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



Italian Red Cross volunteers preparing for distribution of relief items. Photo: Italian Red Cross.

The situation

On 24 August 2016, 76 kilometres (47 miles) southeast from the city of Perugia, a 6.2 magnitude earthquake struck central Italy causing major damages and destruction of thousands of homes, buildings and infrastructures. On 8 September, the Italian Red Cross reported **296 people** were killed in the towns of Amatrice, Accumoli and Arquata del Tronto. Approximately **4,454** people were displaced in the regions of Lazio, Marche, Umbria and Abruzzo as follows:

Region	No. of people displaced
Lazio	1,162
Marche	1,943
Umbria	1,075
Abruzzo	274
Total	4,454

The last missing person was found on 4 September and all rescue activities have concluded.

On September 7, the Civil Protection informed that 225 displaced people from Accumoli will be hosted in hotels in San Benedetto del Tronto in the Region of Marche. The staff from the Civil Defence and Lazio region are supporting the activity. On 8 September, the Civil Protection reported that 564 inspections are being carried out by technical experts on schools and public buildings in the municipalities affected by the earthquake. During the past ten days the technical experts are mainly focusing in assessing schools so students can resume classes as soon as possible.

In some cases, students will be able to attend classes in neighbouring towns. In Amatrice, the Civil Protection from the Province of Trento is preparing prefabricated modules that will host in 12 classrooms for kindergarten, elementary and middle schools.

In addition to schools, 84 public buildings have been checked: 57 are fit for use, 18 temporarily unusable either totally or partially. The Italian government has started to prepare for reconstruction

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

At the onset of the emergency the Italian Red Cross initially mobilized 450 volunteers to the affected areas. As of 8 September there are 83 Italian Red Cross staff and volunteers deployed in the affected areas:

- 54 in Amatrice
- 10 in Roccasalli
- 15 in Rieti

The Italian Red Cross deployed a team of volunteers, including psychologists and psychosocial workers that have been assisting the victims family relatives in three areas near the affected areas: the airport, the hospital and at the morgue. The team has been providing psychosocial support to the victims including during the identification of bodies of family relatives and in the camp managed by the National Civil Protection. Psychosocial support is also provided to volunteers working in the field provided by the Italian Red Cross' local branches. As of 1 September, the number of psychosocial support providers has decreased, nevertheless volunteers continue providing assistance to the local population in the affected towns.

Three Italian Red Cross volunteers supported the teams of National Civil Protection with Restoring Family Links (RFL) services at the beginning of the emergency. The National Society dispatched vehicles including 44 ambulances to support the victims and search and rescue activities. A first-aid post remains in Amatrice and the kitchen continues providing 1,230 meals a day.

The three main Italian Red Cross' warehouses located in Northern and Central Italy have been collecting and storing donated items. Since 24 August, more than 20 trucks from the warehouse in Rome have carried donated relief items to the affected areas.

The National Society established a recreational centre for children in Grisciano, near Accumoli. The "Henry's Corner" centre is managed by the volunteers where more than 21 children affected by the earthquake participate in recreational activities. A total of 4,454 people have been assisted by the Italian Red Cross.

The National Society is currently conducting several activities in the camp in Amatrice. Among the activities are health assistance, psychosocial support, provision of meals, support to the municipality with transportation of relief aid and logistics support for defusing potentially explosive materials in collaboration with the National firefighters.

In the camp located in Rieti the Italian Red Cross operation room continues receiving donations while in Roccasalli a reception centre for displaced people was established.

The Italian Red Cross has raised over 700,000 Euros through online donations from 32 countries and thanks to contributions from corporations. On 27 August, iTunes launched a campaign in Italy and on 1 September in an additional 16 markets through the App Store.



Recreational centre for children, in Grisciano, near Accumoli.
Photo: Italian Red Cross

Communications and media

The Italian Red Cross communications department has been sharing information and videos through **twitter**: <https://twitter.com/crocrossa> and **facebook**: <https://www.facebook.com/ItalianRedCross/>.

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The IFRC Regional Office for Europe's communications team has been supporting the Italian Red Cross communications department 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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