



International Disaster Relief Fund

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Where you have Provided *Hope* Around the World



Your *Global* Reach

From conflicts to floods and disease outbreaks to oil spills—last year your support helped people in need around the world during their most challenging moments.

As a donor to the International Disaster Relief Fund (IDRF), you gave life-changing support to help those experiencing emergencies that rarely make the news. The ability to raise funds for these emergencies does not always match the vast humanitarian needs of the millions of people around the world impacted by conflicts, climate disasters, disease and hunger. By providing immediate and ongoing support, your impact can be life changing for people facing extremely challenging circumstances.



Patrice Gordon / IFRC

In November 2025, an outbreak of Marburg virus disease was declared in Ethiopia. The Canadian Red Cross, through IDRF funding and with support from the Government of Canada, provided 12 Safe and Dignified Burial kits—sufficient to support approximately 160 burials—and training to help local health teams, including the Ethiopian Red Cross, respond and protect communities.

ABOUT THE IDRF

Through your support to the IDRF, the Canadian Red Cross contributes to the mission of the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement by enabling healthy and safe communities, reducing vulnerabilities, and improving people's resilience. With 191 Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies around the world, our network allows us to respond with global resources at the local level.

The IDRF is financed through contributions from you, the Canadian public. Donations to the IDRF provide people impacted by emergencies with urgently needed food, shelter, first aid, health care, medical supplies and other services. You allow us to respond within hours of an emergency and to channel resources to where it is needed most. You also allow us to implement disaster preparedness programs to create stronger and more resilient communities.

Your generous donation to the IDRF means that so many people do not need to face an emergency alone. Through your commitment, you stand in solidarity with us, as together, we support our local colleagues as they respond to emergencies around the world. Please read on to see the impact your gift had during the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

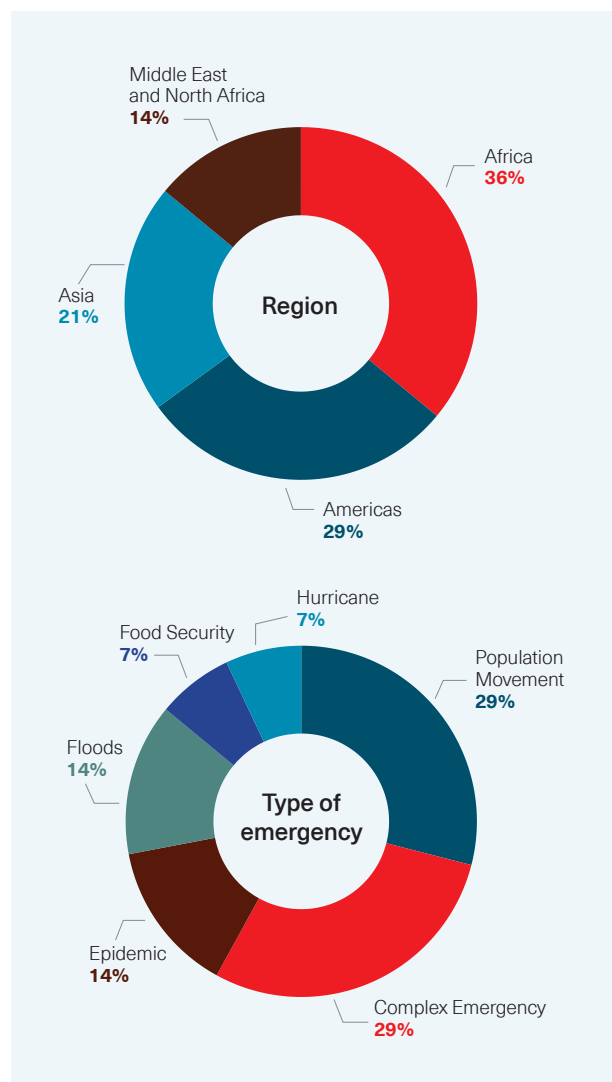
Together, we are making a difference. *Thank you.*



By the numbers

How your compassion reached people in need

Thanks to your generous support and the support of other humanitarian workers like you, the IDRF raised more than **\$2.6 million** in fiscal year 2025-2026. Here is where and how you reached people in need around the world.



Type of support

Thanks to your generous support, the Red Cross was able to help people in multiple ways for all **14 operations last year**. The top areas of impact included:



Health



Water, sanitation, and hygiene



Protection, gender, and inclusion



Multi-purpose cash assistance



People's ability to make a living



Shelter

What is a complex emergency?

Complex emergencies involve multiple compounding factors such as violence, displacement, natural hazards, and other crises. They may involve armed conflict, security issues, and even the lack of rule of law, resulting in significant displacement, loss of life, and ongoing humanitarian needs.

The Cuban Red Cross has been responding to the impacts of Hurricane Melissa, which hit as a Category-3 storm in October 2025. Your gift is supporting the Cuban Red Cross's work to provide healthcare, clean water, and shelter to people impacted by this disaster.



Cuban Red Cross

IDRF's global humanitarian impact: **Your support in action**

With crises increasing in scale and complexity around the world, and diminishing funds from other sources, the importance of your gift cannot be underestimated. Now more than ever, your donation is making a meaningful impact. We are proud to let you know that over the last fiscal year, the IDRF has provided funds to **14 emergencies** across multiple regions.

From Haiti to Yemen, your gift helped the Red Cross implement locally tailored approaches to various humanitarian challenges. The combined efforts of local Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, supported by the Canadian Red Cross, helped deliver essential services to millions of people facing crises. Coordination across our larger organization ensured that responses were timely, efficient and adaptive to changing circumstances, reflecting the strength of our global humanitarian network. As a generous donor to the IDRF, you are a key part of the global operations outlined in this document.

Responding through unity

The Red Cross Red Crescent Movement is **as local as possible and as global as necessary**. This means we always respond at the request of local Red Cross or Red Crescent National Societies and work to support their efforts in the country being impacted by the emergency. When a crisis occurs that results in significant humanitarian needs, the National Society can request support from international Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners, including the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent (IFRC), the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), and other National Societies, like the Canadian Red Cross. **In this report, you will see facts and figures that represent the joint efforts of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.**

Emergency: Bangladesh

Population Movement



IFRC / Bangladesh Red Crescent Society

The camps in Cox's Bazar are overcrowded and pose numerous risks. Your support helped to improve shelters and protect people from violence, abuse, and exploitation.

National Society: *The Bangladesh Red Crescent Society is the oldest humanitarian organization in the country. The Bangladesh Red Crescent Society effectively manages emergencies and crises and has positioned itself as one of the key actors in preparedness, response, recovery, rehabilitation, and reduction of risks in the country.*

Eight years after the initial large-scale influx of people fleeing violence from Myanmar into Bangladesh, the situation in Cox's Bazar remains one of the world's most protracted and resource-strained humanitarian crises. The fragile infrastructure in the overcrowded camps and host communities poses significant increased risk of disease outbreaks, maternal and child health complications, and climate-sensitive illnesses. Since 2017, the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society, supported by partners such as the Canadian Red Cross, has continuously delivered vital humanitarian assistance, with nearly one million people reached. Your assistance directly contributed to repairing damaged shelters for more than **13,000 people** displaced in two target camps and provided important protection services such as referrals, and community-led protection mechanisms for more than **73,000 people**.

What are protection services?

Protection services help keep people in the most vulnerable situations safe during emergencies, when violence, abuse, and exploitation often increase. Red Cross and Red Crescent teams work to prevent harm, support survivors, and protect children and other at-risk groups—ensuring people can access help safely, with dignity and respect, even in the most unstable settings.

A Safer Night's Sleep

“During every rain, cyclone, and summer, our plight intensified. We had many sleepless nights, worrying about the safety of our children.”

This was the reality for Nur Islam and his family, who fled Myanmar for Bangladesh in 2017. But with support from the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society, families in his camp received stronger, mid-term shelters built with bamboo frames, tarpaulins, and concrete footings. The shelter stays dry, cooler, and secure. *“We are so happy now,”* Nur says. *“Thanks for standing with us.”* Your support helped families like Nur's live more comfortably and better withstand the extreme weather that often impacts the camps.



Nur and his family in front of their improved shelter.

Hasan Md Asraful Islam / IFRC

Emergency:

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Ebola Outbreak

National Society: *The Red Cross of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) is a leading humanitarian organization with a long history of serving communities across the country. The Red Cross of the DRC is recognized for its expertise in emergency response, public health interventions, and community resilience, making it critical in managing crises such as disease outbreaks and natural disasters.*

Last September, the 16th outbreak of Ebola virus disease in the Democratic Republic of the Congo was declared. Right away, public health equipment and experts from the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement were deployed to support the Red Cross of the DRC response. This included specialized Infection Prevention & Control modules and experts trained in clinical practices, community-based surveillance, and epidemiology. Thanks in part to the quick action of the Red Cross, including your support, the outbreak was officially declared over on December 1, 2025 (the outbreak was of a different strain of Ebola than the 17th outbreak in 2026). As of November 24, 2025, **more than 230,000 people were reached through health activities and more than 78,000 through water, sanitation, and hygiene promotion activities**—helping to curb the spread of the deadly disease.



Red Cross of the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Through the IDRF, you supported the deployment of health equipment and experts to help curb the spread of Ebola in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

What is Safe and Dignified Burial?

Safe and Dignified Burials help protect families and communities during deadly disease outbreaks such as Ebola and Marburg, when traditional burial practices can spread infection. Trained Red Cross teams work closely with families to ensure burials are carried out safely, respectfully, and with full consent. Cultural and religious traditions are honoured whenever possible, while strict health measures protect loved ones and prevent further loss of life—so families can grieve with dignity, even in a crisis. In addition to the support in the DRC, your gift provided burial kits in Ethiopia during an outbreak of Marburg. This has helped the Ethiopian Red Cross Society build capacity for future outbreaks.



Corrie Butler / IFRC

Emergency: Ecuador

Floods and Oil Spill



Raziel Uranga / IFRC

Ecuador Red Cross personnel deliver safe drinking water door-to-door after heavy flooding in Esmeraldas province.

National Society: *The Ecuadorian Red Cross is a nationwide humanitarian organization working to deliver assistance across key areas such as disaster response, health and well-being, migration, and climate action. It plays a vital auxiliary role to public authorities, supporting vulnerable communities and strengthening resilience through preparedness, response and development programmes.*

In 2025, Ecuador was hit by a series of compounding emergencies, including intense rainfall causing floods and landslides across 24 provinces; a major oil spill contaminating key water sources; and a 6.1-magnitude earthquake in Esmeraldas. These events disrupted livelihoods, damaged infrastructure, and severely limited access to safe water, **affecting more than 500,000 people nationwide**. In response, the Ecuadorian Red Cross **reached more than 186,000 people** with

humanitarian assistance, including relief items, cash assistance, health services, and providing **6.3 million litres of safe drinking water**. In addition, disease prevention practices, hygiene promotion, and mosquito net distribution reduced exposure to dengue and other diseases. Your gift to the IDRF contributed to the overall IFRC emergency appeal for Ecuador, providing immediate, life-saving support and improved living conditions.

Emergency: Haiti

Population movement

National Society: *The Haitian Red Cross Society is a nationwide humanitarian organization delivering assistance across key areas such as disaster response, health and well-being, migration, and climate resilience. Haitian Red Cross Society teams support communities through emergency response, risk reduction, and community-based programs, even in complex contexts marked by insecurity and recurrent crises.*

The humanitarian crisis in Haiti is driven by escalating armed violence and insecurity in the capital of Port-au-Prince, which has **displaced more than one million people** into overcrowded and precarious sites with limited access to basic services. Thanks to you, the Canadian Red Cross contributed funds to support the response, including procuring and transporting essential relief items. This support has a special focus on people in the most

vulnerable situations, including women, children, the elderly and people living with disabilities. This included distributing **nearly 9,000 oral rehydration packets**, sanitation kits, and carrying out disinfection campaigns. In the last fiscal year, the response has improved public health, reduced exposure to disease, and strengthened resilience among displaced populations.

Emergency: Iran

Conflict

National Society: *The Iranian Red Crescent Society is the primary humanitarian organization in Iran, with a nationwide network of branches, staff and volunteers providing emergency response, health services, and relief assistance. Established in 1924, it is the only local organization in Iran with nationwide community reach and access.*



A member of the Iranian Red Crescent rescue dog team searches through rubble for survivors in June 2025.

In June 2025, the escalation of hostilities between Iran and Israel led to civilian casualties, displacement of communities, and increased pressure on health services. This humanitarian crisis created an urgent demand for medical supplies, emergency health services and relief items to support affected populations. The Iranian Red Crescent Society, with support from the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and Movement partners, led the response, mobilizing emergency medical teams, supporting evacuations, and strengthening access to care. The Iranian Red Crescent focused on procuring and distributing medical supplies and emergency relief items and coordinated logistics to ensure timely delivery

of humanitarian assistance. Thanks to you, the Canadian Red Cross contributed funds to support the response, including the **procuring and transporting of essential relief items. These items included trauma first aid kits, kitchen sets, hygiene parcels, and jerrycans.**

The 2025 response strengthened the capacity of the Iranian Red Crescent to meet the evolving humanitarian needs of people impacted by the conflict, delivering services in a highly volatile environment, no doubt helping them respond again when the conflict reignited in February 2026.

Emergency: Pakistan

Population Movement and Floods

National Society: Established in 1947 as an official auxiliary to the government, the Pakistan Red Crescent Society is the largest humanitarian organization in Pakistan with a focus on health and emergency response. With its dozens of district branches and thousands of volunteers, the Pakistan Red Crescent has an active presence nationwide.

In 2025, relentless monsoon rains and glacial floods devastated Pakistan, killing more than 800 people, displacing tens of thousands, and destroying homes and livelihoods. In addition, people in some regions of the country faced conflict and displacement, sometimes compounded by the flooding*. In partnership with the Norwegian Red Cross, the Canadian Red Cross provided funding to deliver **healthcare and winterization kits** in the most hard-hit areas. Mobile health teams delivered

primary care, maternal and child health services, psychosocial support, and referrals to ensure continuity of care. Teams of volunteers also delivered winterization kits with warm clothing to keep families comfortable during the cold winter months. Your gift ensured people affected by these crises could receive vital care and dignified support to get them through this challenging time.

*For the purposes of this report, these two operations are identified as a population movement response on page 4.



Raziel Uranga / IFRC

People receive consultations from a Pakistan Red Crescent mobile health team. Your support ensured people facing flooding and displacement received the care they needed in challenging circumstances.

Emergency: Somalia

Humanitarian Crisis

National Society: The Somali Red Crescent Society is the leading humanitarian organization in Somalia. With strong access to remote and underserved areas, they play a critical role in providing life-saving assistance to vulnerable populations affected by recurrent drought and health emergencies. With its network of static and mobile health clinics across the country, the Somali Red Crescent is a critical provider of healthcare in the country.

Prolonged drought across Somaliland has impacted an estimated 1.5 million people, limiting access to essential healthcare, especially in rural communities. With support from the Canadian Red Cross, the Somali Red Crescent Society is delivering life saving care through **five mobile clinics** and **two fixed health facilities** across six regions.

Services include primary healthcare, nutrition screening, maternal care, and disease surveillance. The operation is expected to reach approximately **84,000 people**, improving access to care, reducing preventable illness, and strengthening community resilience.



Raziel Uranga / IFRC

Somali Red Crescent Society mobile health teams—like this one in the Bari region—provide essential healthcare services to vulnerable communities. Your gift means people affected by drought and with limited access to health services can be reached with crucial primary healthcare.

Emergency: Yemen

Humanitarian Crisis

National Society: *The Yemen Red Crescent Society is an essential humanitarian organization providing response operations for both conflict-related emergencies and natural disasters throughout the country. The Yemen Red Crescent has ongoing programs to ensure access to healthcare, clean water, sanitation, safe hygiene, food security, and disaster preparedness.*

The ongoing conflict in Yemen has led to widespread displacement and has had a devastating impact on the country's health system, leading to a significant deterioration in public health outcomes. Your support to the IDRF is enhancing the health and well-being of people in Yemen by strengthening Yemen Red Crescent Society's capacity to deliver high-quality and accessible primary healthcare services. Support is primarily being provided to **two primary healthcare facilities** in Sana'a and Saada, including support to healthcare workers, providing essential medicines and medical supplies, and strengthening the referral mechanism to hospitals.



Yemen Red Crescent

Your gift is helping the Yemen Red Crescent meet the health needs of people in Yemen and supports the rehabilitation and operational costs of two primary health facilities, including procuring medical supplies and equipment. This enables Red Crescent health facilities like Al Samad Dialysis Centre to continue to provide life-saving health care to patients like young Rama, pictured here.

"I am 13 now. I have kidney failure."

As Rama plays with her friends, she looks as carefree as any 13-year-old girl should be. But without twice a week dialysis treatments from a Yemen Red Crescent supported facility, play would not be possible.

"If dialysis weren't free of charge for my child, we wouldn't even be able to afford food," says her mother. "We don't have the money to pay for dialysis twice a week."

"When I grow up, I will become a doctor to help people," Rama confidently proclaims. **Your generosity enables Rama's hope for a future career, and a brighter future for so many more people around the globe.**



Rama playing with her friends.

Yemen Red Crescent

Thank You for *Changing Lives* Across the World



Annalisa Ausilio / IFRC

Julio, a psychologist with the Cuban Red Cross, leads children through a psychosocial support session in Santiago de Cuba during a distribution of humanitarian aid.

Every single day, emergencies take place around the world that do not make the front page here in Canada. Through your generosity, you stand with the countless people impacted by these unheard crises. We are so grateful that you care.

In the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the Canadian Red Cross was able to respond quickly and with flexibility to emergencies around the world thanks to you. Many of these emergencies were overlooked, underfunded, or both. Your contributions to the **International Disaster Relief Fund** become even more critical for those emergencies.

It is because of you that the Red Cross is better equipped to tackle these crises and the accompanying key humanitarian issues such as displacement, conflict, food insecurity, health crises, and extreme weather events. From Bangladesh to Yemen and Cuba to Somalia, your solidarity with people facing crisis and deep commitment to humanitarianism has been felt across the globe.

Thank you for being a lifeline.

“I’ve seen firsthand how the generosity of donors empowers local teams to lead lifesaving responses. When you give to the International Disaster Relief Fund, you’re not just donating—you’re helping mobilize critical resources that enable communities to lead their own response.”

- **VALERIE HABOUCH**, RAPID RESPONSE MANAGER, CANADIAN RED CROSS

