

# 2022

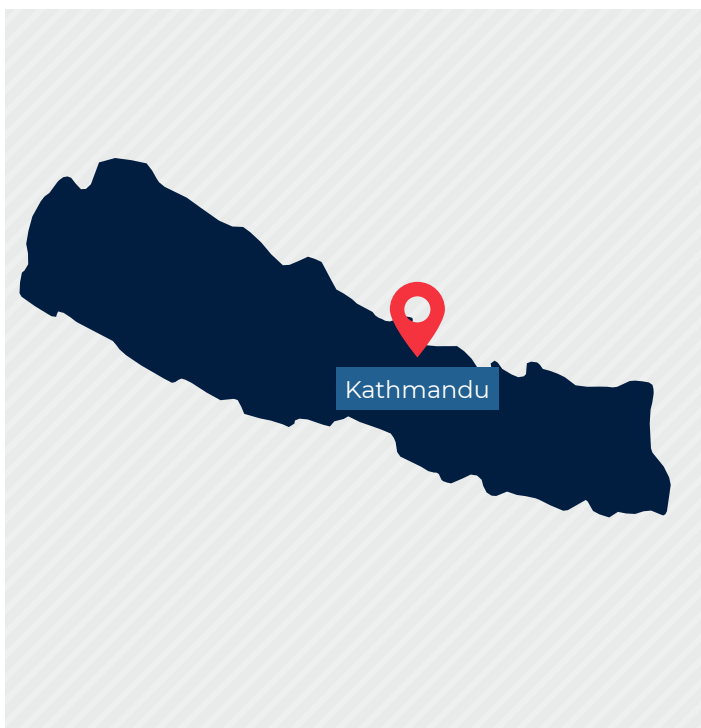
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# NEPAL

## IFRC COUNTRY PLAN

2022 funding requirement in Swiss francs  
**3.8 million**

As part of a total Federation-wide funding requirement in Swiss franc **6.2 million\***



National Society  
branches

**77**



National Society  
staff

**422**



National Society  
volunteers

**126,640**



People to be reached

**747,341**

This document details the IFRC's support in areas agreed upon with the relevant National Society. The IFRC seeks resources to carry out this plan, listed here as funding requirements. For information on the IFRC's emergency operations, please visit [ifrc.org/appeals](https://ifrc.org/appeals).

\* Total for IFRC and National Societies working internationally. Not including the country National Society's funding requirements.

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**MAANP001**

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## SITUATIONAL ANALYSIS

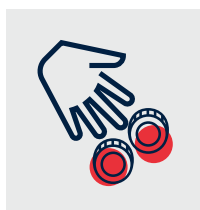
### Population

**29 million**

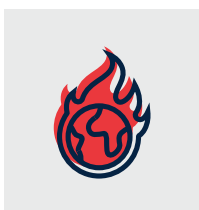
### Human Development Index Ranking

**142**

### Vulnerability to disasters



**Poverty**



**Climate  
change**



**Earthquakes**



**Disease**

Nepal has undergone an unprecedented political change. In 2015, it adopted a new Constitution and declared itself a federal democratic republic, divided into seven provinces and 77 districts. Under this system, the Government came to power in 2018 and has committed to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

Economically, the Government hopes to secure middle-income country status by 2030, but progress has been uneven across the country and the pandemic has reversed some progress that had been made towards this goal.

Nepal is highly vulnerable to environmental crises. In 2019, it was the 20<sup>th</sup> most disaster-prone country in the world and the 4<sup>th</sup> most prone to climate change-related disasters. An increasing number of people are affected by floods, landslides, drought, heat waves, cold snaps and vector-borne diseases. In 2021, the monsoon season triggered floods and landslides that affected around 10,000 households. These environmental disasters also erode farmland across the country, negatively impacting people's livelihoods and their ability to cope.

At least 11,000 people have died in Nepal due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This marks one of the highest per capita death rates across the Asia Pacific region. Nepal also witnessed an increase in reports of mental health challenges and gender-based violence associated with the pandemic and resulting lockdowns. In mid-2021, the IFRC supported the rollout of a vaccination campaign.



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## ROLE OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY

The Nepal Red Cross Society is one of the largest humanitarian organizations in disaster response in the country. Students and youth volunteers comprise a large proportion of the organization. They regularly engage through Nepal Junior and Youth Red Cross Circles, organized at schools, campuses and communities throughout the country.

Priority areas for the National Society include disaster risk reduction, health and care, water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), first aid, protection, gender and social inclusion. The National Society is also engaged in essential service provision. It provides eye care through eye hospitals and supports blood transfusion services. It also runs an ambulance service with over 240 active vehicles and provides logistical support and coordination in emergencies through its 12 in-country warehouses.

In recent years, the National Society has undergone a significant transformation in its processes in response to the new federal administration in Nepal. A comprehensive planning process was undertaken in 2019–2020 to sustainably transform the organization to ensure that it can continue to be relevant, efficient and accountable in serving vulnerable populations.





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## MEMBERSHIP COORDINATION AND MOVEMENT FOOTPRINT

| Name of Partner<br>National Society | Climate | Crises | Health | Migration | Inclusion | Engaged | Accountable | Trusted |
|-------------------------------------|---------|--------|--------|-----------|-----------|---------|-------------|---------|
| American Red Cross                  | ✓       |        |        |           |           |         |             |         |
| British Red Cross                   |         | ✓      | ✓      |           |           |         |             | ✓       |
| Canadian Red Cross                  |         |        | ✓      |           |           |         |             |         |
| Danish Red Cross                    |         | ✓      |        |           | ✓         | ✓       |             | ✓       |
| Finnish Red Cross                   |         | ✓      |        |           | ✓         |         |             | ✓       |
| Japanese Red Cross                  |         | ✓      |        |           |           |         |             |         |
| Swiss Red Cross                     | ✓       | ✓      | ✓      |           | ✓         | ✓       |             |         |



## GLOBAL FLAGSHIPS

The IFRC will support the National Society to increase their ability to address local priorities of flagship programmes where demand for their services has increased. This includes:

### **Local action – strong National Societies**

To strengthen the National Society and enhance local action in Nepal, the IFRC will provide integrated support, including funding and technical assistance, to bolster the National Society's transformation agenda. This will include assistance to strengthen the National Society's legal base and auxiliary role. The IFRC will also support the National Society to improve its financial sustainability and expand youth leadership within the network.

### **Going to scale on humanitarian action and risk reduction**

In 2022, the National Society will continue its work on disaster risk response and climate-smart programming and adopt an integrated approach to community development. This will increase the scale and depth of its humanitarian action. The IFRC will support the National Society as it engages in humanitarian diplomacy with national and local authorities to promote resilience activities within disaster response programming. The IFRC will also support the National Society to strengthen its position among local health authorities to scale up health interventions across the country.

### **Global cash leadership**

In recent years, the IFRC supported several initiatives in Nepal that included cash modalities as a means of humanitarian support, including two disaster relief emergency fund operations. In 2022, to increase capacity on cash leadership, the IFRC will support the National Society to further institutionalize best practices for cash and voucher assistance.

### **Global health security – epidemic and pandemic preparedness and response**

In 2022, the IFRC will also prioritize supporting the National Society to reach at least five million people with pandemic response programmes by July 2022.





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## CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL CRISES

Funding requirement in Swiss francs  
**130,000**

People to be reached  
**46,000**



Despite being one of the lowest emitters of greenhouse gases in the world, Nepal is considered a global warming hotspot due to its exposure to the impacts of climate change. It is estimated that millions of Nepalese citizens are at risk from climate impacts, including reductions in agricultural production, food insecurity, depletion of water sources, biodiversity loss and damaged infrastructure.

In recent years, the National Society has integrated climate change adaptation measures across its programmes, operations, and services. It has also increased its focus on early warning early action and forecast-based financing to save the lives and livelihoods of communities most vulnerable to climate-related disasters.

In 2022, the IFRC will support the National Society to strengthen these activities. It will ensure that National Society staff and volunteers have the knowledge, capacity and resources to address local environmental crises. It will also support the National Society to strengthen community-based climate education programmes, to ensure that communities most vulnerable to climate change have increased capacity to address risks and respond in real-time.

### TARGETS

- 46,000 people reached with climate and environmental activities.
- The National Society implements nature-based solutions, with a particular focus on tree planting.
- The National Society implements environmental campaigns focused on behaviour change, plastic reduction and clean-ups.

### SUPPORT

- Enhance the capacity of 200 staff and volunteers on climate action.
- Integrate early warning actions in disaster risk reduction plans.
- Develop an environmental action plan for Nepal.
- Integrate tree planting and bioengineering in community-based projects.



**10<sup>th</sup>**

Nepal's ranking in countries most affected by weather-related events between 2000–2019





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## EVOLVING CRISES AND DISASTERS

Funding requirement in Swiss francs  
**1.8 million**

People to be reached  
**109,000**



Nepal is highly prone to multiple hazards due to its diverse topography, geological position, and climatic conditions. Every year, disasters throughout the country claim many lives and cause significant economic losses.

The IFRC will continue to support the National Society, the government, and other partners to engage in coordinated preparedness and response activities. This will ensure a more effective response and increase accountability to communities that are vulnerable to crises.

The IFRC will also support the National Society to promote in-kind and cash modalities in times of crisis, to enhance agency. These modalities will leverage evidence-based market assessments and community feedback to ensure they are provided effectively and appropriately.

The IFRC will also support the National Society in leveraging local innovation to strengthen risk reduction initiatives. It will do so by encouraging collaboration with technical and academic institutions on risk assessment and education, digitalization for effective information management and risk-informed local development planning and budgeting.



**9,000**  
people killed in the  
2015 earthquake



**6,581**  
disasters reported  
between 2017  
and 2019

### TARGETS

- The National Society is engaged in structured preparedness and capacity building processes.
- The Government of Nepal adopts new legal instruments related to risk management.

### SUPPORT

- Promote cash and voucher assistance practices.
- Strengthen coordination with government, humanitarian actors and local communities to improve disaster response.
- Support the National Society to advocate on behalf of the most vulnerable to ensure their protection during disasters.



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## GROWING GAPS IN HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Funding requirement in Swiss francs  
**430,000**

People to be reached  
**123,000**



The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed weaknesses in Nepal's healthcare system, resulting in adverse health outcomes due to its direct and indirect impacts. Limited public health infrastructure and high out-of-pocket costs for health care hindered people's ability to respond appropriately to the pandemic and seek treatment when necessary.

The country also faces a growing burden of preventable and treatable diseases because many people did not access health care for other ailments due to service disruptions or fear of contracting the virus when seeking health services.

Recognizing the importance of clean water and adequate sanitation and hygiene facilities as tools to break the chain of infection, the National Society has been involved in several WASH projects to strengthen community health and resilience. In 2022, the IFRC will support the National Society to enhance these projects by strengthening the capacity of staff and volunteers on emergency WASH activities; it will also support the National Society to integrate climate-smart and inclusive policies into its WASH programming.

The National Society has also supported the government's rollout of a national COVID-19 vaccination campaign, which began in mid-2021. The IFRC will continue to support the National Society in these efforts in 2022, as more volunteers are recruited at the local level to support the campaign, to reach five million with pandemic response activities by July. It will also support the National Society to engage with the government to ensure fair and equitable distribution of vaccines.

### TARGETS

- 53,000 people reached with contextually appropriate health services.
- 70,000 people reached with contextually appropriate water, sanitation and hygiene services.
- 100 people trained by National Societies in first aid.

### SUPPORT

- Develop an emergency WASH strategy.
- Strengthen and promote National Society first aid training.
- Work with communities to identify and mitigate health risks.
- Support COVID-19 immunization campaign.





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## MIGRATION AND IDENTITY

Funding requirement in Swiss francs

**100,000**

People to be reached

**10,000**

Millions of Nepalese citizens have moved internationally in hopes of finding employment. Meanwhile, Nepal is also home to some 500,000 migrants, including refugees and asylum seekers from Afghanistan, Bhutan, Myanmar, Tibet and India.

The COVID-19 pandemic has also exacerbated the needs of migrants in Nepal. In response, the IFRC has supported the National Society to scale up its presence in points of entry and quarantine sites, providing humanitarian support to migrants and logistical support to holding centres. In 2022, the IFRC will support the National Society to enhance these efforts by integrating community engagement and accountability principles across all programming.

**55.8%**

of households in  
Nepal depend on  
remittances to sustain  
their livelihoods

**4 million**

Nepalese citizens  
living and  
working abroad

### TARGETS

- 10,000 migrants and displaced people reached with services for assistance and protection at points of entry.

### SUPPORT

- Conduct needs assessments to better understand the specific needs of migrants and displaced people.
- Provide protection and assistance to internally displaced people and their host communities.
- Organize training to build capacity on issues related to migration.

# VALUES, POWER AND INCLUSION

Funding requirement in Swiss francs  
**130,000**

People to be reached  
**44,000**



Nepal's constitution enshrines equal rights for women, vulnerable and marginalized populations. It also includes provisions to ban sex, caste and ethnicity-based discrimination. Despite this, Nepal continues to score poorly on the Gender Inequality Index, ranking 115 out of 162 countries worldwide.

Youth comprise roughly 40 per cent of Nepal's population and are recognized as a critical group for achieving Nepal's development targets. The National Society has a long-standing history of supporting and engaging youth, and in 2022, the IFRC will support the National Society to strengthen its programming to reach more young people in harder-to-reach areas.

The National Society has worked to mainstream gender and social inclusion policies across all programmes and operations and enhance the diversity of its workforce, with more women, youth and minority groups across all levels of the organization, including in governance and decision-making roles.

In 2022, the IFRC will support the National Society to ensure programmes and services are accessible to marginalized groups, including those with disabilities. The IFRC will also support the National Society to advocate for stronger child protection laws, regulations and policies while working with governments and other partners to strengthen child protection activities.



**29%**

of adult women in Nepal that have completed secondary education



**115**

Nepal's ranking out of 163 on the Gender Inequality Index



**65.1**

births per 1,000 women aged 15–19 years old

## TARGETS

- 44,000 people reached with values, power and inclusion activities.
- The National Society actively implements the IFRC's Gender and Diversity policy.

## SUPPORT

- Build protection, gender and inclusion capacities.
- Ensure all programmes and services are inclusive and accessible to people with disabilities.
- Collaborate with government partner organizations on child protection.
- Ensure diversity of National Society staff and volunteers.





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## ENABLER 1 – ENGAGED

Funding requirement in Swiss francs

**170,000**

The IFRC will support capacity strengthening initiatives and actions to promote coordination, collaboration, advocacy, innovation, and digital transformation in 2022.

The IFRC will support negotiations that aim to develop a Red Cross Law for the country – clarifying the National Society's auxiliary role. The IFRC will also support the National Society to strengthen its humanitarian diplomacy and advocacy capacity.

Other priorities will include engaging youth volunteers and partnering with tech companies, research firms, thinktanks, academia and other organizations to develop innovative strategies to improve humanitarian service delivery.

### TARGETS

- Increase the number of government-led platforms in which the National Society participates.
- Develop and implement a strategy for strengthening National Society's auxiliary role.
- Ensure progress on digital transformation according to the digital maturity model.

### SUPPORT

- Develop advocacy tools related to Red Cross Law, resilience and humanitarian issues.
- Produce a report depicting the ways the National Society acts as an auxiliary, supporting and complementing government efforts.
- Enhance coordination with the private sector and non-traditional partners.
- Roll out an information management system to centralize data and increase accountability.



## ENABLER 2 – ACCOUNTABLE

Funding requirement in Swiss francs

**480,000**

To ensure the National Society can deliver what it promises as effectively and efficiently as possible, the IFRC will support the National Society in strengthening its administrative and financial procedures. This will include providing training on financial compliance and risk management. As part of this, the IFRC will facilitate regular workshops for National Society staff on preventing fraud, corruption, sexual harassment, exploitation and abuse.

The IFRC will also support the National Society to improve its resource mobilization, tracking and reporting capacity, which will enhance accountability while strengthening financial sustainability. One element will be providing more targeted support for the National Society's core and long-term development activities. The IFRC will also encourage the National Society to access funding through the National Society Investment Alliance, the Capacity Building Fund and the Empress Shôken Fund. These activities will enhance the National Society's financial sustainability.

### 🎯 TARGETS

- The National Society has a functioning data management system to inform decision-making .
- 100% of emergency operations mainstream the Federation-wide risk management system.
- The National Society has a policy for the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse.

### ➡ SUPPORT

- Provide quality financial and administrative support.
- Establish risk management policies at all levels, with a clear link to accountability and quality assurance.
- Increase financial resources available to the National Society.





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## ENABLER 3 – TRUSTED

Funding requirement in Swiss francs

**530,000**

The drafting of a new Red Cross Law with national authorities will serve as the foundation for National Society Development efforts in the coming years. The IFRC will continue to support this process in 2022.

Youth engagement will continue to be prioritized by the National Society, and the IFRC will strengthen these efforts to promote youth-led actions as part of ongoing programmes and operations.

In 2022, the IFRC will strive to improve and promote coordination among its network members in Nepal. It will do so by putting the Nepal National Society at the centre of all coordination efforts – including COVID-19 response – and ensuring that all support is channelled through the National Society. This will result in greater efficiency and effectiveness in humanitarian programming.

In 2022, the IFRC will also support the National Society to strengthen its localization within communities. It will support the National Society in institutionalizing community engagement and accountability principles across all programmes and operations. The IFRC will also support the National Society in developing an accountability framework that includes feedback mechanisms. This will enable more robust performance management and provide greater opportunities for communities to provide input on ongoing and future programmes.

### TARGETS

- The National Society strengthens its integrity and reputational risk mechanisms.
- The National Society implements a youth engagement strategy.
- The National Society integrates and institutionalizes community engagement and accountability across all policies, operations and procedures.

### SUPPORT

- Provide technical and financial resources to support the drafting of the Red Cross Law.
- Promote youth-led actions within ongoing programmes and operations.
- Mainstream community engagement and accountability components across all programmes and projects.



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