

IN SUPPORT OF THE LEBANESE RED CROSS




34
National Society
branches



204
National Society
local units










12,000
National Society
volunteers



400
National Society
staff

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

in Swiss francs (CHF)



Country	Funding Requirement		60.9M
IFRC Secretariat	Longer-term Funding Requirement		10M
	Funding		1.6M
	Expenditure		225,000
Participating National Societies	Funding Requirement		21.2M
	Funding		9.2M
	Expenditure		3.3M
HNS other funding sources	Funding Requirement		29.7M
	Funding		<i>Not reported</i>

Lebanese Red Cross

Overview

Funding		43M
Expenditure		<i>Not reported</i>

Funding Sources

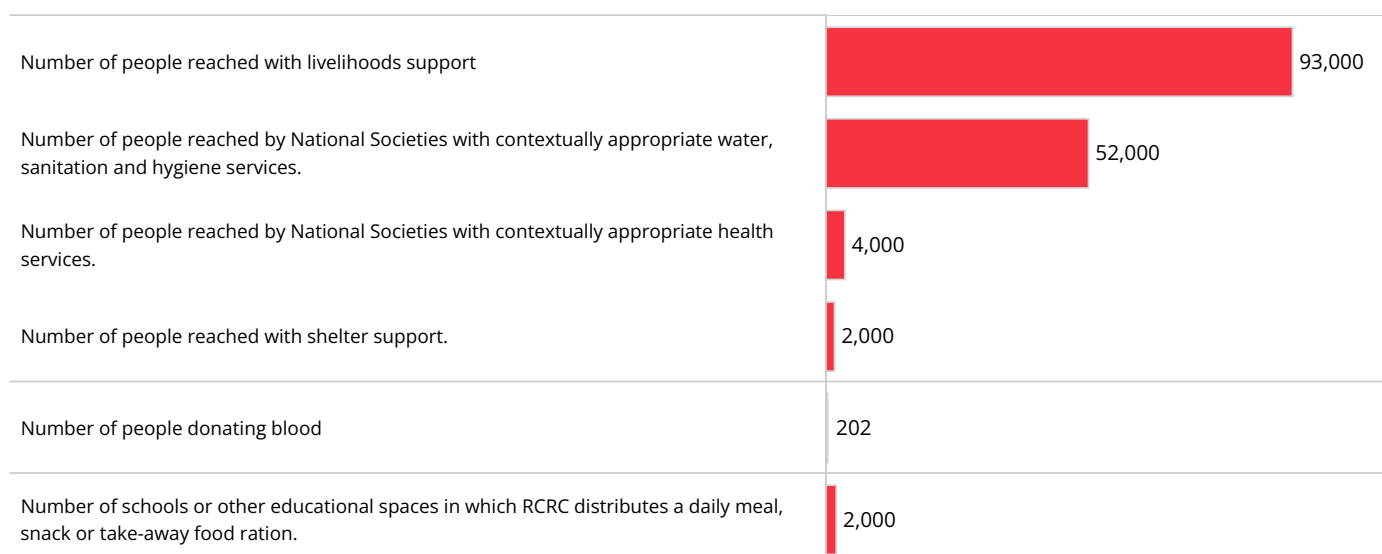
IFRC Secretariat		3M
Participating National Societies		
HNS other funding sources		<i>Not reported</i>

Appeal number **MGRLB001**

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

ONGOING EMERGENCY INDICATORS

MDRLB015 / Complex Emergency Crises



IFRC NETWORK SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

National Society	Funding Reported	Bilateral Support					Enabling Functions
		Climate and environment	Disasters and crises	Health and wellbeing	Migration and displacement	Values, power and inclusion	
Austrian Red Cross				●			
British Red Cross			●				
Danish Red Cross	6.5M		●	●		●	
French Red Cross		●		●			
German Red Cross		●	●	●			
Italian Red Cross	194,000						
Japanese Red Cross	410,000						
Japanese Red Cross Society				●			
Netherlands Red Cross	1.5M						
Norwegian Red Cross	4.1M	●		●			
Qatar Red Crescent Society			●	●	●		
Spanish Red Cross				●			
Swedish Red Cross	1.3M						

Total Funding Reported **CHF 14.2M**

OVERALL PROGRESS

Context

Lebanon's existing complex humanitarian crisis has been further intensified by the repercussions of the [Gaza war](#) that has affected the country since 8 October 2023. The ongoing conflict has introduced heightened security concerns, creating a precarious environment that poses threats to the population's safety and stability of the nation. Since late 2019, Lebanon has been facing an evolving complex humanitarian crisis since late 2019, generating urgent, widespread and growing needs for assistance and protection. The devastating [Beirut port explosions](#) that occurred on 4 August 2020 compounded an ongoing economic crisis made worse by the COVID-19 pandemic. Notwithstanding such dire conditions, the country still hosts the [highest per capita number of refugees](#) worldwide. These conditions have made the road to recovery and resilience a challenging one on multiple fronts.

[According to the World Bank](#), Lebanon's socioeconomic collapse has spiralled into one of the top three most severe economic crises the world has seen since the 1850s. Over 80 per cent of people in Lebanon are [living in multidimensional poverty](#), which reflects deprivation across areas including healthcare, electricity, water, sanitation, transportation, connectivity and means of income. This represents a doubling of the multidimensional poverty rate from 2019.

The accessibility and quality of healthcare have become particularly concerning. Lebanon's healthcare system is struggling to recover from the stress of the COVID-19 pandemic and prepare for future threats while the economic crisis continues to spiral. It has become more difficult to source previously subsidized medication; providers have had to cut operations due to reduced fuel, supplies and human resources (the World Health Organization (WHO) [estimated](#) in 2021 that 40 per cent of doctors had left the country). According to the latest [multisector needs assessment](#) commissioned by the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), 71 per cent of Lebanese households and 74 per cent of Palestinian households in-country said they had been unable to afford medical treatment in the previous three months.

Economically, Lebanon faces increased strain as the Gaza war contributes to disruptions in trade, heightened financial pressures and additional challenges for critical sectors. The hostile environment diverts attention and resources away from addressing long-term priorities, hindering the nation's ability to navigate and recover from the interconnected crises it currently faces.

Key achievements

Climate and environment

In the first half of 2024, the Lebanese Red Cross worked on strengthening its climate resilience efforts through its partnership with the Ministry of Environment. It worked on scaling up climate-smart disaster risk reduction, implemented sustainable energy solutions and expanded the use of [renewable energy](#) in its facilities to ensure business continuity. The National Society also focused on climate adaptation, building awareness and capacity in communities, youth and volunteers, while integrating climate programming across its activities.

Disasters and crises

During this reporting period, the Lebanese Red Cross led disaster response efforts, addressing the complex humanitarian crisis in Lebanon. It focused on meeting basic needs, promoting sustainable recovery, and maintaining a people-centred approach, with key programmes in cash and voucher assistance ([CVA](#)), shelter, water, sanitation and hygiene ([WASH](#)) and economic security. The National Society also worked on disaster risk reduction, advancing anticipatory action, and enhancing its response capacity through the preparedness approach.

Health and wellbeing

The Lebanese Red Cross continues to provide critical health and WASH services across Lebanon. The National Society continues to work on providing emergency medical services offer such as pre-hospital care and patient transport via a nationwide hotline in times of crisis. It offers safe blood products for hospitals and tackles disease vulnerability by

implementing health infrastructure projects under WASH. The National Society has distributed hygiene kits and has promoted hygiene with a focus on sustainability across communities, schools and healthcare facilities.

Migration and displacement

In this reporting period, the Lebanese Red Cross provided services to refugees and vulnerable migrant populations, coordinating with other humanitarian actors to support Syrian refugees in informal tented settlements. Through the [IFRC Global Route-based Migration Programme](#), the National Society is working to improve safety and dignity for people along dangerous migration routes.

Values, power and inclusion

The Lebanese Red Cross has integrated protection, gender and inclusion (PGI) across its programme. It focuses on psychosocial support for vulnerable groups and has a PGI focal points across programmes. The National Society has focused on psychosocial support and is also enhancing its [community engagement and accountability](#) efforts and feedback mechanisms. The National Society promoted humanitarian through various engagement sessions with its youth sector.

Enabling local actors

The Lebanese Red Cross continues to prioritize branch-level financial sustainability by integrating branches into a digital fundraising system and improving local volunteer management. It builds on district-level community assessments to better understand and address community needs. The National Society is also working to strengthen its role as an advocate, particularly for cash assistance in US dollars instead of the devalued local currency.

To enhance transparency and accountability, the Lebanese Red Cross is improving public communications through social media, its website, and direct channels. The National Society is working to bolster its advocacy efforts on key humanitarian issues while increasing public trust through open and clear communication.

IFRC NETWORK ACTION

ONGOING EMERGENCY RESPONSE

For real-time information on IFRC emergencies, visit IFRC GO page [Lebanon](#)

Emergency Appeal name	Middle East Crisis MENA
IFRC Emergency Appeal code	MDRS5002
People to be assisted	87,500 (Inside Lebanon)
Duration	14 months (18/10/2023 to 31/12/2024)
Funding requirements	Federation-wide funding requirements: CHF 100 million IFRC Secretariat funding requirements: CHF 86 million Federation-wide funding requirement for Lebanon: CHF 13,000,000 million IFRC Secretariat funding requirement for Lebanon: CHF 10,000,000 million
Link to Emergency Appeal	Middle East Crisis MENA
Link to Operational Strategy	Revised Operational Strategy
Latest operations update	Operations Update No. 1

Since October 7, 2023, hostilities in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank have intensified to unprecedented levels. Humanitarian needs in the occupied Palestinian territories (oPt) are immense, and the situation is rapidly deteriorating, affecting social and economic stability, security, and aid channels in Gaza and neighbouring countries. Although the situation in each of the surrounding countries vary, most National Societies have undertaken significant response and response preparedness activities while providing essential logistical support and integrated services where needed.

Lebanon's southern border has been the scene of continued conflict since October, leading to internal displacement of people in the south and elsewhere within the country. Cross-border tensions between Lebanon and Israel persist, with Israel launching targeted strikes on military sites. The tensions have further escalated, with Israeli strikes reaching deeper into Lebanon, and several Lebanese civilians being killed. Despite continued attempts at mediation, there is little evidence supporting the likelihood of a rapid de-escalation. An estimated 97 percent of internally displaced people (IDPs) come from Bent Jbeil, Marjayoun and Tyre districts and have relocated to the districts of Tyre, El Nabatieh and Saida.

Short description of the emergency operational strategy

The operational strategy aims to prepare for and respond to humanitarian needs of people affected in the countries surrounding the occupied Palestinian territories, namely Egypt, Lebanon, Syria and Jordan, especially in supplying humanitarian assistance to Gaza through the Egyptian and Jordanian corridors, and to support Palestinians who have been evacuated for medical support with their families. This will be done by increasing the supply chain capacities in Egypt and Jordan, as well as the readiness of each of the four National Societies—including the Lebanese Red Cross—to ensure that they can respond to potentially increased humanitarian needs. The operation will ensure that the Lebanese Red Cross has the readiness and response capacity to provide integrated assistance, including leveraging its core mandates and capacities especially in health and care, relief and protection.

For the period covering [October 2023 to March 2024](#), the Lebanese Red Cross took proactive measures to bolster its capacities for effective preparedness and response. The National Society expanded the operation of its emergency medical services by deploying additional teams in conflict-prone regions south of the Litani River. Its blood transfusion services sector maintained operational readiness across all centres and headquarters and ensured a consistent presence of approximately 48 personnel at the sites. Through its medico-social sector, disaster management sector, and its disaster risk reduction unit, the Lebanese Red Cross provided WASH services, shelter, cash and voucher assistance (CVA) as well as food security and livelihoods. The National Society's response plan included activities to enhance coordination and partnerships, migration and displacement (restoring family links) services as well as protection and prevention services provided to evacuees and displaced people. Lebanon's initial funding allocation under this appeal was set at CHF 6 million, aimed at addressing the immediate and urgent needs stemming from the crisis.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Climate and environment

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Lebanese Red Cross is working with the Ministry of Environment through a Memorandum of Understanding and is a signatory to the global Climate and Environment Charter for humanitarian organizations. As part of the [IFRC Global Climate Resilience Programme](#), the Lebanese Red Cross is working to scale up locally led climate-smart disaster risk reduction and adaptation efforts to reduce the impact of climate-related disasters and build community climate resilience.

The Lebanese Red Cross is working to implement climate adaptation approaches, including awareness building, training and capacity building for communities, youth and volunteers. It implements sustainable energy solutions, expanding its use of renewable, clean energy in its facilities and ensures business continuity in the face of energy

shortages and works to reduce carbon emissions. The National Society is also integrating climate programming into its activities and is working to increase education and awareness-raising among the Lebanese Red Cross youth sector.

IFRC network joint support

The **IFRC** provides both technical and financial support to the Lebanese Red Cross in implementing its programmes under climate and environment.

The **Austrian Red Cross**, the **Japanese Red Cross Society**, the **Netherlands Red Cross** and the **Norwegian Red Cross** have supported the National Society on environmental sustainability as part of their WASH programming.



Disasters and crises

For real-time information on emergencies, visit IFRC GO page [Lebanon](#).

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Lebanese Red Cross is a major responder to disasters and crises that occur in Lebanon. In 2023 alone, the Lebanese Red Cross conducted operations related to the complex humanitarian crisis, severe weather, civil unrest, conflict preparedness and Middle East complex emergency crisis. The National Society aims to meet the basic needs of people affected by disasters and emergencies through a timely and effective response. It also aims to contribute to sustainable recovery from disasters, emergencies, and crises. This is grounded in a people-centred approach that upholds the dignity of individuals affected by and at risk of these events. Key programmes include economic security, which comprises cash and voucher assistance ([CVA](#)), shelter and settlement, and water, sanitation and hygiene ([WASH](#)).

The Lebanese Red Cross is also working on disaster risk reduction, taking a community-based approach with an urban lens. It seeks to continue developing anticipatory action and forecast-based financing. The National Society works to bolster its readiness and capacity to respond to impending disasters swiftly and effectively, using the IFRC preparedness for effective response ([PER](#)) approach. The National Society envisions establishing a regional centre of excellence for effective response preparedness, not only to disseminate its own preparedness experiences and lessons but also to compile and analyze lessons and best practices from the broader Red Cross Red Crescent Movement. This collective knowledge-sharing approach aims to strengthen institutional learning and response to crises and emergencies.

IFRC network joint support

The Lebanese Red Cross is part of the global [Pilot Programmatic Partnership](#) (PPP) between the IFRC and the Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (DG ECHO), with implementation support from the IFRC, the German Red Cross and the Norwegian Red Cross. The Lebanese Red Cross was supported in implementing activities in disaster risk management. Under the disaster risk management pillar, the focus has been on local disaster risk management structures, particularly emergency operation rooms and community emergency response teams.

The **British Red Cross** is supporting the National Society in disaster management infrastructure and its funding supports the establishment and enhancement of 16 disaster management centres, ensuring that these centres meet the minimum standards required for effective response. This includes providing essential equipment and IT infrastructure, enabling these centres to respond efficiently and swiftly to emergencies and crises.

The **Danish Red Cross** is channelling emergency funds to bolster community capacities in disaster management. It is committed to extending livelihood projects for small businesses and launching resilience programmes for children and youth.

The **German Red Cross** supports the National Society in areas such as disaster risk reduction, focusing on economic security, training path support and anticipation. The work includes community-based disaster risk management and disaster preparedness, as well as institutional preparedness through the development of fast-track procedures. The German Red Cross also supports the anticipation over reaction initiative and the development of simplified early action protocols.



Progress by National Society in emergency health service

The Lebanese Red Cross runs major health and water, sanitation and hygiene ([WASH](#)) services in Lebanon. Its emergency medical services provide life-saving services for Lebanon's communities by ensuring access to effective and free pre-hospital emergency care and transportation. The critical service provided by the EMS is delivered through a nationwide toll-free medical emergency hotline. The core mission of the EMS is to save lives by offering comprehensive pre-hospital emergency care, high-risk patient transport, non-urgent patient transport, and patient care at both station and home settings.

The Lebanese Red Cross provides blood transfusion services under the auspices of the Ministry of Public Health to ensure the availability of safe blood products for patients across Lebanon. With 13 centres distributed throughout the country, the National Society's blood transfusion services are responsible for collecting, testing, preparing and distributing blood components to hospitals at no cost. The National Society will continue to deliver service to patients requiring blood products, all while adhering to rigorous safety and quality standards in accordance with Association for the Advancement of Blood and Biotherapies' guidelines in the Ministry of Public Health's transfusion practices.

The Lebanese Red Cross interventions under water, sanitation and hygiene ([WASH](#)) are critical in reducing vulnerability of communities to WASH-related diseases. The National Society implemented a multi-sectoral approach with support from the IFRC Disaster Response Emergency Fund ([DREF](#)) which included case identification, responding to suspected and confirmed cases, clinical waste disposal, and cleaning and disinfecting in accordance with National Society protocols. Its WASH interventions range from WASH infrastructure and hygiene kits distribution to hygiene promotion. The Lebanese Red Cross privileges environmentally sustainable approaches, and targets various institutions, including primary healthcare facilities, school, informal tented settlements, and host communities.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC is coordinating with the Government of Japan on a prospective project for humanitarian assistance for healthcare in Lebanon, as a collaborative endeavour to be jointly implemented by the Lebanese Red Cross and the Palestine Red Crescent Lebanon branch. Its primary objective is to address the pressing healthcare needs that have arisen in response to Lebanon's multifaceted humanitarian crisis.

The **Austrian Red Cross** supports WASH initiatives in public schools and informal tented settlements. Its primary focus lies in menstrual hygiene management and fostering community engagement.

The **Canadian Red Cross Society** is committed to offering monitoring and evaluation support and technical expertise in the health sector for the Lebanese Red Cross.

The **Danish Red Cross** will continue its international procurement for medicines and will jointly develop National Society training materials.

The **Japanese Red Cross Society** plans to continue deploying medical delegates to assist the medical staff at hospitals of the Palestine Red Crescent Lebanon branch. They will also provide capacity building for the hospital staff.

The **Netherlands Red Cross** has outlined its support plan for Syrian refugees and vulnerable Lebanese communities in Akkar, which encompasses WASH, food parcels, and emergency medical services.

The **Spanish Red Cross** offers essential analysis materials to the blood transfusion services and supports medical social services. Its initiatives will be tailored to ensure access to quality healthcare services to people irrespective of their circumstances.



Palestine Red Crescent Society Lebanon branch staff at Al Hamshari Hospital in Sidon, Lebanon, preparing for potential crises amidst escalating violence. (Photo: IFRC)



Migration and displacement

Progress by National Society against objectives

The Lebanese Red Cross works with refugee and migrant populations in the implementation of its programmes and projects and aims to ensure that its services reach all those in need. The National Society coordinates its support to Syrian refugees in informal tented settlements with other humanitarian actors through existing mechanisms to avoid duplication of service provision and to maximize nationwide coverage. It is also a part of the IFRC three-year [Global Route-based Migration Programme](#), which aims to improve the safety and dignity of people on the move along deadly and dangerous land and sea-based migration routes across Africa, the Americas, Europe, the Middle East and North Africa. The programme aims to support 4.7 million people on the move and people in host communities annually through three operational pillars: improving access to assistance and protection, including through humanitarian service points ([HSP](#)), strengthening National Society capacities, and local to global humanitarian diplomacy.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supports the Lebanese Red Cross to build its capacity for migration activities. It supports the training of National Society staff and volunteers on how to assess, understand and respond to the needs of the migrants, displaced persons, and host communities.

The **Netherlands Red Cross** supported the Lebanese Red Cross to assist Syrian refugees and vulnerable Lebanese communities in Akkar with WASH, food parcels, and emergency medical services until February 2024.

The **Qatar Red Crescent** supports the Lebanese Red Cross in disaster management, health, and migration which will continue in 2024 and 2025.

The ICRC provides support to the National Society's [restoring family links](#) and dead bodies' management initiatives.



Values, power and inclusion

Progress by National Society against objectives

The Lebanese Red Cross has made Protection, Gender and Inclusion (PGI) a cross-cutting theme in its Strategy 2022-2024. The National Society plans to implement robust policies and procedures related to protection from sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA), fraud and whistleblower protection. The National Society's psychosocial support programme specially focuses on vulnerable groups, in addition to Lebanese Red Cross volunteers and staff.

The National Society has a dedicated PGI focal points within its psychosocial support team which operates across programmes. It has also developed a roadmap for community engagement and accountability (CEA) and is improving the use of its hotline to receive feedback and complaints. Additionally, the National Society's youth sector implements humanitarian values and principles programming, which aims to disseminate knowledge about the Movement principles among youth and young adults through various engagement sessions, using tools such as youth as agents of behavioural change (YABC).

The Palestine Red Crescent Lebanon Branch uses satisfaction forms and satisfaction surveys managed by its quality officers to measure patient experience and feedback. Quality officers are responsible for following up on feedback and tracking resolutions.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provides support to the Lebanese Red Cross and the Palestine Red Crescent Lebanon branch through dedicated PGI and CEA focal points, offering tailored support to National Societies in the Middle East and North Africa region. One focus of the IFRC is the mainstreaming of PGI minimum standards for protection, gender and inclusion across emergency operations.

The **Danish Red Cross** is committed to supporting the Lebanese Red Cross with the development and enhancement of the mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) and PGI framework. This includes establishing clear objectives, integrating monitoring and evaluation mechanisms, and ensuring the quality of MHPSS and PGI activities through comprehensive manuals and tools. Additionally, the Danish Red Cross facilitates safe and unified referral systems for specialized MHPSS and PGI services.

ENABLING LOCAL ACTORS



Strategic and operational coordination

Progress by the National Society against objectives

IFRC membership coordination

IFRC membership coordination involves working with member National Societies to assess the humanitarian context, humanitarian situations and needs; agreeing on common priorities; jointly developing common strategies to address issues such as obtaining greater humanitarian access, acceptance and space; mobilizing funding and other resources; clarifying consistent public messaging; and monitoring progress. This also means ensuring that strategies and programmes in support of people in need, incorporate clarity of humanitarian action, links with development assistance, and efforts to reinforce National Societies in their respective countries, including through their auxiliary role.

The Lebanese Red Cross is part of the global Pilot Programmatic Partnership (PPP) between the European Commission's Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (DG ECHO) and the IFRC. This partnership benefits from the implementation support of the German Red Cross as the lead EU National Society, as

well as the Norwegian Red Cross, and coordination support from the IFRC. This coordination revolves around the three pillars which are disaster risk management, epidemic and pandemic preparedness and response, and community engagement and accountability (CEA).

The Lebanese Red Cross receives support from the **Austrian Red Cross, British Red Cross, Canadian Red Cross, Danish Red Cross, French Red Cross, German Red Cross, Japanese Red Cross Society, Netherlands Red Cross, Norwegian Red Cross, Spanish Red Cross, Swedish Red Cross**, and the **Swiss Red Cross**.

Movement coordination

The Lebanese Red Cross ensures regular exchanges with the IFRC, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) 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](#).

The ICRC works in close cooperation with the Lebanese Red Cross and the Palestine Red Crescent Society Lebanon branch, assisting and protecting civilians affected by armed conflict. The ICRC supports the National Society in Lebanon across several operations areas including health services, water, sanitation and hygiene, shelter and livelihoods, and cross-cutting themes related to migration, such as restoring family links. The ICRC also provides support on organization development priorities, including the Safer Access framework.

External coordination

The Lebanese Red Cross coordinates its support to Syrian refugees in informal tented settlements with other humanitarian actors through existing mechanisms. The water sector in Lebanon is coordinated by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and with the presence of the main actors in-country. During the initial influx of refugees, the informal tented settlements were divided amongst the main actors to avoid any duplication of service provision and maximize nationwide coverage.

The IFRC is coordinating efforts with the Government of Japan regarding a potential project designed to provide support to the Lebanese Red Cross. This project, known as the "Humanitarian Assistance for Healthcare in Lebanon," is a collaborative endeavour being jointly implemented by the Lebanese Red Cross and the Palestinian Red Crescent Society - Lebanon Branch. Its primary objective is to address the pressing healthcare needs that have arisen in response to Lebanon's multifaceted humanitarian crisis.

The Lebanese Red Cross coordinates with the UN Humanitarian Country Team, led by the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA). During emergencies, the Lebanese Red Cross and the IFRC actively engage in inter-agency coordination mechanisms and cluster working groups that cover basic assistance, water, sanitation and hygiene, shelter, logistics, cash and others. The National Society took a leading role in the Multi-Sector Needs Assessment process in the aftermath of the Beirut port explosion, in coordination with UNHCR and OCHA, and with the participation of other shelter sector partners. The National Society manages several partnerships with UN agencies, including United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).



National Society Development

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The National Society is focusing on supporting the financial sustainability of the branches through the connection of the branches into a digital fundraising system, supporting volunteer management at the branch level to increase the scope of volunteering locally. It builds on the success of the district-level local community assessment to assist the branches in understanding the needs of the communities that it serves while meeting the community's highest priority needs.

IFRC network joint support

The **IFRC** is supporting the Lebanese Red Cross in actively driving forward the localization agenda, aiming to strategically empower the National Society. A key element of this strategy involves collaborating through the IFRC National Society Investment Alliance (NSIA), a joint initiative funded in partnership with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

The **British Red Cross** is supporting two of Lebanese Red Cross warehouses to ensure compliance with minimum standards, thereby enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of disaster management operations. Furthermore, it is actively involved in training volunteers on disaster management framework and its three-pillar programme.

The **Danish Red Cross** is providing essential technical support to the Lebanese Red Cross, in addition to the planning unit. It supports the mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) strategy and the peer support programme.

The **Norwegian Red Cross** provides targeted support in organizational development.

The **Spanish Red Cross** is providing personnel coverage and technical support, particularly in the area of persons living with disabilities and solar panel utilization. These efforts are instrumental in enhancing the quality and accessibility of services.

The **Swedish Red Cross** is initiating measures to strengthen the financial capacity and planning, monitoring, evaluation, and reporting (PMER) support. This commitment works towards ensuring efficient resource management and effective project oversight.



Humanitarian diplomacy

Progress of the National Society against objectives

The Lebanese Red Cross is working to position itself as an advocate on several humanitarian issues, including the provision of cash assistance in US dollars rather than the devalued local currency following the port of Beirut explosion. The National Society also seeks to improve communications with the public and strengthen its transparency and accountability through social media channels, its website, and direct communications.

IFRC network joint support

The **IFRC** continues to promote a stronger positioning of the Lebanese Red Cross and the Palestine Red Crescent Lebanon branch. The IFRC will work to facilitate engagements for the Lebanese Red Cross, in addition to advocacy and fundraising events in which the National Society's strategy documents are presented.



Accountability and agility (cross-cutting)

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Lebanese Red Cross has pledged to publish both audited annual and emergency response financial statements to provide its stakeholders with a clear view of the organization's financial activities and to ensure that resources are used efficiently and effectively. The National Society has outlined a comprehensive plan of action, encompassing various initiatives to enhance its operational effectiveness and the well-being of its volunteers and staff. These include:

- Providing all volunteers and staff with access to a peer support system to enhance the overall well-being of its members
- Ensuring that 70 per cent of volunteers leaving the Lebanese Red Cross participate in a formal exit interview to gather valuable feedback and insights from departing volunteers
- Rolling out the MOTI (a leadership and motivation learning system) motivation survey in 50 per cent of its volunteer centres
- Ensuring that at least 50 per cent of local branches actively participate in the Individual Giving programme

- Ensuring that at least 50 per cent of branches produce consolidated annual plans, budgets, financial, and narrative reports according to national standards
- Implementing robust policies and procedures related to Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA), fraud, and whistleblower protection, aligning with best practices in these areas
- Ensuring that 100 per cent of internal and external complaints received at all levels are collected, logged, processed, and systematically addressed by a centralized unit
- Operational sectors aim to disseminate and implement clear minimum training standards for volunteers and staff at all levels
- Developing and implementing a Lebanese Red Cross competency framework, providing a structured approach to skills development and performance assessment
- Integrating 100 per cent of staff into the new performance management system to ensure that employees' performance is effectively monitored and aligned with organizational goals

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC continues to support the Lebanese Red Cross in maintaining security assessments and plans across all operational areas, upholding risk registers and business continuity plans, and conducting financial audits while implementing their recommendations.



The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) 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 30 June 2024. However, due to the diversity of the IFRC and differences in fiscal years, this coverage may not fully align for some National Societies. Mid-year reporting data may have been based on estimations, with plans to submit more robust numbers at the annual reporting stage.
- **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 light 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".
- **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) and 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.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- [Lebanon IFRC Mid-Year 2024 Financial Report](#)
- [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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