



POLAND

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IN SUPPORT OF THE POLISH RED CROSS



16

National Society
branches



185

National Society
local units



1,771

National Society
volunteers



6,173

National Society
staff

PEOPLE REACHED

Emergency
Operations



20,904

Disasters
and crises



3,390

Health and
wellbeing



154,904

Migration and
displacement



2,700

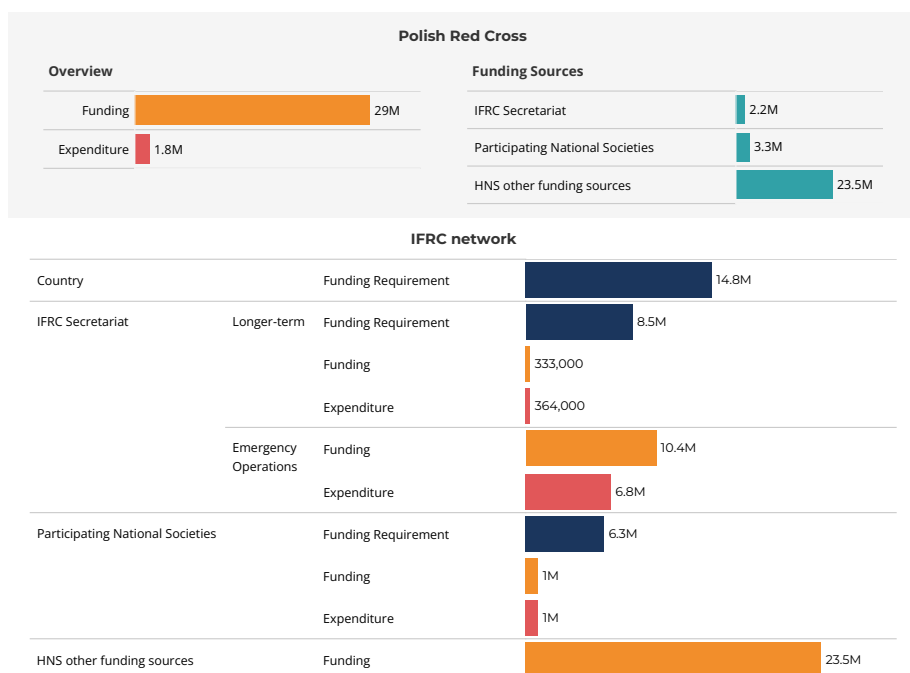
Values, power
and inclusion



3,465

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

in Swiss francs (CHF)



Appeal number **MAAPL001**

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

ONGOING EMERGENCY INDICATORS

MGR65002 / Ukraine and impacted countries

EF2 - National Society development	National Society covers health, accident and death compensation for all of its volunteers	Yes
EF3 - Humanitarian diplomacy	National Society has a domestic advocacy strategy developed aligning, at least in part, with global IFRC advocacy strategies	Yes
SP2 - Disasters and crises	Number of people reached with livelihoods support	3,000
	Number of people reached with shelter support	811
	Number of people reached per year with support services, in-kind, cash and voucher assistance for emergency response and recovery	339
SP3 - Health and wellbeing	Number of people reached by the National Society with contextually appropriate health services	21,000
	Number of people reached with psychosocial and mental health services	20,000
	Number of people reached by the National Society with contextually appropriate water, sanitation and hygiene services	143
SP4 - Migration and displacement	Number of migrants and displaced persons reached with services for assistance and protection	3,000
	Number of Humanitarian Service Points (HSPs) providing assistance and/or protection to people on the move along migration routes	64
SP5 - Values, power and inclusion	Number of people reached by protection, gender and inclusion programming	3,000
	Number of people whose access to education is facilitated through National Society's programming	2,000

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

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	Number of Humanitarian Service Points (HSPs) providing assistance and/or protection to people on the move along migration routes	64
Values, power and inclusion	Number of people reached by protection, gender and inclusion programming	3,000
	Number of people reached by the National Society's educational programmes	2,000

ENABLING FUNCTIONS

National Society development	National Society covers health, accident and death compensation for all of its volunteers	Yes
Humanitarian diplomacy	National Society has a domestic advocacy strategy developed aligning, at least in part, with global IFRC advocacy strategies	Yes
	National Society participates in IFRC-led campaigns	Yes
Accountability and agility	National Society has a Protection of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) policy to enforce prevention and support survivors	Yes

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
	American Red Cross	8,000					
	German Red Cross						
	Spanish Red Cross	1M					

Total Funding Reported **CHF 1M**

Q1. OVERALL PERFORMANCE

Context

Poland, the largest economy in Central Europe, has maintained strong resilience within the European Union since joining in 2004. In 2024, the economy was projected to grow by 3.0 per cent, supported by a rebound in private consumption, rising wages and positive consumer confidence. However, inflationary pressures remain a key challenge. After an initial decline, inflation is expected to rise to around 4.0–4.5 per cent by the end of the year, driven by the reinstatement of standard VAT on food and increasing energy prices. Despite this, unemployment stands at approximately 5.3 per cent, among the lowest in the EU, though labour shortages persist in some sectors.

The political environment shifted following the 2023 parliamentary elections, where the opposition coalition gained the majority. This change restored relations with the EU, leading to the release of previously frozen funds critical for Poland's development plans. The new government is pursuing reforms to strengthen the rule of law and reinforce Poland's position within the EU, reinforcing economic stability and investor confidence.

Poland continues to experience significant humanitarian and social impacts from the ongoing international armed conflict in Ukraine. The country remains a primary destination for displaced Ukrainians, hosting around one million individuals under temporary protection in 2024. While government assistance and civil society support remain vital, public solidarity has declined compared to the early stages of the crisis. Integration challenges persist, as refugees face barriers to long-term stability in employment, housing and social inclusion. The prolonged nature of the conflict and its unpredictable trajectory will continue to strain social systems, humanitarian resources and economic resilience in Poland for the foreseeable future.

Key achievements

Climate and environment

In 2024, the Polish Red Cross mainstreamed climate considerations across its operations and strategic planning. A climate change adaptation framework and policy were developed to guide both headquarters and branches, ensuring environmental sustainability becomes an integral component of disaster risk prevention and response models. The National Society reinforced its commitment to reducing its environmental impact through carbon footprint assessments and initiated the integration of climate priorities into its mid-term Strategy 2030 review. These achievements position the Polish Red Cross as a forward-thinking actor in climate resilience and humanitarian response.

Disasters and crises

The Polish Red Cross strengthened its role as a key disaster response and preparedness actor in 2024, responding effectively to major emergencies such as severe flooding while maintaining critical partnerships with government agencies. The National Society secured formal recognition under the new Civil Protection Law, affirming its position as a trusted partner in national emergency management. Alongside immediate relief, the National Society invested in community preparedness initiatives, increasing public awareness of disaster risks and promoting resilience at the household level. These efforts underscore its dual focus on timely response and long-term risk reduction.

Health and wellbeing

In 2024, the Polish Red Cross advanced comprehensive health and well-being initiatives, reinforcing its leadership in preventive health education and first aid. It sustained large-scale programmes promoting healthy lifestyles, dental hygiene, and nutrition among children and youth, while expanding access to first aid training for individuals and organizations. Food assistance and partnerships addressing medical access further supported vulnerable communities, while mental health and psychosocial support initiatives enhanced community resilience. Blood donation campaigns continued to strengthen national reserves, reinforcing the National Society's role as a central health actor in Poland.

Migration and displacement

The Polish Red Cross successfully transitioned from an emergency response model to a long-term integration approach for people displaced by the Ukraine conflict, embedding assistance into its core programmes. Through strategic partnerships with government entities and NGOs, it supported access to housing, education, employment and social services for migrants while promoting coexistence with host communities. The National Society strengthened its capacity for sustainable integration, established a framework for future emergency preparedness and maintained critical services such as Restoring Family Links. These efforts reinforced its commitment to inclusive, long-term solutions for displaced populations.

Values, power and inclusion

The Polish Red Cross deepened its institutional commitment to protection, inclusion and accountability in 2024 by embedding gender, diversity and child safeguarding standards across its operations. Robust policies were introduced to prevent exploitation, abuse and corruption, ensuring integrity and transparency. The National Society expanded community engagement initiatives, promoting humanitarian values and awareness of emblem protection through nationwide campaigns. At the same time, it prioritized support for vulnerable groups, including older persons and children, through inclusive programmes that addressed isolation, poverty and access to essential services. These actions strengthened social cohesion and trust in humanitarian principles.

Enabling local actors

In 2024, the Polish Red Cross advanced structural and digital reforms to enhance internal efficiency, governance and volunteer engagement. The National Society continued modernizing its human resources framework and launched initiatives to digitalize processes, including the development of a volunteer management system and plans for an e-learning platform. Investments in information management and preparedness tools improved accountability and operational readiness, while internal grant mechanisms empowered branches to lead localized initiatives. These efforts collectively enhanced institutional cohesion, sustainability and adaptability in an evolving humanitarian landscape.

Q2. CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS

Nothing to report



Polish Red Cross volunteer conducting cooking classes for children at the Integration centre in Ostrowiec (Photo: Polish Red Cross)

Q3. MEASURING RESULTS OF THE IFRC NETWORK ACTION

ONGOING EMERGENCY RESPONSE

For real-time information on emergencies, see the IFRC GO page: [Poland](#)

Name	Ukraine and Impacted Countries Crisis
Appeal number	MGR65002
Duration	February 2022 – December 2025
People to be assisted	22.7 M (total); 1.26 M (in Poland)
Funding requirements	Total: CHF 800 M (IFRC); CHF 2.7 billion (Federation-wide) Poland: CHF 119 M (IFRC); CHF 170 M (Federation-wide)
Emergency Appeal	Revised Emergency Appeal
Operational Strategy	Revised Operational Strategy Poland Response Plan
Last operation update	Operations Update No. 11

The international armed conflict in Ukraine continues, inflicting a devastating toll on the lives of people. The protracted crisis has resulted in massive civilian casualties, severe harm to critical infrastructure and livelihoods, and widespread displacement from front-line communities, leading to an alarming escalation in humanitarian needs, inside and outside of Ukraine. Millions of people have crossed borders from Ukraine into neighbouring countries and beyond. Most of these individuals have been displaced for nearly two years, and the gaps in meeting their needs are still increasing. Displaced people from Ukraine still require safety, assistance, and critical protection to lead dignified lives and restore their wellbeing and livelihoods.

First launched in February 2022, the IFRC Emergency Appeal was revised in May 2023, in support of the work of 18 National Societies including the Polish Red Cross who are responding to the crisis. The revised Emergency Appeal presents a substantial increase in people targeted, funding requirement and geographical coverage, to support the National Societies in assisting people in Ukraine and other impacted countries affected by the crisis. It also represents a shift in response from an emergency phase to a protracted crisis scenario, while recognizing the need to remain agile and proactive in what continues to be a highly dynamic environment.

Short description of the emergency operational strategy

Throughout 2024, the Polish Red Cross prioritized maintaining readiness for potential refugee influxes by developing contingency plans and prepositioning essential stocks. It addressed the heightened vulnerabilities of displaced populations through programmes aligned with government measures, such as rental assistance. Additionally, the Polish Red Cross integrated and expanded activities originally designed for displaced people into its long-term programmes, aiming to strengthen socio-economic and socio-cultural integration between host and refugee communities. Interventions consisted of:

Shelter, housing and settlements

Between January and February 2024, the Polish Red Cross completed its IFRC-funded shelter assistance programme, providing six-month rental support to 88 households, including 58 in the first two months of the year. Building on this experience, in June 2024, the Polish Red Cross launched the two-year project ‘Together Towards Self-Reliance’, worth

CHF 9 million, implemented in partnership with the Polish Centre for International Aid and funded by the European Union through the Ministry of Interior and Administration. The project operates in nine voivodeships and supports displaced people from Ukraine still living in collective accommodation by providing six-month rental assistance, career counselling, job search support, language courses, cultural integration activities and guidance on social services. By the end of 2024, 1,549 people (1,008 women and 541 men) were reached, representing 26 per cent of the target of 6,000 beneficiaries.

Livelihoods

Throughout 2024, the National Society continued implementing a three-year project (Nov 2022–Oct 2025) launched by the Spanish Red Cross, focusing on improving employability and access to the Polish labour market for displaced people from Ukraine. Activities included job search support through professional activation centres, career counselling, skills development, language and digital training, legal assistance, psychosocial support, CV preparation and document translation. The programme also supported self-employment initiatives with training in business management, financial aid for external courses and allowances for childcare and transportation. Partner contributions included **Spanish Red Cross** (Gdansk, Krakow, Łódź, Warsaw), **German Red Cross** (Wroclaw, Zielona Gora) and **British Red Cross** (Ostrowiec, Rzeszow) through multilateral support. In total, 3,390 people benefited from livelihood activities across eight Polish Red Cross branches.

Multi-purpose cash

In 2024, the Polish Red Cross transitioned from multi-purpose cash assistance to sector-specific cash interventions. In March, the National Society launched a medical voucher programme (cash for health) to support vulnerable groups, including 80 per cent displaced Ukrainians and 20 per cent Polish citizens with chronic conditions. Beneficiaries received CHF 87 worth e-vouchers for prescription and over-the-counter medicines, distributed in all 16 voivodeships, totalling 17,879 vouchers. In December 2024, the Polish Red Cross introduced a new multi-purpose cash programme for households affected by floods in Dolnośląskie voivodeship; the number of people reached is yet to be confirmed. To strengthen Cash and Voucher Assistance ([CVA](#)) capacity, the Polish Red Cross finalized its CVA Preparedness Roadmap and Plan of Action, with funding from the British Red Cross, approved by the National Society leadership in December 2024.

Health and care

The Polish Red Cross continued its EU4Health project (June 2022–July 2025), funded by the EU/DG Sante, providing mental health and psychosocial support ([MHPSS](#)) through online platforms such as the Polish Red Cross Infoline, Friendly Calls, Friend in Touch and its Telegram channel. In 2024, the project reached 15,469 people with services such as psychological first aid ([PFA](#)), individual and group counselling, stress management sessions and psycho-integration activities for children, bringing the cumulative total to 35,076 people (72 per cent of the target). Additionally, 776 individuals, including 576 National Society staff and volunteers were trained in PFA and MHPSS. New components introduced in 2024 included PFA training for teachers and community-based MHPSS, though implementation of the latter is planned for 2025. The Polish Red Cross also revitalized its [First Aid](#) programme by recertifying 139 instructors, procuring training equipment (CPR manikins, AEDs, tablets) and developing a first-ever First Aid manual for instructors. Efforts were supported by the **German Red Cross** and the **French Red Cross** contributions, and preparations began for an e-learning platform to expand training access.

Protection, Gender and Inclusion ([PGI](#)) and Community Engagement and Accountability ([CEA](#))

In 2024, the Polish Red Cross strengthened PGI and CEA activities, reaching 1,436 people through thematic events, outdoor activities and integration workshops, supported by the **Australian Red Cross** and the **Irish Red Cross** contributions. Child-Friendly Space (CFS) guidelines were translated into Polish to ensure safe, inclusive environments aligned with international standards. These spaces facilitated adult participation in socio-economic activities while providing care for children. The Polish Red Cross also organized awareness sessions on child rights and inclusion, and delivered recreational activities for children with disabilities, including art therapy and sports. A gender-based violence prevention campaign, '16 Days of Activism,' expanded from one branch in 2023 to four branches in 2024, reaching 900 people, supported by a social media campaign. Cash for protection assistance was provided to 306 individuals, integrated with Restoring Family Links (RFL) services, which handled 8,135 inquiries since the start of the conflict. Additionally, the Polish Red Cross conducted five CEA Training of Trainers sessions to strengthen community engagement capacity.

Migration

The Polish Red Cross continued to operate 16 Integration Centres across Poland, assisting over 2,700 people monthly. Funded by the [#helpingUkraine campaign](#), these centres provided Polish and English language courses, legal and psychological support, after-school tutoring, childcare, digital literacy training and vocational courses, including tailoring and makeup. Integration activities such as cultural events and group trips were organized to build community cohesion.

Education

The Polish Red Cross expanded its Social Youth Instructor (SIM) groups and School Clubs in 2024, engaging young people aged 13–30 in community initiatives. Within the Ukraine crisis response framework, SIM groups implemented projects under the 'Together in Action – Poland and Ukraine' mini-grant programme, focusing on first aid, climate education and anti-discrimination.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Climate and environment

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2024, the Polish Red Cross prioritized integrating climate action into its strategic and operational frameworks. Efforts focused on developing a climate change adaptation framework and policy for both headquarters and branches, aimed at enhancing climate efficiency and embedding climate considerations into disaster risk prevention and management models. The Polish Red Cross also initiated the creation of digital tools to track its carbon footprint, reinforcing its commitment to sustainability. Climate remains a cross-cutting element in all areas of the National Society's work and will be formally integrated into the mid-term revision of the [Polish Red Cross 2030 Strategy](#).

To promote environmental awareness among youth, the Polish Red Cross organized a nationwide competition for Social Youth Instructors (SIM) Groups in 2024, aligned with the European Green Deal and private sector Corporate Social Responsibility priorities. The results of this competition will be published in 2025.

The Polish Red Cross also undertook carbon footprint assessments to [reduce its environmental impact](#), improve operational efficiency and strengthen its reputation as a climate-responsible organization.

The assessment covered Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions for the years 2023 (based on 2022 consumption) and 2024 (based on 2023 consumption). Scope 1, which includes direct emissions from fuel consumption in vehicles, accounted for 6.336 t CO₂eq (2.28 per cent of total emissions). Scope 2, representing indirect emissions from primary energy and electricity consumption, totalled 271.199 t CO₂eq (97.72 per cent). Within Scope 2, primary energy sources such as coal, diesel, biomass, lignite and natural gas contributed 162.378 t CO₂eq (59.87 per cent), while electricity consumption accounted for 108.821 t CO₂eq (40.13 per cent). Overall, the Polish Red Cross' total emissions in 2023 were calculated at 277.54 t CO₂eq.

In addition to climate initiatives, the National Society continued to provide humanitarian assistance during emergencies such as floods, delivering generators, heaters, food and hygiene packages. Rescue teams offered humanitarian aid and first aid during flood response operations, ensuring that affected communities received timely support.

IFRC network joint support

The **IFRC** supported the Polish Red Cross during the reporting period in responding to the [flood emergency](#) by providing the IFRC Disaster Relief Emergency Fund ([DREF](#)). Details of the DREF operation is under 'Disasters and crises.'

The **Spanish Red Cross** provided significant technical support in calculating and validating the Polish Red Cross' carbon footprint, an initiative critical for improving resource efficiency, meeting regulatory requirements and attracting investments from sustainability-focused organizations.



Disasters and crises

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In 2024, one IFRC Disaster Response Emergency Funds ([IFRC-DREF](#)) was approved for floods in Poland.

NAME OF THE OPERATION	Flood in Poland 2024
MDR-CODE	MDRPL003
DURATION	6 months (26 September 2024 to 31 March 2025)
FUNDING ALLOCATION	CHF 363,485
PEOPLE TARGETED	4,500 people

The DREF allocation of CHF 363,485, initially for four months and later extended to six months (until 31 March 2025), targeting 4,500 people with immediate relief enabled the Polish Red Cross to assist people affected by floods in Dolnoslaskie, Malopolske, Opolskie and Slaskie. The Polish Red Cross responded promptly to severe floods by deploying Medical Rescue and Humanitarian Aid Groups to affected areas such as Kłodzko and Głuchołazy. Teams provided hot meals, drinks, blankets, mattresses and essential items for evacuees, along with distributing hygiene kits, drinking water and cleaning supplies. Dehumidifiers were supplied to households to reduce damage and support reconstruction. Food packages, including those delivered by helicopter under the EU Food Aid Programme, were provided to residents and workers reinforcing flood embankments. The National Society also launched the nationwide #NaRatunekPowódź fundraising campaign, raising over CHF 6 million, enabling cash and voucher assistance ([CVA](#)) and procurement of critical relief items. In-kind support from major companies complemented these efforts, while shelter equipment and heaters from central warehouses were distributed to ensure basic comfort for affected communities.

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In September 2024, Poland faced severe flooding triggered by Storm Boris, which caused significant destruction in the southwest and resulted in nine fatalities. The government declared a 30-day 'state of natural disaster' and allocated resources for relief efforts. In response, the Polish Red Cross launched the '#ForRescue Flood' fundraising campaign, raising CHF 8.6 million to provide immediate assistance. These funds enabled the distribution of food packages, drinking water, hygiene kits, dehumidifiers and other essential items to [affected households](#). The Polish Red Cross also worked with local authorities and partner organizations to support recovery and rebuild livelihoods.

The Polish Red Cross' disaster management work in 2024 also focused on community preparedness. In October, ahead of the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction, the Polish Red Cross published a national survey on disaster preparedness in partnership with Polskie Badania Społeczne (Polish Social Research). The results highlighted significant gaps: 93 per cent of respondents were unsure how to prepare for emergencies, 56 per cent believed disasters pose a greater threat today than a decade ago and 78 per cent requested more education on preparedness. To address this, the Polish Red Cross strengthened its 'Be Safe with Polish Red Cross' programme, providing [first aid](#) and crisis response training, promoting smart humanitarian aid and advocating for financial donations to enable flexible and needs-based assistance.

A key milestone in 2024 was the National Society's formal inclusion in the new Civil Protection Law (Act on the Protection of Population and Civil Defence) as a recognized actor supporting rescue operations and fire brigades during emergencies. This reflects the government's recognition of the Polish Red Cross' role in national disaster response. During the September floods, the Polish Red Cross was appointed by the State Fire Service to coordinate emergency activities by local organizations in Stronie Śląskie and Łądek Zdrój districts, showcasing its ability to rapidly mobilize Rescue Teams and Humanitarian Aid Groups for search and rescue, first aid and essential household item distribution.

Through these efforts, the Polish Red Cross reached over [1,000,000 people](#) across Poland in 2024, providing life-saving assistance, education and recovery support.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Polish Red Cross through the Disaster Response Emergency Fund (DREF) for the flood emergency response. The IFRC also assisted the Polish Red Cross in developing a three-year Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA) Preparedness Strategy Paper aligned with the global IFRC framework. This includes a two-year cash preparedness initiative following a CVA self-assessment workshop conducted in November 2023.

Additionally, the IFRC provided micro-grant support for youth-led green action projects linked to the Sustainable Development Goals, which will be launched in the upcoming year.

The **German Red Cross** supported training and equipment for the Polish Red Cross Humanitarian Aid Groups in 11 regions, while the **Spanish Red Cross** provided resources to strengthen rescue teams, ensuring compliance with international search and rescue standards. This included equipment procurement, coordination vehicles, 4x4 cars, multipurpose vehicles and vans for the Polish Red Cross Emergency Response Units (EDRU). The Spanish Red Cross also helped implement the Polish Red Cross Volunteer Management System, enhancing operational efficiency, communication and coordination for emergency teams.



Health and wellbeing

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Polish Red Cross implemented a wide range of health and well-being initiatives in 2024, addressing diverse age groups and promoting first aid, hygiene, healthy lifestyles and overall well-being. One of the flagship initiatives, the Super Wiewiórka (Squirrel) programme, continued to educate preschool and primary school children on health and safety through interactive activities and practical demonstrations by Polish Red Cross instructors. Children learned essential first aid, oral hygiene and road safety practices. The Polish Red Cross plans to reintroduce its iconic Squirrel character as a key representative of its educational programmes on a new e-learning platform launching in 2025. Complementing these efforts, the nationwide 'Share Your Smile' campaign, in collaboration with the Polish Dental Association, aimed to combat alarming rates of dental caries among children, with 82 per cent of six-year-olds affected according to the Ministry of Health.

To address rising obesity and low motor skills among children, Polish Red Cross partnered with the Biedronka supermarket chain to raise awareness of healthy nutrition and physical activity. The partnership led to the organization of the Health Olympiad 2024, engaging children and youth in activities promoting better health habits. Additionally, the Polish Red Cross provided certified first aid training tailored to various audiences, including individuals, schools, companies and professional responders, focusing on hands-on, scenario-based learning.

The Polish Red Cross also continued its food assistance through the Operational Food Assistance Programme (FEAD), distributing food packages and meals to vulnerable populations. Collaboration with ePRUF further expanded access to pharmaceuticals through medical vouchers. In mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS), the Polish Red Cross built on the EU4Health programme experience, focusing on crisis readiness, preventive health activities and community engagement. Initiatives included the development of a minimum service package for emergencies, direct MHPSS interventions, and social integration activities through recreational programmes for children, families and seniors.

Blood donation remained a key focus for the Polish Red Cross, with campaigns targeting youth and women to strengthen voluntary blood donation. Initiatives included ad hoc campaigns such as the World Blood Donor Day drive on June 14 and the Blood Ties Campaign from August to October, which honoured Warsaw Uprising heroes while addressing summer blood shortages. The Power of Women's Blood campaign, launched on International Women's Day, was the first in Poland to promote female blood donation. The National Society also advanced established programmes such as Młoda Krew Ratuje Życie (Young Blood Saves Lives) for students and Ognisty Ratownik – Gorąca Krew (Fiery Rescuer – Hot Blood) for firefighters, promoting donor club formation and expanding community participation. Through the 11th edition of the Share a Smile campaign, the Polish Red Cross reached 134,000 children with oral hygiene education to prevent tooth decay.

IFRC network joint support

The **IFRC** supports the Polish Red Cross in strengthening the capacity of the National Society to deliver community-based health education that complements the efforts of the public healthcare system.

The **German Red Cross** provided financial assistance for the nationwide blood donation campaign focused on women and contributed to medical voucher delivery, first aid recertification workshops and the purchase of necessary equipment.

The **Spanish Red Cross** enhanced blood donor engagement by updating the Polish Red Cross' Volunteer Management System (VMS), registering new donors, and improving communication and event formats to boost participation. These improvements facilitated easier online sign-ups, streamlined identification processes, and encouraged continuous involvement of existing and new donors across Poland.



Migration and displacement

Progress by the National Society against objectives

Poland continued to experience two primary migration dynamics throughout 2024. The first involved displacement caused by the ongoing international armed conflict between Russia and Ukraine. Despite the continuation of hostilities, there were no significant changes in the net influx of people to Poland during the year, including the winter months when triggers identified in the Winter Contingency Plan were not met. As of April 2025, UNHCR reported that Poland hosted approximately 998,000 people displaced from Ukraine, ranking second in Europe after Germany, which hosted 1.24 million. The second migration pattern concerned the Poland-Belarus border, where the situation remained tense and marked by increased risks for third-country nationals attempting irregular crossings. In 2024 alone, Polish border guards recorded nearly 30,000 such attempts.

While the number of newcomers remained relatively low, the first half of 2024 saw a notable 79 per cent increase in asylum applications to the Office for Foreigners (UdSC) compared to 2022 and 2023. June recorded 1,766 applications, the highest monthly figure in seven years. Ukrainians accounted for 35 per cent of applications, Belarusians for 25 per cent, followed by applicants from Russia (seven per cent), Somalia (five per cent) and Syria (four per cent). At the same time, Poland experienced growing 'refugee fatigue' and instances of xenophobia, largely fuelled by rising living costs. These challenges added pressure on integration processes and economic security for migrants.

Politically, migration remained a highly debated issue. At the end of 2024, the Civil Platform government led by Prime Minister Donald Tusk adopted the Migration Strategy 2025–2030, which outlined interventions related to access to territory, protection, labour market participation, education, integration, citizenship and repatriation. One significant outcome was the establishment of 49 Foreigners' Integration Centres across Poland by the Ministry of Family, Labour and Social Policy. These centres aim to provide standardized services for new arrivals and foster collaboration between authorities, NGOs and local communities. Services include Polish language courses, information sessions, psychological care, legal assistance, adaptation training and prevention of domestic violence and human trafficking. The Polish Red Cross operates one of these centres through its Łódź branch. Concurrently, authorities began closing collective sites, relocating approximately 32,000 residents to alternative accommodations. However, the strategy also includes provisions allowing temporary suspension of asylum applications, prompting advocacy from Polish NGOs concerned about human rights implications at the European level.

Following two years of emergency response to Ukraine-related displacement, the Polish Red Cross began in late 2023 to integrate emergency interventions into its long-term plans. This transition, reflected in the Poland Unified Plan 2024–2026 and aligned with the Polish Red Cross Strategy 2030, emphasizes sustainability, capacity strengthening and systemic preparedness for future emergencies. The Polish Red Cross also developed an exit and sustainability strategy for its Integration Centres, including staff and volunteer training and building partnerships with local businesses and educational institutions to ensure long-term impact.

In 2024, the Polish Red Cross partnered with the Ministry of the Interior and Administration and the Polish Centre for International Aid to launch the Together to Self-Reliance programme, assisting Ukrainians under temporary protection who were residing in collective accommodation sites. The programme provided rental subsidies for up to six months, relocation support, furniture and equipment vouchers, career counselling, Polish language courses and integration

events to facilitate adaptation. The Polish Red Cross also engaged in the Together We Can Do More programme, a three-year government-led initiative promoting the professional activation and integration of foreigners. Activities focused on employability, vocational training, socio-economic support and advocacy to improve migrants' well-being and encourage coexistence with host communities.

The National Society continued its Restoring Family Links (RFL) services, with its Information and Tracing Service actively responding to requests from Ukrainians. In May 2024, ICRC reported approximately 28,000 missing persons being sought by National Societies in affected countries, with around 1,000 new cases added monthly. The Polish Red Cross played a key role in tracing efforts and facilitating the restoration of family connections.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supports the Polish Red Cross in ensuring that migrants and displaced persons have access to humanitarian assistance and protection at critical points along migratory routes and access to durable solutions when appropriate under its Global Route-Based Migration Programme. The IFRC works together with the National Society to ensure it engages with migrants, displaced people and host communities to assess, understand and respond to their priorities more effectively. This includes mainstreaming protection, gender and inclusion (PGI) and community engagement and accountability (CEA) minimum standards in its migration and displacement programming.

The **German Red Cross** supported integration activities for displaced Ukrainians in Wrocław and Zielona Góra.

The **Spanish Red Cross** provided support to Employment Activation Centres in six locations, benefiting over 5,000 people with vocational training, Polish language lessons and assistance with translating documents and CVs.



Values, power and inclusion

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Polish Red Cross made significant progress in advancing objectives under values, power, and inclusion in 2024, embedding Protection, Gender and Inclusion (PGI) and Community Engagement and Accountability (CEA) approaches into all socio-cultural and socio-economic interventions in line with its Strategy 2030. In compliance with new legislation governing organizations working with minors, which came into force on 15 February 2024, the Polish Red Cross introduced rigorous child safeguarding standards. This included revising existing policies, developing new ones and disseminating them through training for staff and volunteers at both headquarters and branch levels. The updated child safeguarding policy aligned with global child protection principles and Poland's Family and Guardianship Code Act. Additionally, the Polish Red Cross adopted new policies on Anti-Corruption, the Code of Ethical Conduct and the Prevention and Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse.

Recognizing the growing needs of an ageing population, the Polish Red Cross continued to focus on the inclusion and well-being of older people, who represent about 16 per cent of Poland's population and face high rates of isolation and poverty. To address these issues and raise social awareness, the Polish Red Cross launched a nationwide campaign in November 2024 highlighting the challenges seniors face, such as loneliness and limited access to social spaces. Furthermore, the Polish Red Cross maintained 28 Senior Clubs across the country, offering opportunities for social interaction, artistic workshops, physical activities such as gymnastics and Nordic walking and participation in awareness-raising and educational sessions. Many activities incorporated intergenerational programmes to build mutual respect and understanding between older people, children and adults. Holiday packages were delivered to seniors living alone, while vulnerable children benefited from the distribution of school supplies and participation in summer camps.

The Polish Red Cross also implemented wide-reaching public awareness initiatives to promote humanitarian principles and Red Cross values. In May 2024, a nationwide campaign educated the public about the meaning and proper use of the Red Cross emblem under the slogan: 'This symbol represents hope, help and protection for those in need. Do not use it on your own.' To mark World Red Cross Day, the Polish Red Cross launched a dedicated website (pckmamoc.pl) and introduced a Polish version of the ICRC interactive game 'If War Comes to You,' immersing users in the realities of armed conflict. Additionally, the Polish Red Cross pioneered new approaches to fundraising and community engagement through DOBROsklep, Poland's first charity store, merging sustainability and social impact by supporting eco-friendly practices and providing aid to those in need.

In line with its Strategy 2030 commitments, the Polish Red Cross strengthened its institutional capacity and visibility with the Government of Poland. It was selected to implement a multi-year, multi-sector programme funded by the EU through the government, covering shelter, socio-economic support and socio-cultural integration. These efforts further reinforced the National Society's role as a trusted humanitarian partner.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supports the Polish Red Cross to contribute to a positive change in communities by supporting all its activities, focusing primarily on young people's knowledge, skills and behaviour. The IFRC guides the National Society in developing the Youth Movement and youth activities in cooperation with Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners.

ENABLING LOCAL ACTORS



Strategic and operational coordination

Progress by the National Society against objectives

IFRC membership coordination

IFRC membership coordination involves working with National Societies to assess the humanitarian context, agree on common priorities and jointly develop common strategies. This includes addressing issues such as obtaining greater humanitarian acceptance and access, mobilizing funding and other resources, clarifying consistent public messaging, and monitoring progress. It also entails ensuring that strategies and programmes in support of people in need incorporate clarity of humanitarian action while linking with development assistance and contributing to reinforcing National Societies in their respective countries, including through their auxiliary role.

The IFRC has been supporting the Polish Red Cross with cash and voucher assistance (CVA), shelter, mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS), integrated approach and National Society development.

Since February 2022 several Movement partners have been coordinating with the Polish Red Cross to support the National Society in several areas:

The **German Red Cross** assists the National Society with developing its CVA, humanitarian aid groups, blood donors, first aid, livelihood projects and National Society development.

The **Spanish Red Cross** supports the National Society with emergency preparedness, livelihood projects, volunteer management and National Society development.

Movement coordination

The Polish Red Cross 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 March 2022, **the ICRC** stepped up its activities in Poland and established an office to help respond to the humanitarian and protection needs triggered by the international armed conflict between Russia and Ukraine. The ICRC's support to the Polish Red Cross focuses on Restoring Family Links and National Society development by integrating the Safer Access Framework into existing structures and ongoing activities.

External coordination

The Polish Red Cross works through its extensive branch network to collaborate closely with regional authorities, ensuring that the needs and priorities of local communities are effectively addressed. Positioned at the core of civil

protection mechanisms, the Polish Red Cross is committed to strengthening partnerships with the Fire Service Department and relevant ministries to enhance coordination and improve response to national emergencies.

The Polish Red Cross also maintains robust coordination with UN agencies and NGOs operating in Poland, particularly to support the refugee response. The National Society actively participates in sectoral and technical coordination groups, advocating for the needs of vulnerable populations and local communities.

As part of efforts to reinforce its auxiliary role to the public authorities, the Polish Red Cross developed six joint pledges with the government on international humanitarian commitments and strengthened collaboration with key ministries, including the Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Education and the Civil Protection Mechanism.



National Society development

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2024, the Polish Red Cross made reforms in governance and internal control mechanisms. The National Society continued its efforts to establish a unified and modernized human resources strategy, laying the groundwork for broader structural reforms that will follow amendments to the [Polish Red Cross statute](#). Legal analyses are currently underway, with a dedicated team of lawyers evaluating options to align the statute with the National Society's future structure and operational needs. A key aspect of this reform will be clarifying the legal and functional status of the Polish Red Cross branches, ensuring consistency and coherence across the network.

The Polish Red Cross expanded its volunteer management system (VMS), adding technical instructions to facilitate the registration of volunteers, members and blood donors, particularly in contingency situations such as spontaneous volunteering during flood emergencies. The system enables efficient recruitment, training and coordination of volunteers while maintaining comprehensive data on members and activities. Accessible via both the intranet and system interface, the VMS enhances communication, tracks certifications and fosters transparency. This development also supports the engagement of youth movements, empowering young volunteers through structured leadership training and initiatives that promote volunteerism.

The National Society drafted a roadmap for developing a National Society e-learning platform and laid the foundation for adopting information management tools to systematize data collection, analysis, and reporting. These tools will also support the implementation of the Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA) Preparedness Plan, ensuring sustainability of actions initiated during the Ukraine and Impacted Countries Emergency Appeal.

To respond to the evolving humanitarian context, the Polish Red Cross revised its strategy as outlined in the Poland Country Plan. The focus shifted from life-saving emergency interventions to recovery support, prioritizing socio-economic and socio-cultural assistance for host and hosted families during the transition from the Ukraine and Impacted Countries (UIC) Emergency Appeal. This transition reflects the Polish Red Cross' transformative approach after two years of operating under the impacts of the ongoing Russia-Ukraine international armed conflict. The National Society has embedded several emergency response activities into its long-term plans. The Polish Red Cross Strategy 2030, as articulated in the Poland Unified Plan 2024–2026, seeks to align evolving community needs with the services offered through branches and integration centres, while simultaneously strengthening systems, procedures and institutional capacities to respond to current challenges and future emergencies.

The Ukraine and Impacted Countries Crisis Emergency Appeal remained a key fundraising mechanism, addressing the urgent needs of people affected by the Ukraine-Russia conflict and simultaneously strengthening the Polish Red Cross' operational and institutional capacities. The Polish Red Cross also launched major national campaigns to complement international support. The #odNOWAzPCK campaign assisted flood-affected families in rebuilding homes and regaining self-sufficiency while funding institutional improvements, senior support programmes, educational events and psychological assistance. The "Gorączka Złota" (Gold Rush) campaign collected 21.9 tons of coins, financing school kits and summer camps for children across Poland.

The Polish Red Cross also strengthened its youth engagement and volunteer base. The National Society expanded its Social Youth Instructor (SIM) groups and School Clubs—core platforms for engaging young people aged 13–30 at

district and branch levels. These groups lead educational projects on healthy lifestyles, road safety and hygiene in schools and kindergartens, while also promoting first aid awareness and organizing community activities on issues such as HIV/AIDS, hunger, poverty and discrimination. Youth groups additionally develop their own projects based on local needs and support initiatives of the Polish Red Cross School and Squirrel Clubs for primary school children. Currently, there are 27 operational SIM Groups across the country.

Institutional cohesion was further reinforced through regular branch meetings, the organization of a Branch Forum for collective dialogue, and the introduction of an internal grant mechanism that funds branch-level initiatives. Standardized processes for grant applications and reporting were also developed to ensure accountability and consistency across branches.

In terms of resource mobilization, the Polish Red Cross strengthened its financial sustainability through a strategic work plan supported by a comprehensive market study and investment planning exercise. The National Society scaled up partnerships with the corporate sector and leveraged digital platforms to run fundraising campaigns, including a major digital appeal that generated over CHF 9.6 million for flood relief. Face-to-face fundraising initiatives were launched, and external visibility was significantly enhanced, with the Polish Red Cross achieving a twelve-fold increase in social media followers in 2024. These efforts contributed to broadening the donor base and improving outreach.

Strategic alignment with the Polish Red Cross' long-term vision was ensured through continuous monitoring of key performance indicators (KPIs) linked to the National Society Strategy 2030 framework.

IFRC network joint support

The **IFRC** provided support and advice to the National Society in developing its branches and adjusting existing volunteer management/development systems based on needs. The IFRC conducts continuous monitoring and evaluation to ensure the quality of the National Society's activities.

After closing its delegation in September 2024, the **German Red Cross** shifted its assistance toward branch-level activities, focusing on sustainability through staffing support, tools and systems. Its contributions in resource mobilization, external communication strategies, human resources and procurement of a customized ERP solution were instrumental in driving institutional strengthening.

The **Spanish Red Cross** provided technical expertise in developing a Volunteer Management System (VMS) tailored to the Polish Red Cross' operational structure and statutory groups. This included developing a comprehensive Code of Conduct, establishing a robust volunteer policy with clear roles and responsibilities and creating detailed technical instructions for sanctions and infractions to address breaches of ethical standards. Screening and interviews were strengthened to ensure volunteers align with Red Cross principles, while QR-coded identification cards were introduced to verify volunteer actions and prevent misuse of the emblem.

The **ICRC**, together with the IFRC provided technical support along the process of revision of the National Society statute and in developing new policies and procedures.



Humanitarian diplomacy

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2024, the Polish Red Cross advanced its humanitarian diplomacy efforts through strategic partnerships with national authorities and active participation in global platforms. One of the key milestones was the organization of the Polish School of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) in collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage and the National Headquarters of the State Fire Service of Poland. This programme aimed to enhance knowledge and understanding of IHL among participants, providing comprehensive courses and lectures on the laws governing armed conflict, humanitarian assistance and the protection of the Red Cross emblem.

The Polish Red Cross also worked closely with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Poland in Geneva to present six significant resolutions during the International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent in October 2024. These resolutions addressed critical issues such as promoting a universal culture of

compliance with IHL, safeguarding civilians and civilian infrastructure from risks related to the use of information and communication technologies in armed conflicts, strengthening disaster risk management through robust legal and regulatory frameworks, enabling local leadership and principled humanitarian action and protecting people from the humanitarian impacts of extreme climate and weather events.

In addition to these high-level engagements, the Polish Red Cross conducted the public awareness campaign 'PCK ma moc,' aimed at promoting the proper use and protection of the Red Cross emblem. This initiative reinforced the importance of respecting the emblem as a symbol of humanitarian neutrality and protection in times of conflict and crisis.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supports the National Society in assisting and protecting migrants, identifying processes and forums for engaging various pillars of work, undertaking capacity strengthening and support in evidence-based humanitarian diplomacy.

The **American Red Cross** supported in strengthening the National Society's communication capabilities, equipping it with improved tools and strategies to engage with stakeholders and the public effectively.



Accountability and agility (cross-cutting)

Progress by the National Society against objectives

To reinforce financial transparency and strengthen internal controls, the Polish Red Cross advanced the implementation of an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system. This system is designed to strengthen risk management, improve financial reporting and ensure efficient resource allocation, thereby increasing accountability to donors and stakeholders. The process included identifying a service provider for ERP implementation in compliance with Polish government financial requirements. In addition, the Polish Red Cross introduced a series of governance improvements, including new fraud and corruption prevention measures, enhanced procurement procedures, and policies for Prevention and Response to Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) and child protection. The National Society also revised its Code of Conduct to align with best practices in ethics and integrity.

Digitalization remained a key priority, supported by initiatives aimed at modernizing processes and building resilience. Since January 2024, IFRC has collaborated with the Polish Red Cross to design and implement a data collection and analysis system that complements the monitoring of achievements within the Polish Red Cross' 2030 Strategy framework. Despite progress, the Polish Red Cross still lacks a unified system for field data collection, which limits the ability to set disaggregated targets by age and gender and to integrate Federation-wide indicators.

Furthermore, under a Capacity Building Fund (CBF) project, the Polish Red Cross launched initiatives to accelerate digital transformation, including a comprehensive ICT assessment and the development of clear plans for e-learning solutions. The first version of the Polish Red Cross SharePoint platform was designed and launched to improve internal collaboration and knowledge sharing.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC continues to support the Polish Red Cross in enhancing planning, monitoring, evaluation and reporting (PMER) capacities to ensure robust tracking of impact and performance.

The **Spanish Red Cross** supported the digital transformation of the National Society to have better access to infrastructure and digital services through training its staff in data and digital systems, and training of trainers to implement digitalization in branches.

Q4. AFFECTED PERSONS (PEOPLE REACHED)

See cover pages

Q5. PARTICIPATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR AFFECTED PEOPLE – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

See Strategic Priority on 'Values, power and inclusion' under Q3: MEASURING RESULTS OF THE IFRC NETWORK ACTION

Q6. RISK MANAGEMENT

This information is not available in Annual Reports

Q7. EXIT STRATEGY AND SUSTAINABILITY

See Strategic Priorities or Enabling Local Actors, where relevant under Q3: MEASURING RESULTS OF THE IFRC NETWORK ACTION

Q8. LESSONS LEARNED

- The fragmented structure of 16 regional and 185 district branches complicated consistent data collection and reporting
- The absence of standardized information management processes, tools and centralized repositories created inefficiencies in data management
- Limited technical capacity of staff and volunteers affected the quality of data collection, analysis and use
- As a result, the data reported to the Federation-Wide Response Overview 2024 did not fully capture the scope of Polish Red Cross' achievements

SUCCESS STORIES



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Anzhelika's Journey: From Passion to Profession

Anzhelika's dream of becoming a cosmetologist began in her teenage years, inspired by her older sister. After finishing school in Ukraine, her path was clear—she wanted to build a career in cosmetology. But when the conflict forced her to leave her home, she moved to Poland and had to start over.

Determined to pursue her passion, Anzhelika enrolled in a university programme that gave her a strong foundation in cosmetology. With the support of the socio-economic programmes of the Polish Red Cross, she was able to continue her training in a professional salon and gain hands-on experience.

After completing her certification, Anzhelika is now ready to work in beauty salons, spa centres and hotels. For her, this is more than just employment—it is a journey of personal growth and fulfilment. "This Red Cross course was a milestone for me," she shares. "I started with basic knowledge, but now I feel confident and want to keep growing. They helped me find my place in a new country, gain new skills and believe in myself. Now I know that any challenge can be overcome if you follow your dreams."

ANNEX 1. IFRC APPLICATION OF THE 8+3 REPORTING TEMPLATE

The IFRC network structures its result-based management along five Strategic priorities and four Enabling functions, developed based on the IFRC network's [Strategy 2030](#):

IFRC network Strategic Priorities	IFRC network Enabling Functions
SP 1 - Climate and environment	EF 1- Strategic and operational coordination
SP 2 - Disasters and crises	EF 2 - National Society development
SP 3 - Health and wellbeing	EF 3 - Humanitarian diplomacy
SP 4 - Migration and displacement	EF 4 - Accountability and agility
SP 5 - Values, power and inclusion	

The Federation-wide results matrix provides a standard way for the IFRC network to measure its progress towards Strategy 2030 implementation and supports consistent quality of the IFRC network planning, monitoring and reporting. To further advance coherence in monitoring across the IFRC network, a [Federation-wide Indicator Bank](#) has been developed and integrated into the Federation-wide monitoring systems for emergencies and longer-term work, structured along the Federation-wide results matrix as well. Signatory of the Grand Bargain Agreement, the IFRC has committed to its monitoring and reporting standards through integration of the 8+3 reporting template contents into its results-based management approach. The following mapping demonstrate the way in which this report aligns with 8+3 reporting:

8+3 template	IFRC network Annual Report (with variance in structure in red)
Core Questions	
1. Overall Performance	Overall Performance
2. Changes and Amendments	Changes and amendments
3. Measuring Results	Measuring Results
4. Affected Persons	Cover pages with indicators values
5. Participation & AAP	Under Q3 Strategic Priority 5: Values, power and inclusion – Community Engagement and Accountability
6. Risk management	Risk management
7. Exit Strategy and Sustainability	Under Q3 sub-sections by Strategic Priority/Enabling Function where relevant
8. Lessons Learned	Lessons learned
Additional Questions	
1. Value for Money/ Cost Effectiveness	Not included in annual reports
2. Visibility	Not included in annual reports
3. Coordination	Under Q3 Enabling Function 1: Strategic and operational coordination
4. Implementing Partners	Cross-cutting, with a focus on support to localization through the Q3 Enabling Functions 1 to 4
5. Activities or Steps Towards implementation	Cross-cutting in Q3 Strategic Priorities and Enabling Functions
6. Environment	Under Q3 Strategic Priority 1: Climate and environment



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

DATA SCOPE AND LIMITATIONS

- **Timeframe and alignment:** The reporting timeframe for this overview is covering the period from 1 January to 31 December 2024. However, due to the diversity of the IFRC and differences in fiscal years, this coverage may not fully align for some National Societies.
- **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 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'. Also note that funding requirements are already reflected in the published 2024 IFRC network country plan. The total funding requirements show what the IFRC network has sought to raise for the given year through different channels: funding through the IFRC, through participating National Societies as bilateral support, and through the host National Society from non-IFRC network sources. All figures should include the administrative and operational costs of the different entities.
 - » Host National Society funding requirements not coming from IFRC network sources can comprise a variety of sources, as demonstrated when reporting on income in the IFRC Federation-wide Databank and Reporting System
 - » Participating National Society funding requirements for bilateral support are those validated by respective headquarters, and often represent mainly secured funding
 - » IFRC funding requirements comprise both what is sourced from the IFRC core budget and what is sought through emergency and thematic funding. This includes participating National Societies' multilateral support through IFRC, and all other IFRC sources of funding
- **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) 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.
- **Definitions:**
 - » **Local units:** ALL subdivisions of a National Society that coordinate and deliver services to people. These include ALL levels (provincial, state, city, district branches, sections or chapters, headquarters, and regional and intermediate offices, as well as community-based units)
 - » **Branches:** A Branch has its roles, responsibilities and relationship with the National Headquarters defined through the National Society's Statutes, including the level of autonomy given, especially in the area of its legal status, mobilising local resources and building local partnerships, and the decisions it makes. It has a local-level decision-making mechanism through its Branch members, board and volunteers, equally defined through the National Society's Statutes

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- [PL_Poland AR Financials.pdf](#)
- [IFRC network country plans](#)
- [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](#)
- [Evaluations database](#)

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