



# VANCOUVER LAPU LAPU DAY FESTIVAL

## RESPONSE UPDATE

**OCTOBER 31, 2025**

People across the country were shocked and saddened by the tragic events that took place on the day of the Lapu Lapu Festival in Vancouver on Saturday, April 26, 2025, resulting in the deaths of 11 people and causing injuries to many more. The Canadian Red Cross worked closely with Filipino BC, the City of Vancouver, the Government of British Columbia and consular authorities, as well as community partners to determine how to best support those impacted by the tragic events.

At the request of Filipino BC, Red Cross teams were on site at the Resilience Centre that had been set up in Vancouver, where people and families gathered not just for support, but to reconnect, to grieve together, and to begin healing. In coordination with the Province's Disaster Psychosocial Support team, Red Cross personnel helped to support site management and provided psychosocial and well-being support to impacted individuals and families.

On May 1, 2025, the Canadian Red Cross launched the 2025 Vancouver Lapu Lapu Festival Appeal. Money raised was used to respond to the immediate and emerging needs of individuals and families and support the recovery and resiliency of communities devastated by this event.

### CANADIAN RED CROSS RESPONSE

Drawing on experience from responding to previous mass casualty events and social emergencies in Canada, the Canadian Red Cross supported the immediate needs of people directly impacted by this tragedy. Our priority was to support affected families and individuals in a manner that respected their privacy and acknowledged that no two situations were identical. This personalized support was provided in recognition that those impacted were working through recovery and closure at a different pace, with our teams remaining alongside them for support throughout. Donated funds were distributed to impacted families in honour of their lost loved ones, and to individuals who were injured and hospitalized.

To help ensure the most effective and compassionate use of donated funds, the Canadian Red Cross worked closely with representatives of impacted families, Filipino BC, the Government of British Columbia, City of Vancouver Victim Services, community groups and others with expertise in fields that support victims of crime. We also reviewed other mass casualty events in Canada, including Canadian Red Cross responses, and how subsequent financial supports and referrals were managed.

### FUND UPDATE

In total, **\$435,714 was raised** to support those impacted by the events following the Vancouver Lapu Lapu Festival. **One hundred per cent of donations received for the 2025 Vancouver Lapu Lapu Festival Appeal have been spent or committed to support the individuals, families, and communities affected by this tragedy.**

*Thank you for your support!*