



# EGYPT

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## IN SUPPORT OF THE EGYPTIAN RED CRESCENT SOCIETY



27

National Society  
branches



38

National Society  
local units



31,737

National Society  
volunteers



415

National Society  
staff

## PEOPLE REACHED

Disasters  
and crises



185

Health and  
wellbeing



356,741

## FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

in Swiss francs (CHF)

Country	Funding Requirement	28.1M
IFRC Secretariat	Longer-term Funding Requirement	18.1M
	Funding	Not reported
	Expenditure	Not reported
	Emergency Operations Funding Requirement	10M
	Funding	Not reported
	Expenditure	Not reported
HNS other funding sources	Funding	Not reported

### Egyptian Red Crescent 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 **MAAEG002**

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

## ONGOING EMERGENCY INDICATORS

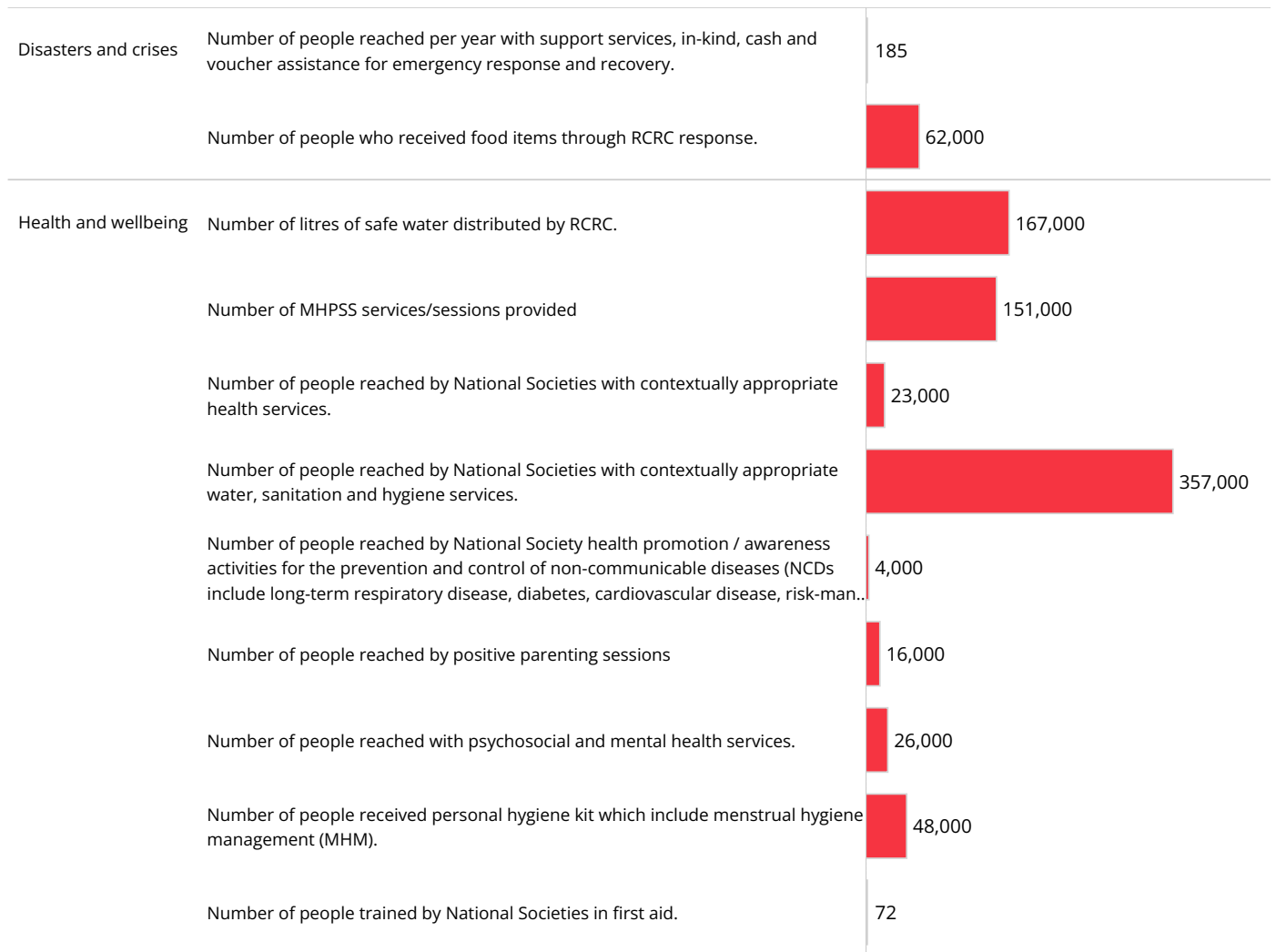
### MDREG020 / Egypt Response to Sudan Conflict

Number of people reached by National Societies with contextually appropriate water, sanitation and hygiene services.	153,000
Number of people reached by National Societies with contextually appropriate health services.	35,000
Number of people reached with psychosocial and mental health services.	10,000
Number of Humanitarian Service Points (HSPs) that provided assistance and/or protection to people on the move along land based migration routes.	5
National Society covers health, accident and death compensation for all of their volunteers.	Yes
Number of litres of safe water distributed by RCRC.	167,000
Number of people who received food items through RCRC response.	62,000
Number of people received personal hygiene kit which include menstrual hygiene management (MHM).	48,000
Number of people who have been reunited with their families through restoring family links (RFL) services.	13,000

### MDRS5002 / MDRS5002 Middle East Crisis

Number of people reached with psychosocial and mental health services.	119,000
Number of people reached by National Societies with contextually appropriate water, sanitation and hygiene services.	101,000
Number of people reached by National Societies with contextually appropriate health services.	5,000
Number of people reached with shelter support.	2,000
Number of people reached per year with support services, in-kind, cash and voucher assistance for emergency response and recovery.	185
Number of Humanitarian Service Points (HSPs) that provided assistance and/or protection to people on the move along land based migration routes.	61
Number of people who have been reunited with their families through restoring family links (RFL) services.	63,000
Number of people received personal hygiene kit which include menstrual hygiene management (MHM).	14,000
National Society has One National Society Development country plan created.	Yes
National Society covers health, accident and death compensation for all of their volunteers.	Yes

## STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



## ENABLING FUNCTIONS

National Society development	National Society covers health, accident and death compensation for all of their volunteers.	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.	Yes

# OVERALL PROGRESS

## Context

In 2024, the key challenges in Egypt included the strain on resources due to large-scale population movement from neighbouring conflict zones, particularly from Sudan, which has increased the demand for emergency services and social support. Since the outbreak of armed conflict in Sudan on April 15, 2023, a growing number of refugees, returnees, and other displaced individuals have crossed into neighbouring countries. Most of the people on the move find themselves in precarious conditions, lacking adequate basic needs and shelter. The majority of those displaced from Sudan are women and children. A total of 370,000 people has crossed the border from Sudan into Egypt. Egypt's net migration rate has risen to 6 million refugees from 65 countries, furthering straining the country's security and economy.

The ongoing conflict in Gaza presents significant challenges, particularly in ensuring safe and unrestricted humanitarian access. The situation is worsened by intense conflicts, rapidly escalating humanitarian needs, and limited operational crossing points. Egypt serves as the main gateway for delivering aid to Gaza. Humanitarian aid provision is also complicated by stringent screening processes and unclear restrictions on permissible items.

Egypt is vulnerable to both natural and man-made disasters, such as floods. The Nile River, Egypt's primary water source, is under threat from rising temperatures, which endanger water security and heighten the risk of drought.

## Key achievements

### Climate and environment

In the first half of 2024, the Egyptian Red Crescent Society launched a year-long project to boost community resilience to climate change through nature-based solutions, beginning with planning, assessments, capacity building, and stakeholder consultations. During this period, it also advanced phase II of its Climate Champions Campaign, training volunteers and showcasing its impact at the Mediterranean Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent. Volunteers actively participated in Humanitarian Youth Day and national consultations ahead of COP28, reflecting the National Society's growing role in climate action and community engagement.

### Disasters and crises

In the first half of 2024, the Egyptian Red Crescent Society led humanitarian efforts in response to the Gaza crisis and Sudan population movement through strong international partnerships. In Gaza, the National Society coordinated a wide-ranging response, facilitating aid delivery, covering operational costs, training volunteers, and distributing essential supplies and medical equipment. It also provided multi-purpose cash assistance to wounded Palestinian evacuees and their companions in Egypt, with expanded support through a joint programme with Hungarian Helps offering medical care and psychosocial services.

### Health and wellbeing

In the first half of 2024, the Egyptian Red Crescent Society advanced its health and community wellbeing efforts through improved infection control, health education, psychosocial support, and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services. Infection control standards were strengthened across key facilities through new sterilization infrastructure, renewed waste management contracts, and staff training. As part of the Gaza response, the National Society delivered health education sessions on hygiene, nutrition, and first aid, reaching underserved communities. The National Society's WASH services impacted over 350,000 people through cleaning campaigns, water trucking, sanitation infrastructure, and facility upgrades, including at border crossings and the Sheikh Zoid hospital, significantly enhancing access to clean water and safe hygiene.

### Migration and displacement

In the first half of 2024, the Egyptian Red Crescent Society continued to support vulnerable refugees, migrants, and host communities, focusing on the elderly, people with special needs, caregivers, and children. Building on its 2023 efforts, the National Society delivered first aid and community-based health trainings, distributed personal care kits, conducted health awareness sessions, ran medical convoys, and provided psychosocial support. The

National Society began preparations for the SAWA project, which aims to empower vulnerable migrant women and children by improving access to education and healthcare. Additionally, in collaboration with UNRWA, the Egyptian Red Crescent Society launched a healthcare initiative for Palestinians arriving from Syria, offering services such as medical consultations, diagnostics, dialysis, and essential treatments. Simultaneously, the National Society responded to the Sudan crisis by establishing [humanitarian service points](#) at key border crossings, delivering critical aid to incoming migrants and reinforcing its commitment to supporting vulnerable populations in times of crisis.

## **Values, power and inclusion**

In the first half of 2024, the Egyptian Red Crescent Society made progress in advancing values, power and inclusion and is well known for its comprehensive and progressive approach. The National Society conducted knowledge-sharing initiatives, capacity building workshops, and collaborative projects. Under its emergency response operations, the National Society conducted key activities under protection, gender and inclusion (PGI) which included distribution of dignity kits, health awareness sessions on gender-based violence, group therapy, mental health and psychosocial support, and referred cases of gender-based violence to non-governmental organizations (NGO).

## **Enabling local actors**

In the first half of 2024, the Egyptian Red Crescent Society strengthened its operational capacity through targeted training, infrastructure development, and strategic partnerships. The National Society delivered extensive health-related training for staff and volunteers, covering infectious and non-communicable diseases, mental health, positive parenting, and cold chain management. The National Society also took steps to establish a risk management framework and opened its first bonded warehouse in Al-Arish, enhancing logistics and long-term storage capabilities. Cold chain infrastructure was expanded with new temperature-controlled units in Al-Arish, and planned installations in Alexandria and Cairo. Collaboration with the Ministry of Health led to the integration of mental health into primary care, including the creation of a triage tool to guide mental health services.

The National Society also advanced its [digital transformation](#), upgrading its mobile application to improve volunteer engagement and build a nationwide volunteer database. Progress in planning, monitoring, evaluation, and reporting included improved data collection systems, integrated databases, and more accessible data visualization tools. Regionally and internationally, the National Society played a key advocacy role as a Governing Board member from Africa, and through participation in interregional programmes supporting people on the move. It continued to champion humanitarian causes alongside Movement partners, donors, and policymakers—focusing on child protection, migrant health, and the promotion of International Humanitarian Law (IHL).

# IFRC NETWORK ACTION

## ONGOING EMERGENCY RESPONSE

For real-time information on emergencies, go to [IFRC GO page Egypt](#).

1.

<b>Name</b>	Middle East Complex Emergency   MENA
<b>IFRC Appeal number</b>	MDRS5002 (regional appeal)
<b>Duration</b>	18 October 2023 to 11 December 2025
<b>People to be assisted</b>	75,000 (inside Egypt); 700,000 (regional total)
<b>Funding requirements</b>	Total funding requirement (Federation-wide): CHF 200 mil Total funding requirement (IFRC): CHF 185 mil Federation-wide funding requirement (Egypt): CHF 10 mil IFRC Secretariat funding requirement (Egypt): CHF 62.7 mil
<b>Link to revised emergency appeal</b>	<a href="#">Middle East Crisis   MENA Revised Emergency Appeal</a>
<b>Link to Operational Strategy</b>	<a href="#">Operational Crisis: Middle East Crisis   MENA</a>
<b>Link to latest Operational Strategy</b>	<a href="#">Revised Emergency Appeal/Operational Strategy</a>
<b>Link to Response plan</b>	<a href="#">Egypt National Society Response Plan</a>

The Middle East crisis has escalated significantly since October 2023, with devastating humanitarian impacts in Gaza and the West Bank. Over 43,000 deaths and 101,000 injuries have been reported in Gaza, alongside widespread displacement affecting 90 per cent of the population. In the West Bank, 763 deaths and over 6,400 injuries have been recorded. The situation is compounded by damaged infrastructure, restricted access and mass displacement.

On the Egyptian side, stranded Palestinians face severe shortages of food, medicine and shelter. The Rafah border crossing has been minimally opened, allowing only limited medical cases and foreign nationals to cross. The Egyptian Red Crescent Society has been instrumental in responding, providing medical services, psychosocial aid and humanitarian support to evacuees.

Despite challenges, the Egyptian Red Crescent Society has enhanced its logistics operations, deploying Mobile Storage Units, expanding warehouses in Al-Arish and implementing a Relief Tracking System to manage aid flow. These efforts, combined with ongoing collaborations with national and international partners, aim to alleviate the mounting humanitarian crisis.

### Short description of the emergency operational strategy

Through the revised emergency appeal, the Egyptian Red Crescent Society will provide targeted assistance to about 75,000 people inside Egypt. The people targeted through this response will be predominantly medical evacuees and those stranded in Egypt. Special consideration will be given to vulnerable individuals which include injured evacuees and their relatives, unaccompanied or separated children, persons with disabilities, persons with chronic diseases, persons in need of first aid, persons who cannot afford transportation from the border or from the shelter, and pregnant women and lactating mothers. Under the emergency appeal, the National Society's priority interventions are provided through humanitarian service points ([HSPs](#)) established in affected areas. These interventions are:

**Health and care:** Provision of mental health and psychosocial support ([MHPSS](#)) service at HSPs within the National Society structures in and around the Egypt-Gaza border, in central hospitals as well as residential areas hosting evacuees and stranded people. Provision of [first aid](#), community-based health and first aid ([CBHFA](#)) and referral

services through the points. Setting up polyclinics and primary health clinics with the necessary staff, supplies and equipment to provide health services.

**Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH):** Distribution of safe drinking water through water bottles, along with hygiene items such as hygiene and dignity kits. Setting up and prepositioning prefab toilets and establishing adequate water tanks and distributing water through water trucking.

**Shelter, housing and settlements:** Prepositioning and distributing blankets, mattresses, cots, and other shelter household items. Coverage of rental costs for hotels and/or residences based on market assessments on rental capacities.

**Cash and voucher assistance (CVA):** Provision of multipurpose cash assistance.

**Migration and displacement:** Establish HSPs in affected areas. Provide transportation service from the border or through the National Society buses. Implement group counselling, individual counselling and trauma healing sessions to address the psychological and emotional needs of affected people. Restore family links (RFL) based on the individual needs of each person.

The operational strategy integrates **community engagement and accountability (CEA)** and **protection, gender and inclusion (PGI)** as pivotal elements, in an approach that recognizes and values all community members as equal partners, with their diverse needs shaping the response.

2.

Name	Sudan Crisis: Regional Population Movement Emergency Appeal
IFRC Appeal number	MDRS1001
Duration	15 May 2023 to 31 December 2024
People to be assisted	450,000 in Egypt; 705,700 (regional total)
Funding requirements	Total IFRC funding requirement: CHF 33.5 mil Total Federation-wide funding requirement: CHF 42 mil Federation-wide funding requirement for Egypt: CHF 10 mil
Link to emergency appeal	<a href="#">Sudan Crisis Regional Population Movement Emergency Appeal</a>
Link to latest Operational Strategy	<a href="#">Sudan Crisis Regional Population Movement Operational Strategy</a>
Link to Operation Update	<a href="#">Six-month update</a>

The ongoing conflict in Sudan has led to widespread displacement, with over 1.4 million people fleeing active conflict areas to find safety elsewhere in the country or across borders, primarily in Chad, Egypt and South Sudan, but also in Ethiopia, Central African Republic (CAR) and Libya. The situation in Sudan is still very volatile and as the fighting persists, the trend of displacement is likely to continue. Most affected by this crisis are the elderly, women (especially pregnant women) and children. Among the refugees are many separated and unaccompanied children, as well as people with disabilities and mental health problems.

This Emergency Appeal enables the Egyptian Red Crescent Society, along with five other National Societies in the region, to respond to the needs of those fleeing the conflict into the country, as well as strengthening the National Society’s response capacity and readiness for further influx.

**Short description of the emergency operational strategy**

Through this emergency appeal, the Egyptian Red Crescent will be ready to assist up to 450,000 people as per projections, including 350,000 refugees, and 100,000 host communities. The Egyptian Red Crescent has set up five [humanitarian service points](#), to date, along the Sudan border along with routes to Cairo. Through its permanent presence in all 27 Egyptian governorates, the branches ensure access to the majority of people on the move. The

National Society has been actively working with the Egyptian authorities since the start of the crisis, providing health care and basic needs assistance to refugees.

The National Society's interventions under this emergency appeal will consist of:

**Health and care:** Provide first aid to displaced people and host communities and refer individuals requiring further medical/surgical assistance. Provide infant and young child feeding support to pregnant and lactating women and referrals to nutrition services provided by nutrition partners. Provide mental health and psychosocial support to affected populations, including psychological first aid, individual counselling, and support groups in humanitarian service points and other locations.

**Water, sanitation and hygiene:** Distribute WASH household items such as household water treatment products and dignity kits (including menstrual hygiene products) coupled with hygiene promotion. Support water trucking in areas where supply is disrupted including in health facilities, schools, and establishing distribution points. Procure and distribute water treatment consumables (coagulants and disinfectants) targeting built treatment systems based on need. Support the construction of handwashing facilities coupled with soap distribution. Support the construction of gender-sensitive emergency latrines/disability-friendly latrines when possible and distribute mobile toilets at border crossings as well as collective sites and camps.

**Shelter, housing and settlements:** Support setting up new camps, including the provision of shelter, water, and sanitation facilities. Support the construction/transformation of emergency shelters, and short-term rental assistance through cash and voucher assistance. Support the relocation of refugees at the borders to appropriate and safe shelters, including the provision of shelter kits and essential household items where necessary.

**Livelihoods:** Provide food at border crossing points through the humanitarian service points and support the reintegration of returnees through training and income-generating activities.

**Multi-purpose cash:** Determine the minimum expenditure basket, transfer modalities and service providers while strengthening coordination with cash and voucher assistance (CVA) actors at the national level. Provide cash for transport for returnees and provide multipurpose cash assistance targeting the most vulnerable displaced people and host communities.

**Protection, gender and inclusion:** Provide dignity kits to women and girls while setting up women and child-friendly spaces in humanitarian service points and other key locations. Establish protection mechanisms such as safeguarding (prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) and child safeguarding), prevention and response to sexual and gender-based violence, including mapping safe referral pathways, networks, and working with other actors. Provide restoring family links (RFL) calls to displaced people including returnees to restore/maintain contact with their separate family members.

**Community engagement and accountability:** Conduct review meetings with those assisted to discuss the response and implementation of activities. Set up accessible feedback mechanisms including systems for collecting, responding, and analysing activities. Provide contextualized, timely, accurate, and trusted information to displaced people and host communities based on information needs and their preferred information channel.

**Migration and displacement:** Continue the scaling-up, enhancement and establishment of humanitarian service points to meet the needs of displaced people and members of host communities. Provide dedicated technical support to National Societies to develop their capacities related to migration and displacement in line with the Movement's framework on migration (IFRC policy on migration, IFRC migration strategy).



# STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



## Climate and environment

### Progress by the National Society against objectives

In the first half of 2024, the Egyptian Red Crescent Society began a one-year project to strengthen community resilience against the multifaceted impacts of climate change. By utilizing nature-based solutions, the initiative aims to mitigate vulnerabilities while enhancing and leveraging the existing capacities within these communities. Currently, the project is in its inception phase, where the foundational planning and strategizing are taking place. The National Society is working on outlining the specific activities and creating detailed plans to ensure the successful implementation of the project's activities. This phase involves capacity building training, comprehensive assessments, stakeholder consultations, and the development of action plans that will guide the subsequent stages of the project, ultimately leading to more resilient and adaptive communities.

In this reporting period, the National Society also carried out phase II of the Climate Champions Campaign, which has played a key role in mitigating the impacts of climate change in Egyptian communities. An exhibition showcasing the campaign's outcomes was held during the Mediterranean Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent. Volunteers were trained on skills needed to implement new initiative. The volunteers also presented the campaigns work during Humanitarian Youth Day and participated in consultative meetings in preparation for COP28, attended by the Minister of Environment.

### IFRC network joint support

**The IFRC** provides technical and financial support to the Egyptian Red Crescent Society in its efforts under climate environment. Components such as nature-based solutions and partnerships at the local and national levels are supported by the IFRC.

The **Netherlands Red Cross** provides support to the National Society in enhancing community resilience against climate change impacts.



*The Egyptian Red Crescent Society provided essential items as part of emergency response efforts (Photo: Egyptian Red Crescent Society)*



## Disasters and crises

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

*Communities in disaster and crisis affected areas restore and strengthen their safety, well-being, and longer-term recovery through shelter and settlement solutions*

### Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Egyptian Red Crescent Society has been at the forefront of humanitarian response efforts, addressing multiple crises through strategic partnerships with various international organizations and agencies. This reporting period, the National Society's activities under disasters and crises have largely revolved around the Gaza crisis response and Sudan population movement.

Under the Gaza crisis response, the National Society—through collaboration with multiple external partners—implemented a multi-faceted response to the crisis since early 2024. These collaborative works have significantly enhanced the Egyptian Red Crescent Society's response operation, including in facilitating aid transportation to Gaza, covering costs for inventory storage, supporting per diems, accommodation and human resource costs, providing volunteer training on various topics, channelling essential supplies such as hygiene kits and food parcels, delivering medical equipment, among others.

The National Society also provided [multi-purpose cash assistance](#) to injured Palestinian evacuees and their companions. In March, the National Society successfully provided multipurpose cash to households of Palestinian wounded evacuees and their accompanying relatives, as well as unaccompanied individuals in hospitals across Egypt, including Cairo and Ismailia. The National Society also collaborated with Hungary Helps to launch a comprehensive support programme for Palestinian evacuees and their families, which includes distribution of cash assistance, provision of medical assistance, mental health and psychosocial support services, and delivery of other crucial aid and services.

### IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provides technical and financial support to the Egyptian Red Crescent Society in its efforts to enhance response and provide timely assistance to those affected by disasters and crises. This involves components such as training, provision of essential items, advocacy, psychosocial support, and more. IFRC funding mechanisms such as the IFRC disaster response emergency fund (DREF) and the Emergency Appeals are utilized by the National Society in times of disasters and crises to provide humanitarian assistance to those affected.



## Health and wellbeing

### Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Egyptian Red Crescent Society has made progress in improving health services and community health outcomes through various initiatives and projects in this reporting period. A major focus has been on strengthening infection control standards across National Society facilities, which include locations such as Ain Helwan, Zeinoh, El-Nahda, and El-Mokattam. The National Society renewed waste transport contracts, established a central sterilization room, and trained medical and non-medical team members to ensure adherence to these standards.

In the Gaza crisis response, the National Society conducted sessions which covered topics such as personal hygiene, [first aid](#), health nutrition, and smoking cessation. The National Society's outreach particularly impacted underserved areas, providing health education and services to vulnerable populations.

The Egyptian Red Crescent Society's mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) was provided to more than 13,000 individuals. These efforts were complemented by workshops and psychosocial activities aimed at supporting mental health of staff and volunteers, ensuring a holistic approach to health and wellbeing.

The National Society's efforts under water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) have reached more than 350,000 beneficiaries, showcasing an impact through various activities and services. Regular cleaning campaigns were conducted at the Arqeen and Qustel border crossings, along with disinfection and cleaning services for water tanks in North Sinai. The

provision of water trucking services ensured access to clean water for Palestinians. The National Society also carried out maintenance and repair of toilets and portable toilets at the Egyptian side of the Egyptian Sudanese borders, and essential infrastructure, including water connections, drainage systems, and electricity, was installed for medical caravans in North Sinai. Additionally, water tanks, water heaters, and a water tank with water connection were set up in the El Sabil area and Sinai accommodation centre. The rehabilitation of the Sheikh Zoid hospital's WASH facilities further enhanced the healthcare infrastructure.

### **IFRC network joint support**

**The IFRC** provides support to the National Society in its health and wellbeing initiatives, which includes key areas such as water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS), first aid, provision of medical equipment, and more.



## **Migration and displacement**

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

The Egyptian Red Crescent Society, in this reporting period, worked on delivering crucial support to the most vulnerable individuals within refugee, migrant, and host communities, with a particular emphasis on the elderly, people with special needs, caregivers, and children. Continuing with the launch of the project in 2023, in the first half of 2024, the National Society conducted such operations as community-based health and first aid (CBHFA) training for community leaders, first aid training sessions, distribution of personal care kits, health awareness sessions and first aid seminars, medical convoys offering primary healthcare services, comprehensive psychosocial support sessions, and more.

The Egyptian Red Crescent Society, in partnership with the international organization for migration (IOM) and the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation, is working on the launch of a project aimed at empowering vulnerable migrant children and women. The project, known as SAWA, focuses on ensuring safe and dignified access to education and health services for these groups. Additionally, it aims to integrate migrant issues into national education and health policies, fostering a more inclusive approach to migrant welfare.

Furthermore, in response to the urgent needs of Palestinians arriving from Syria, the Egyptian Red Crescent Society, in collaboration with UNRWA, has initiated a specialized healthcare project. This initiative aims to provide comprehensive medical support to displaced population, offering a range of services from primary healthcare to complex medical interventions. These activities include medical examinations and consultations, medical distribution, laboratory tests and radiological examinations, dialysis sessions, and more.

The Egyptian Red Crescent Society has been actively responding to the Sudan crisis since the beginning of 2024. The National Society's efforts have revolved around key border crossings, specifically the Qastal and Arqueen crossings, where Sudanese migrants are entering Egypt. The National Society has established humanitarian service points (HSP) at these locations, providing essential support to those crossing the border.

### **IFRC network joint support**

**The IFRC** supports the National Society in its efforts under migration and displacement, which includes components such as provision of essential services to vulnerable migrants, conducting advocacy to highlight the plight of migrants in the country, supporting the National Society in enhancing the capacity of staff and volunteers, and a range of other activities aimed at ensuring that migrants' needs are taken care of.

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The ICRC provides support to the National Society under the restoring family links (RFL) programme.



## Values, power and inclusion

### Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Egyptian Red Crescent Society has made progress in advancing values, power and inclusion and is well known for its comprehensive and progressive approach. The National Society, in this reporting period, has conducted knowledge-sharing initiatives, capacity building workshops, and collaborative projects. Under its emergency response operations, the National Society conducted key activities under protection, gender and inclusion (PGI) which included distribution of dignity kits, health awareness sessions on gender-based violence, group therapy, mental health and psychosocial support, and referred cases of gender-based violence to non-governmental organizations (NGO).

### IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provides support to the Egyptian Red Crescent Society in its objective to advance values, power and inclusion. This support extends to areas such as integrating protection, gender and inclusion (PGI) in National Society programmes and conducting community engagement and accountability (CEA).

## 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.

### Movement coordination

The Egyptian 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 works to promote and ensure respect for international humanitarian law and facilitates ICRC operations through dialogue with the government, multilateral organizations, civil society, and diplomatic officials. It helps reestablish contact between family members separated by conflict, other situations of violence, and migration, and works closely with the Egyptian Red Crescent and other partner organizations.

### External coordination

The Egyptian Red Crescent Society has forged key partnerships with international organizations to strengthen its response to regional crises. In Gaza, it has worked with the United Nations, Japan International Cooperation Agency, Save the Children, Sawiris Foundation for Social Development, United Nations Development Programme, and the Hungarian government since early 2024. These collaborations have enhanced the National Society's ability to deliver vital aid through a coordinated, multi-sectoral approach.

In response to the Sudan crisis, the National Society and the United Nations have focused on key border crossings such as Qastal and Arqueen, where humanitarian service centres have been set up to support incoming Sudanese migrants.

Japan's Embassy has granted funding for four trucks to expand the National Society's fleet, improving the delivery of aid and strengthening its logistical capacity nationwide. This initiative supports faster, more efficient humanitarian operations across Egypt.

Since the conflict in Gaza escalated in October 2023, the Hungarian government has played a critical role in supporting the Society's efforts. This partnership has enabled the provision of medical supplies, psychosocial support, and financial assistance to wounded Palestinian evacuees in Egypt, enhancing the National Society's capacity to respond to both immediate and long-term needs.

Regionally, the Egyptian Red Crescent Society serves as a Co-chair in the Middle East and North Africa Migration Working Group, helping guide strategies that respond to the complex challenges of migration. It also co-leads regional efforts on climate change and disaster risk reduction, promoting integrated approaches that build resilience and preparedness in vulnerable communities.



## National Society development

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### Progress by the National Society against objectives

In the first half of 2024, the Egyptian Red Crescent Society conducted comprehensive health-related training sessions which covered critical areas such as infectious diseases, non-communicable disease, community health, mental health and psychosocial support, positive parenting and cold chain management. These efforts showcase the National Society's commitment to supporting and empowering its volunteers and staff through continuous capacity building initiatives.

The Egyptian Red Crescent Society is currently undertaking efforts to establish a risk management framework and develop an internal risk register. The National Society, in coordination with Egyptian Customs, has established its first bonded warehouse in Al-Arish. This facility is designated for long-term storage and assessment of sealed shipments. Additionally, the National Society is enhancing its cold chain capacity by installing temperature control units and a cold room in Al-Arish, with further installations planned for Alexandria and Cairo.

### IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provides support to the Egyptian Red Crescent Society in the areas of capacity building and risk management, primarily in co-developing an internal risk register. Support under logistics and supply chain in the form of bonded warehouse establishment and the facilitation of periodic management meetings are part of IFRC support aimed at strengthening the National Society's efforts to face the unprecedented circumstances created by the conflicts in Gaza and Sudan.

The **German Red Cross** supports the Egyptian Red Crescent Society by supplying cold chain units to the National Society.



## Humanitarian diplomacy

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### Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Egyptian Red Crescent Society has been collaborating with donors, policymakers, and stakeholders to champion humanitarian causes and alleviate suffering during crises. Through strategic partnerships with Movement partners, the Egyptian Red Crescent Society focused on protecting vulnerable children, enhancing health services for migrants and host communities, and promoting the application of International Humanitarian Law (IHL).

In the area of mental health care and awareness, the National Society has collaborated with government entities such as the Ministry of Health and Population and has worked to integrate mental health into primary healthcare. This collaboration led to the development of a triage tool for mental health services, furthering their advocacy within the National Commission of International Humanitarian Law.

The Egyptian Red Crescent Society also participated in interregional programmes such as the humanitarian assistance and protection for people on the move, which addressed the needs of affected population and communities in

vulnerable situations. Moreover, the National Society's role on the Governing Board from the Africa region has enabled it to advocate for the challenges, lessons learned, and recommendations of National Societies.

### **IFRC network joint support**

**The IFRC** provides support to the National Society in fulfilling its objectives under humanitarian diplomacy. This involves support to the National Society in the development of relevant strategies, advocating with key stakeholders for National Society interventions, positioning the National Society as the primary responder to humanitarian agencies in the country, and enhancing the capacity of the National Society in humanitarian diplomacy.



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

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

The Egyptian Red Crescent Society has made progress in its digital transformation journey, following the IFRC digital transformation strategy's digital maturity model. One key advancement is the enhance of the National Society's mobile application, which now enables volunteers to register, engage with the National Society's humanitarian missions and activities, and helps create a comprehensive volunteer database across Egypt. This digital progress has empowered the National Society to better adapt to emerging humanitarian needs.

In addition, the National Society's planning, monitoring, evaluation, and reporting (PMER) have seen continuous improvement in their information management system and data collection tools. By integrating data from various sources and projects, the National Society has developed a comprehensive database. The National Society has also enhanced its user-friendly data visualization tools and dashboards, making information clear and accessible.

### **IFRC network joint support**

**The IFRC** provided technical support to the National Society to ensure that its activities align with humanitarian principles and promote a culture of inclusivity, prioritizing the needs of vulnerable populations. The IFRC worked closely with the PMER team of the National Society, offering technical assistance whenever needed. These collaborative efforts have led to the establishment of a standardized approach to data management for the Sudan and Gaza responses. This includes paper-based data collection forms tailored to different partners' indicators, electronic data entry, data segregation, verification, visualization, and reporting.





## The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)

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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 Egypt mid-year 2024 financial report](#)
- [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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