

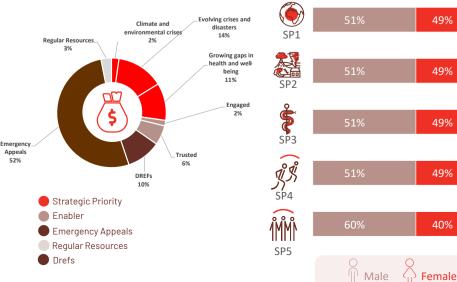
COUNTRY PLAN 2022





Allocation

999,502



Plan's Flagship Contribution



3,443,633



Going to Scale on Humanitarian Action and Risk Reduction



Global Cash

Leadership



Anticipatory Funding to triple by 2025



Respond to from the COVID-19

Operation Plan - Strategic Priorities



Climate and environmental crises



Iran faces a myriad of natural environmental challenges, including desertification, extreme weather, drought and environmental degradation as well as urban pollution. Climate change exacerbates these issues and impedes efforts at sustainable development in the country. To support climate adaptation and mitigation, IFRC aims to support IRCS in:



Organization level

- Integrate climate and environmental considerations into planning for sustainable programs..
- Develop and improve action plans to respond to climate-related hazards and disasters



Community level

- Mobilize health caravans using climate-friendly approaches.
- Raise awareness and engage youth and communities in climate change programmes and activities.



Volunteers and staff

- Build capacity for IRCS staff and volunteers to engage with communities in addressing climate change.
- Promote awareness among IRCS staff and volunteers on the effects of climate change in urban settings.
- Provide IRCS staff with knowledge, skills and tools to integrate climate adaptation and consideration in programmes and operations.



Evolving crises and disasters

• \$1,370,800

Given its geographical location and the propensity for a wide range of disasters, including frequent major earthquakes, Iran often endures severe economic, structural and social damage. IRCS also responds to events such as large-scale population movements in varying seasons which require diverse responses to diverse needs. Institutional resilience of IRCS is key to enhancing community preparedness for disaster response. In 2022, IFRC aims to support IRCS to:



Organization level

- Increase IRCS early warning early action (EWEA) capacity through training linked with FbF and DREF support.
- Establish a Cash Voucher Assistance (CVA) system to enhance delivery, clarify processes and increase accountability to stakeholders in cash voucher programming.
- Increase IRCS participation in regional CVA initiatives for capacity strengthening and integration; and in government and inter-agency mechanisms for better positioning.
- Conduct PER orientation to support IRCS in selecting a suitable PER approach.
- Support accreditation for the IRCS Relief and Response ERU.
- Plan for urban contingencies in megacities, focusing on earthquake response.
- Develop a system to ensure sufficient funding in-country to mitigate international bank transfer challenges.



Community level

- Support the Helal Houses volunteer-based initiative in relation to the IRCS's Emergency Operation Centres system and establishing community emergency response teams.
- Sensitize local communities on disaster risk reduction and preparedness and response.
- Establish 26 micro-businesses to empower vulnerable communities.
- Implement First Aid and psychosocial support (PSS) provision and preparedness for boys and girls with youth organizations.



Volunteers and staff

- Conduct a training-of-trainers in Enhanced Vulnerability Capacity
 Assessment (ECVA) to support community disaster preparedness.
- Conduct awareness-raising and climate adaptation planning with volunteers for preparedness and response.
- Conduct DREF training to support IRCS quickly mobilize funding for emergencies.
- Train IRCS staff and volunteers with skills and knowledge for advocating and promoting CVA activities.
- Develop and disseminate awareness raising for IRCS Youth Clubs.
- Develop surge capacity in IRCS through registration for Rapid Response.



Growing gaps in health and wellbeing



IRCS continues to be key in COVID19- pandemic response and mitigation. The National Society covers risk awareness and communications, and supporting the public authorities in screening, referrals and monitoring people affected. IRCS has facilitated importing over 20 million COVID19- vaccines, and supports vaccination of people on the move at health centres at border entry points, as well as its own staff and volunteers. Capacity building for staff and volunteers is imperative in RCCE, CBHFA, MHPSS, PFA, CEA and pandemic preparedness, and together with community outreach training, will be conducted through the Helal Houses programme, already based in communities.



Organization level

- Support IRCS's participation in the MENA MHPSS network.
- Adopt and pilot proven Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) interventions.
- Adopt proven pandemic/epidemic preparedness and respons systems for health response.
- Revise and adapt existing social listening and community feedback mechanisms, together with customized community health-related messages.
- Adapt global/regional information, education and communication (IEC) and behaviour change communication (BCC) tools and materials for the Iran context.
- Support accreditation of the IRCS ERU Health 2.
- Support national COVID19- vaccination and other immunization efforts
- Procure RDH/Basic Health Care Unit to reduce COVID19- impact.
- Procure medical equipment especially to support people with coronary and related diseases.



Community level

- Engage community leaders to support health promotion activities in the community.
- Map locations where specialized Psychological First Aid (PFA) services are available for community members.
- Support community PSS activities and sessions during emergencies.

Operation Plan - Enablers



Volunteers and staff

- Train staff and volunteers in 'Caring for Staff and Volunteers' and in protecting their own mental wellbeing.
- Train staff and volunteers in conducting Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE), and Community-based Health and First Aid (CBHFA).
- Support IRCS health staff to implement and monitor health programmes.
- Conduct training-of-trainers in PFA for staff and volunteers.
- Support IRCS capacity building in MHPSS in Emergencies, epidemic/ pandemic preparedness, and PFA, including prepositioning medicines and supplies for epidemic response.



Engaged - with renewed influence, innovative and digitally transformed

In 2022, IFRC will support IRCS in strengthening the National Society's engagement within and outside the Movement network; in enhancing IRCS's public profile to increase service delivery impact and gain greater public trust and understanding of its role and work; and in leveraging innovative and transformative approaches to better anticipate opportunities and adapt to challenges. These include:



Organization level

- Build the capacities of IRCS staff and volunteers in communication strategy and materials production.
- Develop advocacy tools to promote the Helal Houses programme with national disaster management organizations.
- Produce standard humanitarian diplomacy documents for advocacy and reference.
- Participate actively in the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT).
- Support leadership to engage with humanitarian actors, and assist PNSs in amplifying IRCS's voice with their respective governments.
- Produce humanitarian assistance communication products for an international audience.
- Enhance overall media coverage and showcasing of the Helal House programme.
- Invest in innovative entrepreneurial approaches and ideas by IRCS youth and volunteers
- Develop, support and provide IRCS with fundraising tools, channels and technical capacity building for manufacture of prefabricated shelters and tents to international standards.



Volunteers and staff

• Train IRCS in digital transformation and information management skills.



Accountable - with an agile management and a renewed financing model

Requirements (CHF) 45,000

IFRC will support IRCS in institutionalizing protection, gender, diversity and inclusion considerations across all its programmes and operations. IRCS also seeks to enhance working with partners and expanding its resource mobilization capabilities while engaging with abroad spectrum of stakeholders on multiple platforms.



Organization level

- Roll out and monitor the use of PGI minimum standards in IFRC operations.
- Initiate mapping of primary services, and explore possible referral pathways and mechanisms.
- Support IRCS in its constitutional amendments.

- Complete review of the Working With Project Partners (WPPP) initiative and recommend next steps for strengthening and facilitating financial procedures and systems.
- Support IRCS and other stakeholders in facilitating more efficient international bank transfers.
- Assist IRCS in adopting and using the iRaiser digital fundraising platform (Swiss RC)



Community level

 Engage with communities in CEA activities under the Helal Houses programme.



Volunteers and staff

- Provide PGI training and mandatory briefings for staff, volunteer and local communities under the Helal Houses programme.
- Conduct finance training for better financial management of projects, including assessments and piloting of software.



Trusted, owned and valued by the membership

As one of the most established and well-positioned National Societies in the world, IRCS plays a pivotal role at multiple levels in humanitarian assistance in-country as auxiliary to the national authorities right through to local communities. In 2022, IRCS aims to continue investing in its youth and volunteers as community-based drivers of change through skill building and inclusion. IFRC will also support IRCS in improving its coordination mechanisms involving Movement partners, strengthening its accountability to stakeholders, and improving its data management system.



Organization level

- Improve coordination mechanisms to support better Movement cooperation
- Strengthen policy dialogue to consolidate Movement influence in the humanitarian sector.
- Ensure CEA is included as a viable part of funding and project proposals.
- Design and maintain a secure and accountable data management system.
- Design a monitoring and evaluation plan to track ongoing IRCS emergency operations.



Community level

 Develop community engagement and accountability through establishing a feedback mechanism and SOPs, and dedicating human and financial resources to related activities.



Volunteers and staff

- Ensure youth, IRCS volunteers and community volunteers are part of Helal Houses' programming, activities and response.
- Train existing and potential volunteers in RCRC induction and First Aid.
- Build leadership qualities in youth and volunteers through education and empowerment.
- Conduct CEA orientation and training.
- Train IRCS in data collection, analysis and management.

Emergency Appeal Iran: Regional Population Movement - Strategic Priorities

Since the withdrawal of foreign troops from Afghanistan in July 2021, increased violence, infrastructure damage and concerns for personal safety have been reported, and correspond to increased humanitarian needs and displacement of vulnerable people across borders to neighbouring countries. Migrating populations use official border crossings and informal routes and exposing many to potential human trafficking, exploitation and loss of life. Through this EA, IRCS is prepared to respond to 37,500 people on the move with emergency shelter, food, household items, and Health/WASH services.



Migration and identity



IFRC MENA will support IRCS in analyzing and assessing the influence and consequences of population movement together with guidance and best practices related to the Movement approach on migration and displacement.



Organization level

- Provide assistance and protection-related services in the context of migration
- Support awareness-raising and advocacy work in the context of migration.



Values, power and inclusion



IRCS will conduct detailed assessment and review to ascertain existing needs based on gender and diversity. A focus on the IFRC 'Minimum standards for protection, gender and inclusion in emergencies' with the inclusion of Child-Friendly Spaces and addressing SGBV will contribute to increasing awareness of PGI and help integrate these into programming for current and future response. These activities will also involve CEA training to increase related capacities.



Volunteers and staff

- Support teams to address gender, diversity and disability vulnerabilities in programme planning.
- Hold basic training on the Minimum Standards for IFRC and IRCS staff and volunteers
- Support sectorial teams in collecting and analyzing gender-age-disability disaggregated data.



Evolving Crises and Disasters



IRCS will replenish mobilized items to cover needs of 37,500 people for 12-9 months, including tents (18,000), blankets (112,500), ground mats (30,000), heaters and cookers (7,500), kitchen sets (8,000), and covering sheets (2.25 tons) in three main campsites and other smaller ones along the border. Food distributions will be based on needs and length of stay, and include –72 10,000hour food packages, and 45,000 one-month packages.



Organization level

- Provide the affected population with food, shelter and essential household items.
- Ensure integrated programming with other sectors.
- Coordinate with government and other stakeholders.



Growing gaps in health and wellbeing



Main health interventions will focus on health promotion, RCCE, prevention, detection and response to disease outbreaks in gathering places, First Aid and primary health care, and MHPSS support and referrals as well as PGI support. Trained staff and volunteers are ready to take specific actions to deliver these interventions. IRCS is also obliged to conduct COVID19-screening and testing for all in-country arrivals.



Organization level

- Identify health needs and medical items to address them
- Provide first aid at reception points and transit camps as needed.
- Conduct COVID19- screening and support referrals.
- Assess community PSS needs and verify resources.
- Provide safe drinking water to selected people.
- Identify hygiene needs and distribute hygiene kits as needed.
- Implement hygiene promotion activities based on identified needs, includingCOVID19- prevention messages.



Volunteers and staff

- Identify and deploy CBHFA volunteers for emergency response.
- Identify and train PSS volunteers for deployment.
- Provide PSS to staff and volunteers.

Emergency Appeal Iran: Regional Population Movement - Enablers



Engaged - with renewed influence, innovative and digitally transformed







Coordinate with other Movement partners in responding to this crisis



Trusted, owned and valued by the membership





Volunteers and staff

- Clarify volunteer roles and responsibilities and raise awareness of their rights
- Provide PSS to support volunteer wellbeing.
- Engage volunteers in decision-making in their respective projects.



Accountable - with an agile management and a renewed financing model



Organization level

- Ensure compliance with RCRC Movement principles, rules, frameworks and emergency procedures.
- Keep communities engaged through communication and feedback mechanisms to inform programming.
- Ensure PMER technical capacity is in place and fulfill accountability requirements to support resource mobilization and programming.
- Ensure compliance with financial procedures, and reporting standards and requirements.

DREF Iran: Drought - Strategic Priorities

Over 20 million people in Iran teeter on the brink of drought or its impact due to the arid climate of the country. The lack of precipitation and high rate of snow melt from 2020 into 2021 has raised the

levels drought exposure for many, with conditions exacerbated by COVID19- and population migration within and across international borders. This DREF seeks to help IRCS provide basic health care

and MHPSS to those affected; mitigate deteriorating livelihoods, and position safe water resources for drinking and personal hygiene for 83,200 people in Sistan and Baluchestan, South Korasan, Kerman

and Hormozgan.



Growing gaps in health and wellbeing

\$2.750.000



Organization level

- Conduct health and WASH assessments in target communities.
- Deploy health mobile units.
- Monitor impact of mobile medical services on the target population.
- Determine appropriate household water treatments and distribute products accordingly per community.
- Monitor WASH situation; water use, treatment and storage through surveys and water quality testing.
- Train water committees in water management and infrastructure maintenance.
- Develop hygiene communication plan and train volunteers.
- Distribute health kits and menstrual hygiene items to women.
- Distribute hygiene kits for children.
- Train communities in the use of the hygiene kits received.
- Monitor use of hygiene kits and water treatment products.

Evolving Crises and Disasters

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Organization level

- Conduct rapid needs and market assessments
- Distribute unconditional/multipurpose cash grants via bank transfer
- Conduct post-distribution monitoring.

DREF Iran: Drought - Enablers



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Volunteers and staff

Ensure volunteers are briefed, trained and provided PSS when needed.



Accountable - with an agile management and a renewed financing model





Organization level

- Conduct needs assessments, monitoring, evaluation, learning and accountability activities
- Conduct end of operation and Lessons Learnt Workshop
- Ensure operation-related finance and administration work is efficient, effective and transparent.

DREF Iran Hormozgan Earthquake - Strategic Priorities

On 14 November 2021, a 6.4 magnitude earthquake struck the Hormozgan province affecting some 36,500 people with sustained injury and loss of life as well as damage to buildings, property and infrastructure. This DREF support IRCS in distribution of food rations and unconditional cash grants; and in replenishing stocks already deployed in response to affected people.



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Organization level

- Conduct assessments and distribute non-food items.
- Conduct rapid market assessments for cash grant planning and feasibility.
- Identify and verify beneficiary target groups, integrating inclusion of diverse groups.
- Develop preliminary list of food recipients and distribute one-month food rations accordingly.
- Develop preliminary list of cash grant recipients and distribute unconditional/multipurpose cash grants accordingly.
- Coordinate with government and other stakeholders.
- Analyse local market availability for shelter and household items.
- Procure items to replenish depleted contingency stocks.
- · Conduct post-distribution and market monitoring.



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Organization level

- Continue to provide surge support where needed.
- Conduct a Lessons Learnt workshop
- Produce communications content, including video and photos.

DREF Iran Floods - Strategic Priorities

Heavy rainfall from 1 January 2022 across most of Iran affected over 80,000 people with floods which damaged public utilities, infrastructure, homes, buildings and agricultural areas in 20 provinces. With support from this DREF, IRCS is assisting 13,152 people with food packages for one month, and 9,200 with household items in the Hormozgan, Kerman, Sistan Baluchestan and Fars provinces. This DREF also supports IRCS to replenish its response preparedness stocks for future emergencies.



Evolving crises and disasters





Organization level

- Coordinate with government and other stakeholders.
- Analyse local market availability for shelter and household items.
- Procure provisioned household items including blankets, ground mats, plastic sheeting and heaters.
- Replenish distributed food items
- Conduct post-distribution monitoring.

DREF Iran Floods - Enablers



Evolving Crises and Disasters





Volunteers and staff

Build disaster response and risk reduction capacity with IRCS.

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