

2025 SASKATCHEWAN WILDFIRES UPDATE

JUNE 30, 2026



Wildfires and wildfire smoke in Saskatchewan resulted in the evacuation of several communities across the province during the summer of 2025. On May 29, 2025, the Province of Saskatchewan, in conjunction with the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (SPSA), declared a provincial State of Emergency as wildfires continued to threaten communities. Thousands of people were evacuated across the province in May and June. The State of Emergency ended on June 26, 2025.

The Canadian Red Cross worked closely with Indigenous leadership, federal, provincial, and municipal governments to support individuals, families, and communities in Saskatchewan. At the request of Indigenous leadership and through a standing agreement with Indigenous Services Canada, the Canadian Red Cross, along with various partners, provided critical emergency assistance through registration, reception and information, emergency lodging, meals, and personal services to people while they were under evacuation order, as well as to those whose homes were damaged due to wildfires. This support is still being offered to evacuated community members of Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation who are unable to return home.

Thanks to donations to the 2025 Saskatchewan Wildfires Appeal, the Canadian Red Cross continues to work closely with Indigenous leadership, federal, provincial and municipal governments to support individuals, families and communities as they navigate their recovery.

CANADIAN RED CROSS RESPONSE

As of June 30, 2026

- Registered more than **16,500 people** impacted by the wildfires in Saskatchewan.
- Welcomed impacted people at **15 reception centres** and operated **three congregate shelters** in Saskatoon, Regina, and Prince Albert. During peak evacuation periods, more than **1,200 people** per night stayed in congregate shelters.
- Provided **mobile outreach services** for people in Lloydminster, Saskatoon, Prince Albert, Regina, North Battleford, Unity, and Denare Beach.
- Distributed emergency financial assistance to more than **2,900 eligible households** to support costs associated with extended displacement and the return home thanks to funding from the Government of Saskatchewan.
- Answered more than **11,000 phone calls** through the call centre for people impacted by wildfires in Saskatchewan.
- Secured more than **30,000 hotel room nights** in Saskatchewan for those who were evacuated, including more than **1,350 rooms** per night during peak periods.
- Provided over **8,100 emergency supplies** including cots, blankets, pillows, and hygiene kits.
- Made more than **1,400 connections** at reception centres, shelters, and the Community Resilience Centre in Denare Beach for psychosocial or well-being support.
- Supported Lac La Ronge Indian Band and Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation as they returned to community. This included prepaid cards for more than **600 households** from Lac La Ronge Indian Band to support transportation needs for the return home. This support was offered at the request of community leadership and through an agreement with Indigenous Services Canada.
- Supported more than **85 households** in their recovery through personalized recovery support including financial assistance for early recovery needs, basic needs, household supplies, mental health support, transportation, accommodation, and costs related to rebuilding and repairing primary residences that were damaged or destroyed by the wildfires. This support was offered thanks to funding from the Government of Saskatchewan.
- Provided more than **450 referrals** for other community-based supports.
- Provided financial assistance to **65 small businesses and not-for-profit organizations** to assist with immediate needs following the wildfires, as well as to support them in their recovery. This support was offered thanks to funding from the Government of Saskatchewan.
- Offering funding to eligible community organizations that are helping communities recover from the wildfires.

YOUR GENEROSITY AT WORK

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BREAKDOWN OF FUNDS AS OF JUNE 30, 2026

- I FUNDS DONATED: \$6.5M
- I FUNDS FROM THE SASKATCHEWAN PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCY: \$15.0M
- I MATCHING FUNDS COMMITTED FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA: \$2.8M
- I TOTAL FUNDS: \$24.3M

TO SUPPORT	HOW FUNDS ARE USED	SOURCE OF FUNDS	ALLOCATED AS OF JUNE 30, 2026	COMMITTED AS OF JUNE 30, 2026	SPENT AS OF JUNE 30, 2026
Emergency relief for individuals and families	Following the wildfires, eligible households received financial assistance for re-entry (evacuated for more than seven days) and extended displacement (evacuated for more than 30 days). Re-entry support included one-time financial assistance to help with cleaning supplies, personal protective equipment related to cleaning, food replacement, and transportation. Extended displacement support included one-time financial assistance to help with basic needs, food, lodging, transportation, personal services, childcare costs, and mental health support.	Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency	\$9.6M	\$0.6M	\$9.0M
Recovery assistance for individuals and families	The Canadian Red Cross offers personalized recovery support based on individual needs of those impacted. Personalized recovery support may include support for people planning their return home, understanding insurance and community resources, providing referrals to access mental health services, providing guidance to help people make decisions and inform their next steps in their recovery journey. This also includes financial assistance to help those whose primary residence was destroyed or sustained damage with early recovery needs, including for temporary accommodations and costs related to rebuilding and repairing their homes.	Donations	\$2.3M	\$2.1M	\$0.2M
		Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency	\$1.4M	\$0.4M	\$1.0M
		Government of Canada	\$2.8M	\$2.7M	\$0.1M
Small business and not-for-profit program	Small businesses and not-for-profit organizations are essential for the recovery of people and communities affected by a disaster. These funds help those that were impacted by the wildfires with the unexpected costs associated with evacuating and returning to their community, as well as supporting them in their recovery.	Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency	\$1.0M	\$0.7M	\$0.3M
Support to communities, community groups, and Indigenous communities	Supporting work being accomplished through community groups, including municipalities, ensures that the needs of people residing in the community are reflected in ongoing recovery from wildfires. This funding helps community groups to meet increased service demands, address social and psychosocial needs, and enhance community resilience, ultimately supporting long-term recovery.	Donations	\$3.8M	\$3.2M	\$0.6M
Emerging needs	These funds have been allocated for emerging needs as they arise, in recognition that recovery from significant events is multi-year and not all needs are evident at this point.	Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency	\$3.0M	–	–
Cost of fundraising and trust fund management		Donations	\$0.4M	\$0.1M	\$0.3M
GRAND TOTAL			TOTAL ALLOCATED \$24.3M	TOTAL COMMITTED \$9.8M	TOTAL SPENT \$11.5M
			TOTAL FUNDS COMMITTED OR SPENT \$21.3M		

More than 87% of funds contributed have been committed or spent as of June 30, 2026.

The Canadian Red Cross thanks the generous individuals, businesses, the Government of Saskatchewan for funds provided, as well as the Government of Canada for the matching funds committed in support of people impacted by the 2025 Saskatchewan Wildfires.

UNDERSTANDING THE NUMBERS

Grand total of funds:
This includes the total funds donated, accrued interest, and any government funds committed or received.

Allocation of funds:
This is how funds made available through donations and government partners are used to create the projected budget across each area of spending. This designation is done in coordination with government and community partners and is guided by assessments of community needs and donor intent, and operational requirements.

Committed funds:
These are the funds that have been formally committed through agreements, contracts, or approved activities and are therefore no longer available for allocation to other priorities.

Spent funds:
These are funds that have been already spent to assist those impacted by the 2025 Saskatchewan Wildfires.

Cost of fundraising and trust fund management:
Eight per cent of funds raised through this emergency appeal is applied to fundraising and trust fund management. These costs support donor services, reporting, and the systems required to deliver the appeal.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!