society actively participated in monthly Disaster Management Team Secretariat meetings, collaborating with other humanitarian organizations and contributing to situational reports on the Enga landslide disaster. It hosted a combined retreat workshop to share updates on projects, business development, finance, and human resources. It also celebrated World Red Cross Day with joint events and discussions, including a local radio programme and celebrations at the Special Education school in Port Moresby. The National Society focused on strengthening branch capacity through Red Ready Phase III by improving management processes, engaging branches in project planning, and holding a workshop to develop implementation plans and budgets for 2024 projects.

Changes and amendments

During this reporting period, the focus of the Papua New Guinea Red Cross has been to strengthen the branches' capacity in project implementation and operations management. Branches will take the lead in executing project activities, while the headquarters programme and project staff will provide accompaniment support, offering technical guidance to enhance skills and knowledge within the branches.

A new modality has been introduced, involving monthly projects and finance meetings to provide updates and troubleshoot any challenges related to task execution.

There have been no further changes to the 2024 programming. However, the landslide in Mulitaka, Enga, has delayed project implementation in the affected area. Additionally, following the passing of the former Disaster Management Coordinator and Protection, Gender, and Inclusion (PGI) focal person in May, the DM coordinator position has remained vacant, while the PGI responsibilities have been delegated to a climate and environment officer.



National Society volunteers providing relief assistance to communities affected by election-related violence in Jiwaka and Western Highlands Provinces. (Photo: Papua New Guinea Red Cross Society)

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Climate and environment

Progress by the National Society against objectives

During this reporting period, the Papua New Guinea Red Cross Society actively engaged in various initiatives to address climate and environmental challenges. A climate and environment officer from the National Society participated in the Pacific Climate Hub workshop in Suva, Fiji, alongside other Pacific national societies.

The National Society organized a climate and environment programme in Papua New Guinea and conducted Pacific climate training and workshops. Additionally, it launched a new project, 'Locally Led Climate Action and PGI', in April 2024.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided technical and financial support to the Papua New Guinea Red Cross Society by ensuring its active participation in the climate hub through the country cluster office.

The Australian Red Cross supported and coordinated the climate and environment programme in Papua New Guinea by facilitating Pacific climate training and workshops.

The Japanese Red Cross provided financial support for the 'Locally Led Climate Action and PGI' project.



Disasters and crises

Between January to June 2024, the IFRC Disaster Response Emergency Funds (IFRC-DREF) was approved for one emergency

NAME OF OPERATION	Papua New Guinea Landslide 2024
MDR-CODE	MDRPG012
DURATION	6 months (1 June 2024 to 31 December 2024)
FUNDING ALLOCATION	CHF 200,726
PEOPLE TARGETED	2,000 people

The DREF allocation of CHF 200,726 supported the Papua New Guinea Red Cross Society in aiding 2,000 people affected by the landslides in Papua New Guinea. Affected communities were provided with food parcels, multi-purpose cash assistance and safe drinking water along with water purification units, sanitation and hygiene promotion. Health support including first aid, emergency medical support and healthcare services to treat injuries as well as [mental health and psychosocial support](#) (MHPSS).

Progress by the National Society against objectives

During the reporting period, the Papua New Guinea Red Cross Society continued to participate in the monthly Disaster Management Team Secretariat meetings alongside other development partners and relevant government departments. These meetings focused on disaster and emergency response and management.

The National Society's Madang branch responded to the East Sepik flooding disaster. However, due to the limited funds received, it was only able to conduct an assessment of the situation.

IFRC network joint support

The **IFRC** provided technical and financial support to the Sri Lanka Red Cross Society in the implementation of its disaster related emergencies.

The **British Red Cross** provided financial support to the National Society in responding to the East Sepik flooding disaster.



Health and wellbeing

Progress by the National Society against objectives

During the reporting period, the Papua New Guinea Red Cross Society's First Aid programme continued to be one of its core functions and income-generating activities. The First Aid unit collaborated with communities and the private sector to provide both community-based and commercial first aid services.

The First Aid team facilitated numerous commercial first aid training sessions and one Community First Aid training at the Madang branch. A total of 578 participants, including 130 females and 448 males, received training during this period.

IFRC network joint support

The **IFRC** supported the National Society in providing facilitating first aid training for staff as part of their staff capacity-building efforts.

The **ICRC** provided technical support on first aid and community-based first aid.



Values, power and inclusion

Progress by the National Society against objectives

During the reporting period, the Papua New Guinea Red Cross Society facilitated Disability Inclusion training for staff in collaboration with the Papua New Guinea Assembly of Disabled Persons. A total of twelve participants took part in the training.

The National Society also collaborated with the government and development partners for the International Women's Day event. Around eight hundred participants joined a five-kilometer walk to raise awareness and deliver a message of solidarity in addressing issues affecting women and young girls.

In February, the Papua New Guinea Red Cross Society conducted an endline survey for the community engagement and accountability (CEA) in the COVID-19 Building Trust project. Data was collected across five branches, with five hundred fifty-eight participants, including two hundred sixty-six males, two hundred eighty-six females, and six who preferred not to disclose their gender.

The National Society developed six community feedback reports and launched the CEA Guidelines in both English and Tok Pidgin versions. The launch included a presentation of findings and an introduction to the IFRC dashboard.

It also contributed to awareness efforts through radio shows on the CEA project, highlighting the programming and emergency responses in Papua New Guinea. Additionally, the team participated in a local radio programme, FM100's 'Talkback Show', where they shared information on the CEA project and initiatives.

On May nineteenth, Lady Elimie Dadae, wife of the Papua New Guinea Governor General, visited the National Society's Inclusive Education Resource Center. During her visit, she met with special needs students, teachers, and staff. She proposed supporting a sign language session for parents and family members.

IFRC network joint support

The **IFRC** supported the National Society by initiating discussions with the PNG Assembly of Disabled Persons to facilitate Disability Inclusion training and explore future partnership opportunities in programming. Recognizing the existing gap in disability data collection, these initiatives aim to improve engagement with people with disabilities and enhance data collection efforts.

The **Japanese Red Cross Society** began supporting a two-year Climate and PGI project to address gender-based violence and inclusion, focusing specifically on issues in Papua New Guinea.

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 **Netherlands Red Cross**.

Movement coordination

The Papua New Guinea 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 Papua New Guinea, **the ICRC** continues to promote international humanitarian law and raises other humanitarian issues with the Papua New Guinea government, security forces, academic circles, the media and civil society. It helps communities affected by conflict and visits detainees. The ICRC also provides assistance to the National Society on various organizational priorities. This work extends to increasing acceptance, security, and access to affected populations through the application of the Safer Access Framework.

External coordination

The National Society maintains strong partnerships with both national and international partners in the public. It actively participated in monthly Disaster Management Team (DMT) Secretariat meetings, collaborating with other humanitarian organizations in the country. Through the DMT, the National Society contributed to situational reports on the Enga landslide disaster. Additionally, its senior management held an initial meeting with the PNG National Disaster Centre to explore further collaboration and engagement with the government.

The Papua New Guinea Red Cross Society hosted a combined retreat workshop with Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners where updates on projects, programmes, business development, finance, and human resources were shared.

In celebration of World Red Cross Day, it organized joint celebrations and events at the branch level, focusing on the theme 'Keeping Humanity Alive'. The National Society was invited to participate in a local radio programme to

discuss the significance of the day, and celebrations were also held with students from the Special Education school in Port Moresby.



National Society development

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The focus of Red Ready Phase III for the Papua New Guinea Red Cross Society was on strengthening branch capacity in operational management and programming. This included reviewing and developing key documents, procedures, systems, and policies to support better management and functioning of the branches. During this reporting period, the main activity was planning, engagement, and communication with branches to ensure their active participation in project planning and implementation.

A project planning workshop was held from May first to third, where participants, including selected branch staff and volunteers, as well as headquarter staff, developed detailed implementation plans and budgets for the 2024 projects. The workshop aimed to foster greater branch participation and understanding of the projects and activities to be implemented.

In February, a team-building and planning event was held to strengthen teamwork. The event utilized the Mind Mapping tool to help participants visualize activities needed to achieve the country delegation's objectives.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided financial and technical support to the National Society in facilitating initiatives and collaboration with international partners. A Finance Development Coordinator was recruited to closely support the National Society finance team in improving processes, systems, and documentation.

The IFRC coordinated monthly projects and finance meetings with the National Society to ensure effective collaboration and oversight. Additionally, it provided technical support for the CEA Building Trust project and the DREF Enga Landslide operation.

The **Australian Red Cross** continued to be a key partner in supporting National Society development efforts in Papua New Guinea, focusing on areas such as disaster management, business development, and finance development.



Humanitarian diplomacy

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Papua New Guinea Red Cross Society has maintained active dialogues with key partners to discuss disaster response, preparedness, and ongoing projects funded by partners. Discussions with UNICEF and WHO regarding potential technical partnerships and cooperation are also ongoing.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided financial and technical support to the National Society to strengthen its communication and data management capabilities. It also provided support in strengthening the National Society's in-country presence by engaging in bilateral meetings, participating in national-level events, coordinating disaster response efforts, and increasing media coverage.

The **Australian Red Cross** has continued to support and advocate for funding and assistance from DFAT for Papua New Guinea.



Accountability and agility (cross-cutting)

Progress by the National Society against objectives

During the reporting period, the Papua New Guinea Red Cross Society made improvements to its digital financial management system, MYOB, by creating a section to track budget versus actual expenditures for each project. It also took responsibility for developing the Capacity Review and Risk Analysis for the 2024 projects, with the responsible finance officer contributing to the template.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided financial and technical support to the National Society in strengthening its internal systems and policy frameworks. It also provided technical support on Protection, Gender, and Inclusion (PGI) to the National Society.



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 Papua New Guinea 2024 Financial Report](#)
For information on the ongoing emergencies for the period January to June 2024, see: [MDRPG012](#)
- [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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