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Italian Red Cross volunteers conducting activities with affected children. Source: Italian Red Cross.



Italian Red Cross operation centre in Amatrice. Source: Italian Red Cross.

The situation

On 24 August 2016, a 6.2 magnitude earthquake struck central Italy, 76 kilometres (47 miles) southeast from the city of Perugia. The quake hit at 03:36 (01:36 GMT), at the very shallow depth of 10km (six miles). 98 aftershocks within the next 36 hours have continued taking a toll on survivors. According to Italian Red Cross, as of 30 August, 292 people were killed in the towns of Amatrice, Accumoli and Arquata del Tronto as follows:

Town	No. of people dead
Amatrice	231
Accumoli	11
Arquata del Tronto	50
Total	292

In addition, **2,925 people** have been displaced: 970 in the region of Lazio, 1,200 in the region of Marche and 755 in the region of Umbria. There is no official number of missing people as rescue activities are still on-going.

On 30 August 2016, the Civil Protection reported 3,554 people have been assisted and are being accommodated in camps.



Italian Red Cross volunteers providing PSS for children.
Source: Italian Red Cross



Italian Red Cross volunteers preparing relief items.
Source: Italian Red Cross

Thousands of homes, buildings and infrastructure have been destroyed or damaged by the 6.2 magnitude earthquake that struck central Italy. The Italian Red Cross in coordination with the Civil Protection deployed rescuers with specialist equipment and sniffer dogs to the affected areas, and more than 450 volunteers are currently on the ground providing emergency supplies, first aid and psychosocial support to people affected by the disaster.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Since the onset of the emergency the Italian Red Cross mobilized 450 volunteers to the affected areas. A team of 10 volunteers including psychosocial operators have been providing support in the airport, hospital and the morgue. The team has been providing psychosocial support to the victims including during the identification of bodies of family relatives. The team has been working in the camp managed by the National Civil Protection including providing psychosocial support to volunteers working in the affected areas.

In addition, three Restoring Family Links (RFL) volunteers have been supporting the teams of National Civil Protection. More than 110 vehicles including 44 ambulances have been dispatched to support the emergency response. Two first aid posts have been set-up and the kitchens of the National Society are providing 4,000 meals a day to the victims.

There are three warehouses from the Italian Red Cross, one in Northern Italy (Milan) and two in Central Italy (Avezzano and Rome) being used as hubs for collecting relief items donated by the general public. Since 24 August, more than 20 trucks from the warehouse in Rome have been deployed with essential relief items to the affected areas.

Additionally, the IFRC reported that for the last 5 days, the Italian Red Cross has raised up to 173,000 Euros through online donations from many countries around the world. On 30 August, the National Society received 500,000 Euros from the founder of Facebook. The Italian Red Cross prefers to receive donations from other National Societies to express solidarity through their online donation platform (click on the image on how to donate).



Communications and media

The IFRC Europe communications team continues to support the Italian Red Cross and together they have produced the following materials for use by all National Societies:

- **Italy web story:** [Devastated communities struggle to come to terms after quake](#)
- **B-rolls** are available in the [Newsroom](#)
- **You Tube videos:**
 - [Italy earthquake: Red Cross provides foods for survivors and response teams](#)
 - [Italy earthquake: Saving lives and healing souls](#)
 - [Earthquake in central Italy: Italian Red Cross's rescue efforts](#)

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Enable **healthy**
and **safe** living.



Promote **social inclusion**
and a culture of
non-violence and **peace.**