



Overview

IFRC support to Honduran Red Cross

“Working to achieve and maintain an organization that consistently delivers, through volunteers and staff, relevant countrywide services to vulnerable people sustained for as long as needed, and that contributes to the strength of the IFRC Network and the Movement.”

The IFRC has supported the National Society in addressing key humanitarian challenges and trends, ensuring its relevant and influential role in the country by raising humanitarian and development standards, promoting standardization of processes, developing guidelines and fostering learning exchanges. The establishment of the IFRC Central America Country Cluster Delegation has enabled close collaboration between the IFRC and the Honduran Red Cross (HRC).

Considering the increasing humanitarian needs, the HRC, guided by the IFRC, has adopted a new model of coordinated and collaborative work with the IFRC membership to develop more effective, connected, and efficient actions by 2023.

Key Areas of Support

Auxiliary Role:

With technical support from the IFRC, the HRC successfully advocated for the adoption of International Disaster Response Law (IDRL) in Honduras in November 2020. Currently, its regulation is being developed and is expected to be adopted by the end of the year. This will be the first IDRL adopted on the continent. This HRC's auxiliary role in national laws and policies is also being reviewed in relation to the new IFRC reference tool "Strengthening the auxiliary role through laws and policies", with the objective of identifying gaps and proposing recommendations for improvement accordingly.

Disaster Risk Management and Preparedness:

The HRC has positioned itself as a relevant stakeholder within the National Disaster Risk Management System and has improved its emergency response capacity through the Preparedness for Effective Response (PER) approach. The IFRC has contributed to the implementation of the action plan by supporting the strengthening of the information management systems and equipment of the national and territorial Emergency Operations Centres (COE's), ensuring the continuity of operations of the territorial units, as well as supporting the process of reviewing and updating the global strategic planning

documents, among others. Using the PER approach and with IFRC support, the HRC recently developed a process to analyze its needs and priorities.

With the Zurich initiative support the HRC has developed a study on policies, plans, guidelines, and legal frameworks for early warning systems in the municipalities of Villanueva, San Pedro Sula, and Choloma, focused on floods Disaster Risk Reduction.

Pandemic and epidemic preparedness and response:

The IFRC supports the HRC strengthening of community surveillance capacities and the development of Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (SMAPS) protocols in the context of COVID-19, support for the national COVID-19 vaccination campaign and the improvement of the Emergency Operations Centres capacities at the central level and in high-risk branches. It also supports the strengthening of pre-hospital services through the provision of ambulances, Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) and technical support for the implementation of COVID-19 measures.

Risk Communication, Community Engagement and Accountability (CEA):

The IFRC and the National Society have jointly developed the roadmap for implementing the CEA Movement Commitments signed at the 2019 statutory meetings. The HRC migration program staff have also received training and the National Society is currently planning the implementation of CEA tools.

Programs and Operations supported in Honduras

Programs

Migration

From the migration programme, the IFRC has supported the HRC political and strategic advances and encouraged global and regional interactions. With IFRC support, HRC has since developed a migration policy, strategy, and response plans. Dialogue has also been promoted within the Movement, thereby promoting HRC's leadership in responding to the needs of people on the move. The HRC has been able to develop and strengthen mechanisms for assistance to migrants through the Humanitarian Service Points, which respond to the needs of people in based in communities and also people on the move.

Pilot Programmatic Partnership (PPP) - October 2021 to date

The HRC is one of the 5 National Societies to implement the PPP initiative, focused on Disaster Risk Management (DRM) and Preparedness. The IFRC has supported the HRC for the second phase of the Organizational Capacity Certification Assessment (OCAC). Technical coordination continues between the IFRC and the HRC in the areas of Migration, Health, Community Engagement and Accountability (CEA) and environmental sustainability, which is part of the second phase "roll out".

Agenda for Renewal

Honduras is one of the 15 countries world-wide to be prioritized to operationalize the Agenda for Renewal at Country Level. Among the objectives of the Working Together Effectively (WTE) model is to deliver improved ways of working together to strengthen the auxiliary role of the NSs, supporting the achievement of their strategic outcomes and delivering greater impact for people and communities through an efficient operating model. The PNS working in Honduras, together with the IFRC and HRC, seek to harness the value and potential of the IFRC network, implementing country agreement plans with host national societies at the center, making cooperation with NS the top priority.

Operations

Eta and Iota Hurricanes

To strengthen HRC capacities, the "mirror strategy" was implemented, and the IFRC's emergency operational structure had a corresponding national counterpart in HRC. The IFRC activated the International Emergency Response Appeal and an Emergency Plan of Action (EPoA) for 18 months. During the emergency, 115 delegates were deployed to Honduras to manage and support the operation in the Sula Valley, together with the HRC team; 6 ERUs were deployed at the beginning of the operation (8,000 people assisted), response was provided in 5 sectors of intervention (Shelter, Livelihoods, Health and psychosocial support, WASH, PGI) and technical support was provided in the coordination of the Health and Mental Health and Psychosocial Support response.

DREF Mechanism

- Population Movement (2016-2017): CHF 156,492
- Floods (2017-2018): CHF 168,961
- Civil Unrest (2017-2018): CHF 82,501
- Dengue Outbreak (2019): CHF 222,826
- Population Movement (2021): CHF 62,214
- Guanaja Bay Island Fire (2021-2022): CHF 133,952

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COVID-19	2016 Population Movement CHF 156,492	Pilot Programmatic Partnership PPP with DG ECHO (DRR, Epidemic and Pandemic, Humanitarian Assistance, CASH, CEA)
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Central America and Mexico Migration Appeal	2017 Civil Unrest CHF 82,501	Mariposa Monarca
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National Society Development

OCAC Organizational Capacity Certification

The IFRC has assisted the HRC in assessing its own performance, capacity and development through the application of the Organizational Capacity Assessment and Certification (OCAC) tool.

Volunteering and Youth

The HRC National Training Workshop on Volunteer Development (Introduction to the Volunteer Development Framework) was supported by the IFRC as well as the Peer Education Workshop: Youth as Agents of Behaviour Change (YABC). IFRC also provides technical support to the national volunteer team and funding for the Solidarity Fund for the protection and security of volunteers.