



Tanzania Red Cross teams assess the humanitarian situation in Hanang town, Manyara region. Photo: TRCS.

Appeal №: <b>MDRTZ035</b>	IFRC Secretariat funding requirements: <b>CHF 3 million</b> Federation-wide funding requirements: <b>CHF 4 million<sup>1</sup></b>	
Glide №:	People affected: <b>75,000</b>	People to be assisted: <b>44,000</b>
DREF allocation: <b>CHF 600,000</b>	Appeal launched: <b>7/12/2023</b>	Appeal ends: <b>31/12/2024</b>

<sup>1</sup> The Federation-wide funding requirement encompasses all financial support to be directed to the Tanzania Red Cross Society in response to the emergency. It includes the Tanzania Red Cross Society's domestic fundraising requests and the fundraising appeals of supporting Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies (CHF 1 million), as well as the funding requirements of the IFRC Secretariat (CHF 3 million). This comprehensive approach ensures that all available resources are mobilized to address the urgent humanitarian needs of the affected communities.

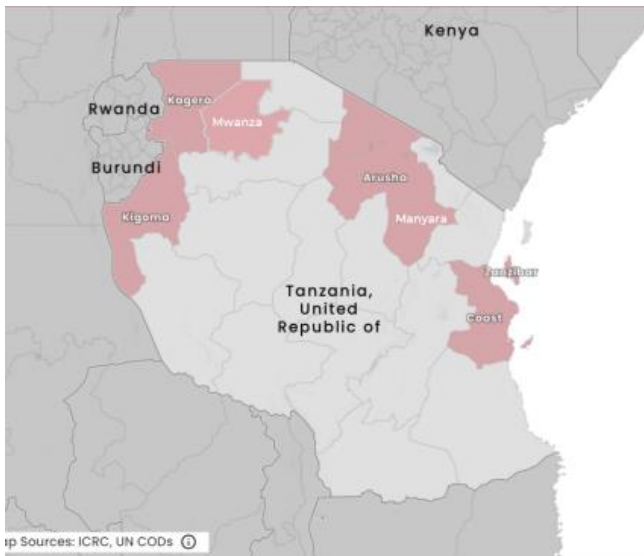


Figure 1: Flood-affected regions in Tanzania – IFRC

## SITUATION OVERVIEW

Torrential rains that began in mid-November have been bringing severe flooding to Tanzania causing numerous fatalities and destruction of infrastructure in Dar Es Salaam, Kigoma, Kagera, Geita and Unguja. On 3 December alone torrential rains caused massive landslides near Mount Hanang, Manyara region, in northern Tanzania, which affected nearly 44,000 people. The floods swept away houses, roads and bridges, killing at least 68 people killed and injuring 116. Thousands of families have lost their homes and are sheltering in public buildings and with host families. Thus far at least 1,150 households, representing 5,600 people, have been destroyed, with 750 acres of farmland inundated.

The damage and loss of life are expected to increase as the true extent of the disaster is understood and as more areas are accessed by search and rescue teams. Rescue operations are underway with the help of the military as

people are feared buried in thick mud, and the extent of mudslides has made retrieval of bodies and delivery of aid very challenging. Road access is limited, thus air transport is being used. Telecommunication has also been disrupted. Livelihoods have been severely affected, as most of the population depends on agriculture and livestock. This heightens the risk of increased food insecurity, in a country that has seen a spike in food insecurity and malnutrition in 2023 (over 60% increase).

Overall, initial estimates suggest that over 75,000 people are directly affected and in need of urgent assistance. The Tanzania Meteorological Agency estimates that over 6 million people have suffered some form of impact from the heavy rains and weather models now indicate that there is more rain due over at least in the next five days.

Tanzania Red Cross Society (TRCS) has sent disaster teams and 300 volunteers from the Manyara regional branch and surrounding branches to the affected areas to aid in search and rescue and first-aid, supporting those displaced with essential household items, food, water and sanitation. But stocks are limited and much more support is needed.

The Government has now asked TRCS to scale up their support, and they are closely coordinating with the Department of Disaster Management within the Office of the Prime Minister.

# TARGETING

This Emergency Appeal plans to reach up to 44,000 people, representing 8,800 households, to meet the immediate needs of those affected by the Mount Hanang landslides and support the wider national response to floods in other regions. Overall the priority regions are Manyara, Dar es Salaam, Kigoma, Kagera, Geita and Unguja.

People affected by the Hanang landslide need immediate emergency lifesaving support now while the situation for those displaced needs to be stabilized. And TRCS estimates that the scale of the landslide in damage done and lives lost remains is yet to be fully understood. Those displaced need essential household items, first aid, psychological first aid (PFA) food, clean water and sanitation. Target groups are vulnerable households who have lost their homes and access to livelihoods, those who have been displaced and households that are struggling to meet their basic needs.

TRCS will integrate community engagement and accountability (CEA) and protection, gender and inclusion (PGI) into all operations, to further refine targeting at the household level, with increased attention to vulnerable and most-at-risk groups. These include extended households with pregnant and lactating mothers and/or children under five; households caring for older people or people terminally ill with HIV/AIDS or other chronic conditions; child-headed or adolescent-headed households; households with specific social protection needs; people with disabilities; and internally displaced households.

TRCS is accepted in the community during emergencies and has the capacity to operate in hard-to-reach areas. They will continue to work with county governments and the national government to provide air support to affected communities, including use of drones.

## PLANNED OPERATIONS

Through this Emergency Appeal, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) aims to support TRCS in the response to the flooding and landslides. The Appeal will support TRCS to scale up lifesaving emergency response and early recovery, focusing on search and rescue; shelter; livelihoods and basic needs; and health, water and sanitation, as follows:

### Integrated assistance



#### ***Shelter and basic needs***

- Provide emergency shelter and essential household items to the most vulnerable, the displaced and those in camps through the provision of tarpaulins and tents, plus an integrated package of essential household, water-sanitation-hygiene (WASH) and health items, with instruction on their safe use.
- Additional support for families to return to their place of origin as soon as possible with shelter kits and essential household items, and/or through conditional cash support.
- Basic needs assistance in the form of food and/or multipurpose cash assistance will be provided to the most affected/vulnerable communities.

---

**Health and Care; Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)**

---

**Health and Care**

- Provide search and rescue, with first aid, and evacuate the critically ill and injured.
- Sensitize and equip TRCS volunteers and staff on key actions for emergency health and nutrition, conducting health promotion, with community-based disease and nutrition surveillance.
- TRCS will conduct community mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) sessions and will engage local community platforms, to provide psychosocial first aid (PFA).

**Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)**

- TRCS will roll out a hygiene promotion campaign to strengthen WASH knowledge and best practices, along with the targeted provision of sanitary materials for women and girls, and provision of hygiene packs.
- Sanitation support will be through promotion of hygiene and sanitation with installation of sanitation facilities in collective sites.
- TRCS will distribute WASH items and water treatment chemicals to affected households to minimize risk of waterborne diseases. During distribution of water treatment chemicals, they will sensitize communities on their proper use.
- TRCS will undertake disinfection of shallow wells and boreholes, protection and improvement of shallow wells and rehabilitation of other damaged water infrastructure. Water quality tests will also be conducted before, during and after interventions to ensure availability of safe drinking water.

---

**Protection and Prevention**


---

**Protection, Gender and Inclusion (PGI)**

- TRCS will support restoring family links (RFL) activities.
- Protection of communities, especially the most risk-exposed groups, and ensuring their safety and access to opportunities, is essential to meet the needs and rights of the most vulnerable both in emergencies and throughout the recovery.
- TRCS will continue to ensure targeting based on PGI minimum standards in emergencies through all sectors. Safe and equitable provision of services will be provided with consideration of needs based on gender and other diversity factors, and on data disaggregated by sex, age and disability.
- Further development of community-based information and education initiatives and materials on violence, including discrimination, exclusion, sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) and child protection; and develop individuals' abilities to address them.




**Community Engagement and Accountability (CEA)**

- TRCS is committed to ensuring that CEA is mainstreamed throughout the response, to ensure active and meaningful participation of the affected communities and closure of the feedback loop. This will be done by committing to upholding the highest principles of transparency and accountability, ensuring that all stakeholders, particularly affected communities, are actively engaged and involved throughout the process.
- Establish and utilize feedback desks during outreach, staffed by CEA focal persons. Conduct monthly community-level meetings to understand progress and views of the community on the response.

	<p><b>Risk Reduction</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operations will contribute to disaster preparedness through mobilization of communities to conduct risk assessments for prevalent risks and provide mitigation strategies. Support communities' resilience in the identification of risks and plans of action for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) by conducting community-led vulnerability and risk assessments. These will also be used to support sustainability and linkages to longer-term development programming. Support will be provided to organizational contingency planning response and coordination planning with national and regional authorities and stakeholders.</li> </ul>
---	---

## Enabling approaches

The sectors outlined above will be supported and enhanced by the following enabling approaches:

	<p><b>Coordination and partnerships</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitate engagement and coordination with partner National Societies and ICRC in the design of the response, leveraging the expertise and resources available through a Red Pillar approach, and ensuring alignment with relevant external actors, including the government's policies and programmes, development actors, United Nations agencies and non-governmental organizations (NGOs).</li> <li>• Connect the response with existing government-led mechanisms for climate and drought, social safety nets and food security, emphasizing the auxiliary role of TRCS.</li> <li>• Implement a robust humanitarian diplomacy and communication plan, with appropriate linkages to national, pan-African and international climate and humanitarian policies.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>IFRC Secretariat services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IFRC will facilitate an effective Federation-wide response, with support from the Juba Cluster Delegation and Africa Regional Office.</li> <li>• Human Resources; Planning, Monitoring, Evaluation, and Reporting (PMER); Information Technology (IT); Information Management (IM); Logistics; Finance and Administration; Communications and Advocacy; Security; and Resource Mobilization.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>National Society Strengthening</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthening of TRCS's response systems at national headquarters, regional and county levels, including capacity development for Emergency Operations Centre (EOC), fleet and warehouse, as well as financial management.</li> <li>• TRCS will also strengthen the capacity of staff and volunteers for risk reduction and climate adaptation.</li> <li>• Volunteer duty of care will be emphasized through appropriate management services, provision of personal protective equipment (PPE), training and accident insurance.</li> <li>• Capacity building for youth and volunteers to ensure that they play their role in providing humanitarian assistance under good governance and youth leadership.</li> <li>• Finalize the Preparedness for Effective Response cycle that started mid-2023, with the definition of an action plan.</li> </ul>

The planned response reflects the current situation and is based on the information available at the time of this Emergency Appeal. Details will be updated through the Operational Strategy, to be released in the coming days. The Operational Strategy will also provide further details on the Federation-wide Approach, which includes response activities of all contributing Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies, and the Federation-wide funding requirement.

After 31 December 2024, response activities for this disaster will continue under the [IFRC Network Tanzania Country Plan](#) for 2025. The IFRC Network Country Plans show an integrated view of ongoing emergency responses and longer-term programming tailored to the needs in the country, as well as a Federation-wide view of the country's action. This aims to streamline activities under one plan, while still ensuring that the needs of those affected by the disaster are met in an accountable and transparent way. Information will be shared in due time, should there be a need for an extension of the crisis-specific response beyond the above-mentioned timeframe.

## RED CROSS RED CRESCENT FOOTPRINT IN COUNTRY

### Tanzania Red Cross

Core areas of operation	
Branches	<b>31</b>
Staff	<b>158</b>
Volunteers	<b>323,393</b>

### Tanzania Red Cross Society (TRCS)

Headquartered in Dar es Salaam, TRCS has over 300,000 registered members and volunteers working through 31 branch offices across the country. Each of these branches covers at least three districts. For branch governance, leadership is selected from sub-branches, and from regional branches the national-level. The National Society President heads the national governance leadership.

Management is divided into departments and supporting units to execute day-to-day functions. There are currently five departments: Organizational Development, Health Services, Disaster and Risk Management, Finance and Resource Mobilization, Human Resources, and Administration. These departments discharge their duties under the leadership of the Secretary-General.

The National Society has updated policy documents and management systems for: Human Resources; Finance; Logistics; Information and Communication; Compliance and Risk Management; Gender Equality; Disaster Management; Child Safeguarding; Fraud and Corruption Prevention and Control; Volunteer, Youth and Code of Conduct, all to ensure standardized and equitable services to vulnerable people.

### IFRC membership coordination

The IFRC Secretariat plays an essential role in ensuring effective coordination across the Movement, through the IFRC Juba Country Cluster Delegation. Spanish Red Cross and Finish Red Cross are working in-country, located at TRCS headquarters implementing early warning programming, WASH, first aid (FA) and Reproductive, Maternal and Child Health (RMCH) projects. They have been briefed on the current situation and TRCS has approached them to support implementation.

The National Society will develop one response plan, and a Federation-wide approach to resourcing and implementation will be adopted. IFRC will emphasize building a holistic approach to programming, reporting, risk management, information management, external communications, resource mobilization and peer-to-peer exchange between National Societies. A more comprehensive Federation-wide picture will be provided in the upcoming Operational Strategy document.

### **Red Cross Red Crescent Movement coordination**

In this response, both the IFRC and ICRC are providing advice on overall safety and security support to Movement partners. The IFRC Country Cluster Delegation is in regular coordination with the ICRC Country Delegation. Regular meetings are held to make sure there is strong coordination and effective technical support to the TRCS, and complementarity, as well as to ensure a harmonised response plan.

ICRC has mission offices in Dar es Salaam and Kibondo, where it supports restoring family links (RFL) activities in the refugee camps and western corridor. The head mission and TRCS Secretary General are discussing providing technical support through deployment of their in-country general field officer as well. This officer will support general field-level coordination in conjunction with the IFRC disaster management delegate.

### **External coordination**

TRCS is guided by the Tanzania National Disaster Risk Reduction Strategy 2022 - 2027, National Disaster Communication Strategy (TDCS) of 2022, National Disaster Preparedness and Response Plan 2022, and District Emergency Preparedness and Response Plans, to ensure coordination during the response. It has analysed and mapped stakeholders who will be involved in disaster risk management with their roles and responsibilities according to the El Niño Contingency Plan 2023. Currently the response is coordinated at regional and district levels, chaired by a regional commissioner at the regional level and district commissioner at district level. TRCS is taking the lead on supporting distribution of non-food items (NFIs), search and rescue, psychosocial support to affected people in evacuation centres, provision of first aid to injured people as well as hygiene awareness.

## Contact information

For further information, specifically related to this operation please contact:

### At Tanzania Red Cross Society

- **Secretary General:** Lucia Pande, Email: [secretarygeneral@trcs.or.tz](mailto:secretarygeneral@trcs.or.tz); Tel: (+255) 0765444497

### At IFRC

- **IFRC Country Cluster Delegation:** Papa Moussa Tall, Head of Country Cluster Delegation, Email: [papemoussa.tall@ifrc.org](mailto:papemoussa.tall@ifrc.org), Tel: +211912179511
- **IFRC Regional Office:** Rui Alberto Oliveira, Manager, Preparedness and Response Africa - Disaster and Climate Crises, Email: [rui.oliveira@ifrc.org](mailto:rui.oliveira@ifrc.org), Tel: +254 780 422276
- **IFRC Geneva:** Santiago Luengo, Senior Officer, Operations Coordination, Email: [santiago.luengo@ifrc.org](mailto:santiago.luengo@ifrc.org), Tel: +41 79 124 4052

### For IFRC Resource Mobilization and Pledge support:

- **IFRC Regional Office for Africa:** Louise Daintrey, Head of Strategic Engagement and Partnerships; Email: [Louise.daintrey@ifrc.org](mailto:Louise.daintrey@ifrc.org), Tel: +254 110 843 978

### For in-kind donations and Mobilization table support:

- **Regional Head Corporate Services, Africa Region -** Amelia Marzal, Email: [amelia.marzal@ifrc.org](mailto:amelia.marzal@ifrc.org), Tel: +254 0110901576

### For Performance and Accountability support (planning, monitoring, evaluation, and reporting enquiries)

- **IFRC Regional Office for Africa** Beatrice Okeyo, Regional Head of PMER & QA, Email: [beatrice.okeyo@ifrc.org](mailto:beatrice.okeyo@ifrc.org), Tel: +254732 404022

#### Reference



Click [here](#) for:

- Link to IFRC Emergency landing page