



**RED CROSS RED CRESCENT
REFERENCE CENTRES, HUBS
AND OTHER INITIATIVES
BRIDGING RESEARCH,
LEARNING, AND PRACTICE
2021**



FOREWORD

Reference centres are centres of expertise in defined technical or thematic areas. They build and contribute knowledge and services to the Red Cross Red Crescent network, either globally or in a particular geographic region. Reference centres can take different forms. IFRC reference centres are formed in partnership between one or more Red Cross or Red Crescent National Societies and the IFRC. These centres are an example of shared leadership between the IFRC and its members in particular thematic areas, capitalising on and maximizing the expertise of different National Societies. The second form are National Society reference centres which are established by one or more National Societies in areas of particular interest and strength, with support of the IFRC.

In the last few years, we have also seen the establishment of other modes of cooperation – the Cash Hub, the Anticipation Hub, the Global Migration Lab and others. We welcome these important initiatives and their contribution to research, building expertise and innovation within our RCRC network and the broader Movement.

We are proud of the cooperation between the IFRC, reference centres, hubs and other initiatives. They enable us to do more collectively, and to do it better. In our ongoing response to COVID-19, the IFRC is working closely with reference centres, hubs and other initiatives producing a number of innovative tools and resources such as the creation of various helpdesks to support our National societies in their domestic responses. These cover topics including Health, Business continuity planning and Psychological support. We want to continue this momentum into the future and increase our collaboration with our reference centres, hubs and other initiatives to increase our collective impact for the communities that we serve.

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ABOUT THE RED CROSS RED CRESCENT REFERENCE CENTRES, HUBS AND OTHER INITIATIVES

There are multiple centres around the world and new networks and hubs continue to emerge to support the RCRC network. Each centre has a specific purpose and focus area such as first aid, psychosocial support, shelter, livelihoods. They provide key services in that focus area and have been essential in providing expertise and technical assistance to National Societies dating back to 1993.

One of the primary functions of reference centres, hubs and other initiatives as 'centres of excellence' is to develop knowledge and best practices that will inform and help to transform the future operations of the IFRC and National Societies in their key areas of interest and influence. Their contribution has enhanced our tools and guidance materials, increased our understanding of best practices, contributed to a culture of knowledge sharing and innovation, and connected National Societies with common interests. We are continuing to explore opportunities to work together, to really make the most of these important resources which are available to support and assist all of our National Societies.

Reference Centres are created in different ways. In some cases, they are created in partnership with the IFRC, and are referred to as IFRC Reference Centres. In other cases, one or more National Societies come together to create a National Society Reference Centre or other network.



IFRC GLOBAL REFERENCE CENTRES

These centres cover a range of activities—from centres that equip National Societies to provide communities with tools and training to strengthen their ability to respond to emergencies and build resilience to climate change, to centres that focus on delivering psychosocial support to rehabilitate individuals and communities in the face of disasters, as well as centres that prepare for changing risk patterns to reduce losses of lives and livelihoods.

IFRC REGIONAL REFERENCE CENTRES

Focused on providing technical assistance, training, developing technologies, research, and creating networks and partnerships, regional centres create and share knowledge to equip regions and their National Societies with the necessary tools and planning as a way to increase community resilience, manage disaster risk, and systematize medical best practices and quality care standards for all vulnerable communities.

RCRC NATIONAL SOCIETY CENTRES

These centres operate at a country, sub-regional or regional level, responding to particular needs for specialized knowledge and services. National society centres underline innovation, research and knowledge building to maximise their impact in reducing significant risks – whether climate change, substance abuse, public health risks or nuclear emergencies.

OTHER NETWORKS AND HUBS

Other models of support to the Red Cross Red Crescent network have also emerged in key priority areas such as cash, forecast-based action and migration, promoting research and innovative action in these areas enabling us to provide more support to National Societies all over the world in different areas, and enabling us to increase our collective impact.



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IFRC GLOBAL REFERENCE CENTRES



THE IFRC REFERENCE CENTRE FOR PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

Hosted by the Danish Red Cross



Psychosocial Centre

Date of creation: 1993

Director: Nana WIEDEMANN

Geographical area of expertise: Global

Language of operation: English, French, Arabic, Spanish

Purpose of the Centre

The Psychosocial Centre's mission is to enable and support National Societies in implementing mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) by providing training, educational material and direct support in times of emergencies. The Psychosocial Centre focuses on MHPSS as part of emergency preparedness and response to armed conflicts, natural disasters and humanitarian emergencies. It specializes in integrating psychosocial components into the full spectrum of community-based programmes, including caring for Red Cross Red Crescent staff and volunteers.

Key Services

- 1 **Create** awareness regarding psychosocial reactions at a time of disaster or long-term social disruption
- 2 **Set up** and improve preparedness and response mechanisms at global, regional and local levels
- 3 **Facilitate** psychosocial support before, during and after disasters
- 4 **Restore** community networks and coping mechanisms
- 5 **Promote** the resilience and thereby the rehabilitation of individuals and communities, and
- 6 **Enhance** emotional assistance to staff and volunteers



HIGHLIGHTS

The PS Centre works every day to deliver within three core areas:

- Technical support and capacity building
- Research and knowledge management
- Policy and advocacy

In 2020, the Psychosocial Centre received 1,182 requests for support from 96 countries. Despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Psychosocial Centre conducted 17 trainings, primarily online, and 20 webinars on a global scale. Additionally, the centre developed or contributed to 53 publications such as papers, tools and guidelines. In 2020 the PS Centre had 97 academic collaborations with 39 universities and 58 organizations.

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RED CROSS RED CRESCENT CLIMATE CENTRE

Hosted by the Netherlands Red Cross



Date of creation: 2002

Director: Maarten VAN AALST

Geographical area of expertise: Global

Language of operation: English, Spanish, French

Purpose of the Centre

The Climate Centre supports the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and its partners in reducing the impacts of climate change and extreme weather events on vulnerable people.

Key Services

- 1 Harnessing scientific knowledge and influencing research agendas** to generate actionable insights on climate hazards, and exposure and vulnerability of people and their livelihoods, and to shape adaptation to rising risks.
- 2 Informing policy** within the Red Cross Red Crescent but also in the UNFCCC, the related financing mechanisms, and in the wider interfaces between climate, humanitarian and development policies – as trusted technical experts, but also as representatives of humanitarian concerns about rising risks.
- 3 Advancing practical solutions to better manage rising risk** through working with the IFRC and individual National Societies, the ICRC, and many other partners – from the World Bank to local communities. This also includes a strong focus on empowerment and capacity building processes.



HIGHLIGHTS

A large part of the work of the Climate Centre is to provide cross-cutting support to the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. We support the Movement in achieving its climate ambitions as laid out in the [Movement Ambitions to Address the Climate Crisis](#), with, for instance, strong focus on Disaster Risk Reduction, Health, Displacement and Greening the Red. In addition, we will closely align our support to the implementation of the [IFRC Strategy 2030](#), the IFRC Plan and Budget 2021-2025 and its climate-related priorities, as well as the [ICRC's Strategy 2019-2022](#) in relation to conflict and climate.

Special areas of interest include: Scaling anticipatory action and addressing the urban heat risk. Growing areas of work are: climate-responsive social protection, youth, urban, the conflict-climate nexus and finally Virtually Amazing interaction and engagement: a way of working which focuses on piloting and scaling innovative, interactive approaches to virtual dialogue.

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LIVELIHOODS RESOURCE CENTRE (LRC)

Hosted by the Spanish Red Cross



Date of creation: 2010

Director: Nacho ROMAN PEREZ

Geographical area of expertise: Global, with focus on Latin America, Africa, Middle East, Asia.

Language of operation: English, Spanish, French, Portuguese.

Purpose of the Centre

The Livelihoods Resource Centre (LRC) spreads awareness of effective livelihoods programming strategies and helps IFRC members to enhance community capacity and individual skills, restore and sustain livelihoods, and thereby establish more secure living conditions. The LRC is also a network of community-based livelihood experts, who can pass on knowledge, develop methodologies and policies, build capacity, and provide technical assistance.

Key Services

- 1 **Creates** and shares knowledge
- 2 **Builds** capacity, mainly through training and technical assistance
- 3 **Promotes** and disseminates policies and strategic approaches



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HIGHLIGHTS

The LRC is developing innovative solutions to some of the most demanding policy challenges in livelihood programming: generating livelihoods in chronic disaster situations; increasing resilience; establishing an integrated programming approach; applying urban cash transfer programmes; increasing people's skills and opportunities to get a job; facilitating cooperation and disseminating good practices and lessons learned.

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SHELTER RESEARCH UNIT (SRU)

Integrated in Technical Department -
Humanitarian aid of the Luxembourg Red Cross



Shelter Research Unit

Date of creation: 2010

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Geographical area of expertise: Worldwide, with a particular commitment to the sub-Saharan region of Africa

Language of operation: English, French, Spanish

Purpose of the Centre

The IFRC-SRU focuses on humanitarian shelter and settlement responses. It undertakes projects including field missions in support of ongoing operations through the provision of on-demand technical assistance. The Unit undertakes project-based applied research to answer shelter and settlement operational needs, aimed at strengthening the technical capacity of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

Key Services

- 1 Develop** context base shelter solutions and support field capacity – through tailored shelter capacity building ,and field originated shelter solutions
- 2 Document** shelters and settlements to actively support knowledge sharing.
- 3 Test** shelter and settlement solutions - with particular interest on the cultural acceptance, looking at materials as well as appropriate and safe construction techniques and the reduced environmental impact.



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GLOBAL FIRST AID REFERENCE CENTRE (GFARC)

Hosted by the French Red Cross



First Aid
Reference
Centre

Date of creation: 2012

Global Director: Pascal CASSAN (MD)

Geographical area of expertise: global

Language of operation: Arabic, English, French, Spanish

Purpose of the Centre

The Global First Aid Reference Centre (GFARC) is a hub of technical expertise in first aid, supporting learning and knowledge sharing for first aid practitioners worldwide.

Key Services

- 1 **Develop** first aid tools and harmonised trainings
- 2 **Enhance** the quality of first aid education and services with up-to date evidence based guidelines
- 3 **Assist** National Societies in their efforts to further develop training and tailored courses towards local needs
- 4 **Support** National Societies to gain the expertise, knowledge and practices necessary to take a leading role in first aid
- 5 **Advocate** for the inclusion of first aid education in legislation and directives
- 6 **Help** coordinate the promotion of first aid on a global level with events such as World First Aid Day
- 7 **Conduct** and support research and surveys in the first aid community, both within the RCRC and externally
- 8 **Coordinate** and collaborate with other RCRC reference centres.



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The main goal of the GFARC is to ensure a growing number of people and communities, anywhere (at home, at work, at school...), are prepared and equipped to save lives when a disaster or an emergency occurs. To achieve this goal the GFARC strives to provide National Societies with tools and training methods tailored to meet the needs of local communities. Improving the quality of first aid education will help make people confident to act everywhere anytime.

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GLOBAL DISASTER PREPAREDNESS CENTRE (GDPC)

Hosted by the American Red Cross



Global Disaster
Preparedness Center

Date of creation: 2012

Director: Omar ABOU-SAMRA

Geographical area of expertise: Global

Language of operation: English (communications in about 15 languages)

Purpose of the Centre

The Global Disaster Preparedness Centre (GDPC) helps to enhance the disaster preparedness capacities of Red Cross and Red Crescent national societies and the wider humanitarian community. It provides specific network-wide services in response to national and community demands for tools and learning on disaster preparedness and resilience.

Key Services

- 1 Knowledge management
- 2 Research
- 3 Technical assistance
- 4 Networking and coordination









HIGHLIGHTS

The GDPC's knowledge management portal: [PrepareCenter.org](https://www.preparecenter.org), hosts a virtual network of disaster preparedness practitioners, offers unique peer-to-peer learning opportunities, and an extensive resource library and provides a platform for key actors in disaster risk reduction to disseminate their body of work.

GDPC initiatives such as the Universal App Program create scalable approaches to disaster preparedness and resilience. Key themes/ focus areas include Business Preparedness, School Preparedness, Urban Preparedness, early warning/early action and Epidemic Preparedness spurred by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Through research mapping, the GDPC collates research activities, studies, and academic papers with the ultimate aim of achieving greater humanitarian impact based on an evidence-based culture with optimized resources.

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REFERENCE CENTRE FOR DISASTER PREPAREDNESS (CREPD)

Hosted by the Salvadoran Red Cross



Date of creation: 2005

Director: José EDGARDO BARAHONA

Geographical area of expertise: Americas Region (Central America, South America, North America, Caribbean)

Language of operation: Spanish

Purpose of the Centre

Contribute to the development of NS capacities from the field of learning and research promoting: innovative methodologies, tools, learning techniques and harmonization processes, considering experience and best practices within and outside the RCRC.

Key Services

- 1 Knowledge generation
- 2 Training
- 3 Technical Support
- 4 Development of instruments and tools
- 5 Online education



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We are committed to implementing timely and reliable processes aimed at meeting the needs of National Societies, IFRC and ICRC. These processes, supported by the International Federation's 2030 Strategy, translate into training, technical assistance, tool development and knowledge generation, guaranteeing effectiveness and continuous improvement in accordance with the ISO 9001: 2015 standard.

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Hosted by the IFRC (Trinidad and Tobago Country Cluster
Delegation for the Dutch- and English-speaking Caribbean)



Date of creation: 2010

Manager: Arlini TIMAL

Geographical area of expertise: The Caribbean

Language of operation: English

Purpose of CADRIM

CADRIM takes the lead in building and contributing knowledge and providing services to the Red Cross network in the Caribbean, the Americas and globally; actively working towards the development of evidence, data and research that can inform leadership and recognize digital gaps and adaptation, by using evidence-based analysis and research to further amplify our advocacy and policy influence.

Key Services

- 1 **Knowledge** management and information sharing
- 2 **Capacity building**, training and hosts/maintains a regional database of trainers
- 3 **Research** and innovation
- 4 **Develops** and adapts tools and methodologies
- 5 **Offers** internships and technical exchanges, assistance, and support
- 6 **Networking**, partnership building and coordination
- 7 **Strategic policy development** and coordination of policy engagement on disaster risk management encompassing a wide-ranging spectrum of topics such as ecosystem-based disaster risk reduction



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HIGHLIGHTS

In the last 10 years CADRIM has engaged 21 countries and more than 500 communities through trainings and innovative projects with an active pool of more than 70 trainers in various thematic areas, created 2 ecosystem-based adaptation checklists and a tool to identify vulnerable communities, conducted KAPS virtual training and 1500 plus Community Based Disaster Management household surveys.

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ASIA PACIFIC DISASTER RESILIENCE CENTRE (APDRC)

Hosted by the Republic of Korea
National Red Cross



Date of creation: 2016

Director: Sunhee KIM

Geographical area of expertise: Asia, Pacific Region

Purpose of the Centre

The Asia Pacific Disaster Resilience Centre (APDRC) supports Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies and partners in the Asia Pacific region in reducing disaster risks and strengthening community resilience by providing trainings, and knowledge and innovation.

Key Services

- 1 Knowledge Management
- 2 Disaster Resilience Capacity Building
- 3 Creating networks and strengthening partnerships



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Acknowledging an increasing number of diverse humanitarian realities including natural disasters, urban human-induced crises, conflicts and other emerging issues in the Asia Pacific region, the APDRC was established as the region's first reference centre. To strengthen resilience in the National Societies of Asia Pacific regions, the APDRC focused on knowledge management, practical capacity building and all-round cooperation. Since its establishment, APDRC shared innovative ideas and approaches with a series of interactive innovation workshops, and new technology for enhancing disaster resilience including Virtual Reality (VR) / Serious Game. It also has provided and supported trainings on the Road Map to Community Resilience, community based disaster risk reduction, together with IFRC.

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INTERAMERICAN CENTRE FOR VOLUNTEERING DEVELOPMENT (ICVD)

Managed by the IFRC Americas Region



Date of creation: 2020

Director: Andres MORALES

Geographical area of expertise: Americas Region

Language of operation: Spanish, English

Purpose of the Centre

The ICVD focuses on volunteer learning, innovation and research, in favour of all volunteers from the Americas Region in order to guarantee the reinforcement of the humanitarian purpose, strategic inclusion, development and volunteer leadership, social action, ethics and education skills for sustainability, in broad fields of thought and practice that revolve around the focus areas of the network and the Volunteering Development Framework (VODFRA).

Key services:

- 1 Tailored support to National Societies
- 2 A system of technical support
- 3 Strategic Orientation
- 4 Leadership Development and Innovation
- 5 Volunteering in Emergencies, protection and security
- 6 Knowledge management, Education and Learning
- 7 Partnerships, Networks and Movement coordination



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The visioning of the ICVD and its services is a result of extensive consultation with the Volunteering Network and volunteering focal points in the region, guided by the Volunteering and Youth Development Unit (VandY Unit) in the Americas. This participatory approach ensures that the services of the Centre are holistic and a true reflection of the regional context. Furthermore, it aims to maximize and promote existing experience and knowledge in the region to benefit a wider audience through the Volunteering Development Platform (VODPLA). At the same time, it intends to create a strong network of experts and working groups that can provide customized and tailored services to National Societies in the region thereby leveraging our integrated human talent system.

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RED CROSS RED CRESCENT NATIONAL SOCIETY CENTRES



PIROI CENTRE (INDIAN OCEAN REGIONAL INTERVENTION PLATFORM)

Hosted by the French Red Cross
(La Réunion Island)



Date of creation: 1999

Director: Christian PAILLER

Geographical area of expertise: South-West Indian Ocean Islands (SIDS), Africa

Language of operation: French, English

Purpose of the Centre

Based in Réunion Island, PIROI consolidates skills and resources close to vulnerable areas, thus improving adaptability and response to disasters. In addition, PIROI's regional intervention force relies on extensive regional networks and coverage: more than 800 local committees and over 35,000 active volunteers work with the seven programme-member National Societies.

Key Services

- 1 The knowledge and skills** of disaster management actors are improved regarding the risks linked to natural hazards, health crises and climate change
- 2 The capacities of stakeholders** in the management of disasters are reinforced
- 3 The populations of the Southwestern Indian Ocean** are better informed and prepared
- 4 Populations affected** by a disaster linked to natural hazards receive emergency assistance responding to their priority needs and which contributes to their recovery



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PIROI, or the Indian Ocean Regional Intervention Platform, is part of the French Red Cross and reports to its International Relations and Operations Department (DROI), who have carried out a regional programme of disaster risk management (DRM) in the south-west Indian Ocean since the year 2000.

Some interesting figures: 8 warehouses, 20 years of experience, 57 emergency operations, 35 000 volunteers, 500 tons of pre-positioned stocks, 2000 trained volunteers, 1,300,000 beneficiaries (emergency response).

PIROI regroups different members of the Red Cross Red Crescent Network: the Red Crescent of Comoros, the Malagasy Red Cross, the Mauritius Red Cross, the Mozambique Red Cross, the Red Cross Society of Seychelles, the Tanzanian Red Cross, the French Red Cross in Mayotte and Reunion, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

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CENTRE FOR RISK REDUCTION AND COMMUNITY RESILIENCE (CRRCR)

Hosted by the Costa Rica Red Cross



Date of creation: 2004

Director: José ZÚÑIGA VALENCIA

Geographical area of expertise: Central America

Language of operation: Spanish, English

Purpose of the Centre

The Centre for Risk Reduction and Community Resilience (CRRCR) specializes in methodologies for investigating, systematizing, validating and analysing community education with respect to disaster preparedness, prevention, mitigation, and early warning. By developing innovative and complementary tools and methodologies, it aims to reduce the vulnerability of communities across Latin America.

Key Services

- 1 **Researches** and develops new tools
- 2 **Offers technical assistance** in support of efforts to strengthen community resilience
- 3 **Develops** methodologies, materials and learning tools
- 4 **Identification, formulation, monitoring and systematization** of projects and initiatives linked to community resilience, as well as experiences and good practices through case studies
- 5 **Provides international training** to National Societies, non-governmental organizations and other partners



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In Latin America CRRCR gives advice and guidance on Red Cross Red Crescent vulnerability and capacity assessments; risk in urban contexts, livelihoods, Climate Change, migration, early warning systems and community resilience. It builds capacity through internships, trainings, and a series of disaster preparedness modules entitled Prevention is Better.

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SCIENCE FOUNDATION OF THE BELGIAN RED CROSS

Hosted by the Belgian Red Cross



Belgian
Red Cross

Date of creation: 2006

Director: Philippe VANDEKERCKHOVE

Global Language of operation: English

Purpose of the Centre

The core mission of the Science Foundation of the Belgian Red Cross is to generate reliable evidence on (cost)effectiveness of humanitarian action and to enable its use.

Key Services

- 1 Public health, pre-hospital care
- 2 First aid education and hygiene promotion
- 3 First aid assistance and disaster preparedness
- 4 Blood platelets
- 5 Blood donors



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HIGHLIGHTS

People have a right to quality humanitarian action informed by robust evidence, not just tradition or good intentions. This evidence must be made widely accessible, particularly to end-users, to achieve the greatest possible impact. The Science Foundation of the Belgian Red Cross manages its actions by 3 streams of work: driving high quality research and innovation, transforming practices with advocacy, and enabling partnerships with aid and research and innovation organisations.

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CENTRE FOR EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE (CEBAP)

Hosted by the Belgian Red Cross



Date of creation: 2009

Director: Emmy DE BUCK

Geographical area of expertise: Europe, Sub-Saharan Africa

Language of operation: Dutch, English

Purpose of the Centre

The Centre for Evidence-Based Practice (CEBaP) of the Belgian Red Cross provides a scientific basis for a wide range of humanitarian activities, from blood supply services to development programs or emergency relief. This is achieved by performing primary research (quantitative field studies) and secondary research (systematic literature reviews, guideline development). In this way the centre aims to determine which activities are most (cost-) effective and to create uniformity among the various activities of National Societies. CEBaP aims to create a bridge between science and practice.

Key Services

- 1 Knowledge development:** development of evidence-based practice guidelines, conducting systematic reviews, conduct of primary field studies (quantitative research) and data analyses
- 2 Knowledge management**
- 3 Knowledge dissemination**



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CEBaP seeks to assist and inspire organizations to use evidence-based methods in their work. It published a methodological charter in a peer-reviewed journal on how humanitarian organizations can apply an evidence-based approach (De Buck et al. 2014. International Journal of Evidence-Based Healthcare. 12(1):39-49). CEBaP conducts evidence-based work and primary research into a broad range of humanitarian aid activities, however the focus lies in four priority areas: first aid education and hygiene promotion, first aid assistance and disaster preparedness, blood platelets, and blood donors. These areas are all situated at the 'pre-hospital' stage, for which there is a lack of high-quality, independent research. In 2020 CEBaP received an ISO certification for its evidence-work.

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INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS (ICHA)

Hosted by Kenya Red Cross

ICHA International Center^{for}
Humanitarian Affairs
At the Kenya Red Cross Society

Inquire • Understand • Influence

Date of creation: 2013

Director: Ahmed IDRIS

Geographical area of expertise: Africa (Horn of Africa, West Africa, Southern Africa)

Language of operation: English, Swahili, French, Arabic

Purpose of the Centre

ICHA is dedicated to generate evidence and learning to enhance the body of knowledge to support policy, advocacy, innovation and learning to improve practice, standards, impacts and performance in humanitarian systems.

Key Services

- 1 Guiding best practices
- 2 Informing evidence based policy making
- 3 Learning and Development
- 4 Designing and piloting innovative approaches



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ICHA's goal is

- To strengthen the capacity of humanitarian actors and communities to influence public policy making, development of laws and policies that protect the most vulnerable and encourage the use of evidence-based policy making in the public sector.
 - To facilitate a safe and creative space to design, develop and adopt innovative solutions for growth and sustainability, enhanced community resilience and improved humanitarian service delivery.
 - To address the current knowledge gaps and build bridges between science and practice to contribute to improved humanitarian practice.
 - To empower individuals and institutions through capacity building initiatives on disaster preparedness, response and sustainability.
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RED CROSS RED CRESCENT TRAINING AND RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Hosted by the Italian Red Cross

RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT
PARTNERSHIP ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE



 International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies



Date of creation: 2012

Geographical area of expertise: Global

Partnership Chairman: Massimo BARRA

Language of operation: Italian, English, Russian, French, Bosnian, Spanish

Purpose of the Centre

The Red Cross Red Crescent Training and Research Partnership on Substance Abuse was created by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), the Italian Red Cross and Villa Maraini Foundation, in response to the increase of substance abuse and related problems globally.

The goal of this Partnership is to leverage the knowledge and experience of Villa Maraini for the benefit of the Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies and the Secretariat globally.

Key Services

- 1 **Ensure** the provision of training
- 2 **Provide** technical support towards developing capacity
- 3 **Serve** as a hub of research and resources
- 4 **Cooperate** with other organizations
- 5 **Develop, translate and share** models, tools and case studies.



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The Partnership provides several advocacy activities, with the aim to raise the profile of Red Cross and Red Crescent at country and global levels, and promote the significant role of Red Cross and Red Crescent in support of people suffering from drug addiction. The Partnership coordinates transnational projects co-funded by the European Commission, UN agencies and other international donors, implemented in cooperation with Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies which foresees the organization of training courses and other capacity building activities for National Societies and other international civil society organizations.

The Partnership uses the high standards of practice set by the Villa Maraini Foundation to advocate for greater flexibility in helping people affected by drug use and dependence. The Villa Maraini Foundation provides a variety of therapies and services, free of charge, to around 600 drug users a day. These services range from residential and semi-residential therapeutic communities and substitution programmes to outreach units and first assistance.

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FRENCH RED CROSS FOUNDATION FOR HUMANITARIAN AND SOCIAL RESEARCH

FONDATION
croix-rouge française



| Pour la recherche humanitaire et sociale

Date of creation: 2017

Director: Virginie TROIT

Geographical area of expertise: Sub-Saharan Africa, Europe, Middle East, French Overseas Territories

Language of operation: French, English

Purpose of the Centre

The French Red Cross Foundation is dedicated to research in social sciences and humanities in the humanitarian and social fields. The Foundation supports and works closely with francophone researchers and universities all over the world from masters level to post-doctoral, with a strong focus on Europe and Sub-Saharan Africa. By promoting applied and fundamental field-based research, the Foundation initiates and promotes high level research providing practical and sustainable solutions in the service of the most vulnerable.

Key Services

- 1 **Support academic** projects and research by granting post-doctoral fellowships and research awards
- 2 **Support actors** (civil society, public institutions, private sector) by enhancing networking and disseminating scientific knowledge



HIGHLIGHTS

The core thematic research areas covered by the Foundation are: Humanitarian Transition (transformation of international aid); Migration and Displacement; Health and Epidemics; Risks and Disasters. The Foundation's values include: Integrating and giving visibility to national researchers; Respecting the independence and temporality of academic research; Connecting practical and theoretical frameworks between social and humanitarian action. To carry out its missions, the Foundation organizes round tables, panel discussions and annual seminars abroad, with a view to building stronger and more efficient bridges between the various stakeholders. The Foundation also publishes in open access, in both French and English, the work of the post-doctoral researchers it supports.

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Netherlands Red Cross



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RED CROSS

Date of creation: 2016

Directors: Maarten VAN DER VEEN (strategy) and Stefania GIODINI (operations)

Geographical area of expertise: Global

Global Language of operation: English/French

Purpose of the Centre

510 helps shape the future of humanitarian aid by converting data into understanding, putting it in the hands of aid workers, decision-makers and people affected, so that they can better prepare for and cope with disasters and crises. The purpose of 510 is to improve speed, quality and cost-effectiveness of humanitarian aid by using and creating data and digital products. We support every National Society and their local partners with a drive for data and digital transformation.

Key Services

- 1 Digital Risk Assessment
- 2 Predictive Analytics and Impact based forecasting
- 3 Emergency Response Data Support
- 4 Digital Cash Aid
- 5 Human Centered Design
- 6 Data Responsibility
- 7 Data Literacy and creation of local data capacity



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510 started in 2016 and grew to a thriving group of 30 staff and more than 60 active professional volunteers located under the international department of the Netherlands Red Cross. In 2020, 510 ran a global program supporting 20 National Societies during the COVID19 pandemic with data and digital products in emergencies as well as cash IM. 510 is currently supporting 10 National Societies in the implementation of Forecast Based Financing and Anticipatory Action, offering support with data preparedness and co-design co-development of impact based forecasting products. During our journey we help set up 10 local data teams within National Societies. 510 is committed to Data Responsibility and we developed one of the first humanitarian policies on this subject. 510 is a driving part of data driven global RCRC initiatives such as the Digital Transformation accelerator team, Anticipation Hub and the Surge Information Management Support (SIMS).

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OTHER REFERENCE CENTRES AND NETWORKS



GLOBAL ADVISORY PANEL (GAP) ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT OF BLOOD SERVICES IN RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT SOCIETIES

Swiss Association with a Secretariat based in Perth, Australia



Date of creation: 1999

President: Prof Philippe VANDEKERCKHOVE

Geographical area of expertise: Global

Language of operation: English

Purpose of the Centre

The purpose of GAP is to provide advice to National Societies and their affiliated blood services, IFRC and other related bodies in matters related to corporate governance and risk management of National Society blood programmes.

Key Services

- 1 Provide technical advice** in terms of corporate governance and risk management to National Society blood programmes
- 2 Promote knowledge sharing, networking and partnership** among and between Red Cross and Red Crescent blood services and external partners
- 3 Develop and provide tools, guidelines and country assistance** to National Society blood services most in need
- 4 Coordination assistance to National Society blood services** in post-emergency situations including blood programme recovery
- 5 Influence global policy** in conjunction with its partners
- 6 Provide advocacy and support** to the IFRC and National Society blood services on issues affecting blood programmes



HIGHLIGHTS


One of GAP's major ongoing activities is the distribution and evaluation of the Self-assessment questionnaire for each National Society blood service. The Self-assessment process provides individual feedback to the blood service on risk and governance issues including recommended strategies and suggested next steps for reducing exposure to current risks.

GAP also provides a range of tools, resources, and materials to assist National Society blood programmes. The GAP Manual 'Development of Safe and Sustainable National Blood Programmes' identifies the key features of an effective and sustainable blood programme and directs member National Societies to relevant resources on blood programme management.

As resources permit, GAP provides training programmes and targeted assistance to a small number of identified support country blood services. This may include provision of specialist expertise, identifying partnering opportunities with other blood services and coordination of technical assistance from GAP members or partners. GAP also helps support and promote voluntary non-remunerated blood donor recruitment.

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CASH HUB

Hosted by British Red Cross

CashHub

Date of creation: 2017

Director: David PEPPIATT

Geographical area of expertise: Global

Global Language of operation: English, French, Spanish, Arabic

Purpose of the Centre

The Cash Hub aims to accelerate the use and scale up of cash and voucher assistance (CVA) in the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement in order to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of humanitarian action. The Cash Hub supports a programme of activities focused on: enabling cash preparedness of National Societies; strengthening human resource capacity and developing a cadre of cash practitioners; providing an online platform (cash-hub.org) to access programme tools, data, resources and share learning; harnessing use of technology and data management systems for CVA; and supporting policy and advocacy to promote the Movement as a partner of choice in the delivery of CVA.

Key Services

- 1 Programme and technical support** to National Societies for cash preparedness and capacity building
- 2 Operational support** to CVA programmes (eg. Helpdesk, remote technical advice, and deployments of CVA experts)
- 3 Cash School programme** of training activities and Cash Practitioner Development
- 4 Online platform** for access to information, tools, data learning and programme resources (cash-hub.org)
- 5 Support to peer-to-peer learning** through Webinars and research
- 6 Innovation** and use of new technologies for CVA programmes
- 7 Policy research** and advocacy on CVA



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The Cash Hub collaborates with Movement partners to support National Societies, IFRC and ICRC to become “cash-ready”. During the COVID-19 pandemic, it has launched an online Helpdesk to offer remote support to National Societies responding to the crisis using CVA, and hosted a webinar series to share learning and experience from the Movement, and help improve practice. The Cash School continues to support the upskilling of people across the Movement, through the Cash Practitioner Development Programme, generalist and specialist training courses and field-based learning deployments to grow a cadre of cash experts. The Cash Hub platform (cash-hub.org) provides extensive resources and access to data, maps, tools, evaluations, case studies and learning from CVA programmes. Resources are available in English, French, Spanish, Arabic and Russian. The Cash Hub also supports National Societies to develop data management systems, such as RedRose, and harness the use of digital technology to enable CVA.

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 Cash Hub

ANTICIPATION HUB

A joint initiative of the German Red Cross (host), International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and the Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre



Date of creation: December 2020

Director: Alexandra RÜTH

Geographical area of expertise: Global

Global Language of operation: English

Purpose of the Centre

The Anticipation Hub is a knowledge and exchange platform for practitioners, scientists and policymakers to enhance their ability to anchor anticipatory action in the humanitarian sector, and subsequently reduce disaster risk and adapt to climate change. The Anticipation Hub equips practitioners, scientists and policymakers with knowledge, skills, expertise and connections to collectively support communities at-risk ahead of disasters. The three strategic priorities of the Anticipation Hub are to 1) stimulate innovation, learning and exchange, 2) provide guidance and support and 3) promote policy and advocacy on anticipatory (humanitarian) action.

Key Services

- 1 **Databases** of research, case studies and lessons learned
- 2 **Global map** of anticipatory action initiatives
- 3 **Repositories** of early actions and triggers
- 4 **Training** and exchange opportunities
- 5 **Policy** key messages and advocacy guidance



HIGHLIGHTS

The Anticipation Hub is a platform for learning from experience, for building partnerships, for fostering coordination and for the development and diffusion of new ideas. The Hub enables exchange and learning between individuals, governments, policymakers, the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement, NGOs, UN agencies, researchers and other actors interested in anticipatory humanitarian action. Anticipation Hub activities include, hosting working groups on emerging topics for anticipatory action (e.g. earth observation, conflict, disaster risk financing), organising training and knowledge exchange opportunities (e.g. Global and Regional Dialogue Platforms, webinars, mingles, blogs), and sharing learning materials and tools to help guide and support anticipatory action in practice.

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GLOBAL ROAD SAFETY PARTNERSHIP (GRSP)

Hosted by IFRC



GLOBAL
ROAD SAFETY
PARTNERSHIP

Date of creation: 1999

Director: Dave CLIFF

Geographical area of expertise: Global

Global Language of operation: English

Purpose of the Centre

Our role is to create and support multi-sector road safety [partnerships](#) that are engaged with front-line good practice road safety interventions in countries and communities throughout the world. We play a powerful role in [capacity building and training](#) of road safety practitioners and traffic police, engage actively in [advocacy](#) at all levels, provide road safety [programme coordination](#) at the global level, and are a recognised expert source of road safety [knowledge and good practice](#).

Key Services

- 1 Advocacy
- 2 Applied research
- 3 Communications
- 4 Education and training
- 5 Grants management
- 6 Project design and management
- 7 Road policing



HIGHLIGHTS

The GRSP is the global manager of the Botnar Child Road Safety Challenge, a grants programme seeking to reduce the risks of road trauma for children on the world's roads. The programme has dispersed CHF9.6 million in support of projects in 13 cities in 7 countries.

The GRSP is a key member of the consortium of organisations that implements the Bloomberg Initiative for Global Road Safety (BIGRS). Within the broad initiative, GRSP plays the lead, or co-lead role in managing the Advocacy and Grants Programme, the Road Policing Capacity Building Programme and the Global Road Safety Leadership Course. The initiative is operating in 15 cities, in 15 countries with funding of CHF240 million.

GRSP received one of the first fund allocations from the newly formed United Nations Road Safety Fund (UNRSF). The project is implemented in the Philippines and focuses on improving road user behaviour.

GRSP supports our private sector members through the creation and implementation of multi-sector road safety partnerships that are engaged with front-line good practice road safety interventions throughout the world.

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GLOBAL MIGRATION LAB

Currently hosted by Australian Red Cross



Date of creation: June 2020

Lead: Nicole HOAGLAND (acting)

Geographical area of expertise: Global

Global Language of operation: English

Purpose of the Centre

The Red Cross Red Crescent (RCRC) Global Migration Lab, currently hosted by Australian Red Cross, develops insights into migration trends, policies and good practice responses at a local, regional and global level. It aims to provide the RCRC with the information it needs, to work where most needed, in a way that best addresses the strengths of individuals, communities, and the Movement across borders. The Lab seeks to ensure that the voices and expertise of people with lived experience (i.e. migrants and the communities in which they live and work) are amplified to guide and inform policy development and programme operations.

The Lab will be hosted by a new National Society every three to four years and its Steering Group will be made up of people with lived experience in migration and the Co-Chairs of the RCRC Migration Leadership Group.

Key Services

- 1 Producing research and tools** to support the Movement to ensure humanitarian diplomacy efforts in migration are based on sound evidence and expertise.
- 2 Building National RCRC Society capacity** to undertake research on migration
- 3 Developing insights** into migration trends, policies and good practice responses at a local, regional and global level
- 4 Assessing future trends** in migration.



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On 9 March 2021, the Global Migration Lab launched its pilot piece of research on the impacts of COVID-19 and related policy measures on migrants' access to basic services. The report draws on research conducted across all regions by National Societies from Australia, Colombia, Egypt, Ethiopia, the Philippines, Sudan, Sweden and the UK, in coordination with IFRC and ICRC. It analyses data on barriers to accessing basic services during the pandemic - and the impacts of these barriers - based on surveys or discussions with over 3,250 migrants, including people seeking asylum and refugees, migrants in transit, indigenous migrants, migrants on temporary visas, undocumented migrants, returned migrants and those stranded as a result of the pandemic. The report also draws on consultations with over 150 key stakeholders, including community leaders, service providers, local authorities, government representatives, international and local humanitarian and development actors, and RCRC staff and volunteers. The report presents a picture of how and why migrants have been disproportionately affected by COVID-19 and related policy measures and underscores that it is in everyone's interest to address barriers to basic services for migrants now and in future public health emergencies.

You can find the report here: www.redcross.org.au/globalmigrationlab.

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TRANSFUSION RESEARCH CENTER (TREC)

Hosted by the Belgian Red Cross

Date of creation: 2011

Directors: Veerle COMPERNOLLE, Hendrik B. FEYS

Geographical area of expertise: Europe

Global Language of operation: Dutch, English

Purpose of the Centre

The Red Cross and blood banking and transfusion have been intrinsically linked ever since the concept of transfusion was discovered. The Transfusion Research Center (TReC) operates in this field with a focus on innovation in blood banking, storage of blood products and medicinal safety and efficacy of transfusion. Our research eventually leads to innovations that reduce cost, increase the benefit/risk ratio for patients and maximize the use of voluntarily donated blood. The laboratory hosts and trains highly skilled research experts thus attracting human capital with a heart for basic and applied research in a humanitarian setting. As such TReC has an unique position at the intersection of fundamental knowledge acquisition and applied science to advance transfusion medicine by maximally safeguarding the interests of both donor and patient.

Key Services

- 1 **Biomedical and -chemical research laboratory equipped with state-of-the-art analytical machines answering questions in the field of blood banking and transfusion medicine.**
- 2 **Analytical and biostatistical expertise to untangle biochemical and population level data acquired through laboratory experimentation.**
- 3 **Expertise in strategic translational science so as to optimally implement research results in a blood establishment's routine.**



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HIGHLIGHTS

TReC has developed a novel method for making platelet lysates (hPL). Such lysates are increasingly used as growth supplements in tissue culture media. These in turn feed lab grown cells and tissues that can be used in patients as cytotherapeutic agents. The lysates are prepared from platelet concentrates expired for transfusion, thereby avoiding waste of precious donor material and thus contributing to a sustainability goal. TReC's innovative technology for hPL preparation is quick, inexpensive and will diversify any blood establishment's portfolio adding a novel application outside of immediate transfusion medicine but nonetheless contributing to their prominent clinical and humanitarian responsibility. In addition, TReC runs research projects on COVID-19, on generating platelets from stem cells and on the basic understanding of platelet senescence. TReC is a major contributor to the international scientific literature and is an active contributing member in many international renowned scientific societies.

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THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT MOVEMENT

Humanity

The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, born of a desire to bring assistance without discrimination to the wounded on the battlefield, endeavours, in its international and national capacity, to prevent and alleviate human suffering wherever it may be found. Its purpose is to protect life and health and to ensure respect for the human being. It promotes mutual understanding, friendship, cooperation and lasting peace amongst all peoples.

Impartiality

It makes no discrimination as to nationality, race, religious beliefs, class or political opinions. It endeavours to relieve the suffering of individuals, being guided solely by their needs, and to give priority to the most urgent cases of distress.

Neutrality

In order to enjoy the confidence of all, the Movement may not take sides in hostilities or engage at any time in controversies of a political, racial, religious or ideological nature.

Independence

The Movement is independent.. The National Societies, while auxiliaries in the humanitarian services of their governments and subject to the laws of their respective countries, must always maintain their autonomy so that they may be able at all times to act in accordance with the principles of the Movement.

Voluntary service

It is voluntary relief movement not prompted in any manner by desire for gain.

Unity

There can be only one Red Cross or Red Crescent Society in any one country. It must be open to all. It must carry on its humanitarian work throughout its territory.

Universality

The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, in which all societies have equal status and share equal responsibilities and duties in helping each other, is worldwide.



The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) is the world's largest humanitarian network, with **192 National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies** and around **14 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.