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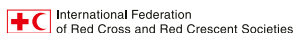
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I am pleased to present to you the Red Cross Red Crescent Reference Centres brochure for 2019. The brochure highlights the important work of Reference Centres- both those that were formed in partnership with the IFRC, and other Centres and networks formed by National Societies.

We are proud of the continued cooperation between the IFRC and Reference Centres. The eleven Reference Centres formed in partnership with the IFRC and hosted by National Societies contribute significant expertise—training, technical assistance, research and advocacy—to the Red Cross Red Crescent network. This 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.

Our Reference Centres help to promote strong, sustainable National Societies, they strengthen our external facing humanitarian collaboration and ultimately, they enhance our collective humanitarian impact.

I encourage all National Societies to use this brochure to learn about the Reference Centres and the range of services they offer, and to connect with them to support our collective work.

Jagan Chapagain

IFRC Under Secretary General, Programmes and Operations

ABOUT THE RED CROSS RED CRESCENT REFERENCE CENTRES

Reference centres (in some cases known as Resource Centres) are centres of expertise in defined technical or thematic areas. Reference Centres build and contribute knowledge and provide services to the Red Cross Red Crescent network, either globally or in a particular geographic region. The Centres may offer National Societies: training, technical assistance, advocacy, knowledge management, research support; ensuring that the resources they provide are adapted to local needs.

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.



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IFRC Reference Centres embody the idea of shared leadership between the IFRC and National Societies with National Societies taking the lead in providing services in a specific area on behalf of the IFRC to IFRC member National Societies.

Defining Characteristics

- Reference Centre is formally established
- Undertakes a delegated function of the IFRC
- May use the IFRC name and logo
- Governance body includes a representative of the IFRC and the founding National Society or National Societies.

NATIONAL SOCIETY REFERENCE CENTRES AND NETWORKS

National Societies may agree to set up Reference Centres or other Networks between themselves to service their own needs. In these cases, the IFRC is not delegating any of its functions to the Centre, nor does the Centre portray itself as acting or speaking on behalf of the IFRC.

Defining Characteristics

- May be formally or informally established
- Does not undertake a delegated function of the IFRC
- Governance body may include a representative of the IFRC, either with voting rights or as an observer.
- Works bilaterally with interested National Societies.
- May collaborate with IFRC.
- Cannot speak on behalf of IFRC, nor use IFRC name and logo.



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CLIMATE CENTRE

Hosted by the Netherlands Red Cross



Date of creation: 2002

Director: Maarten VAN AALST

Geographical area of expertise: Global

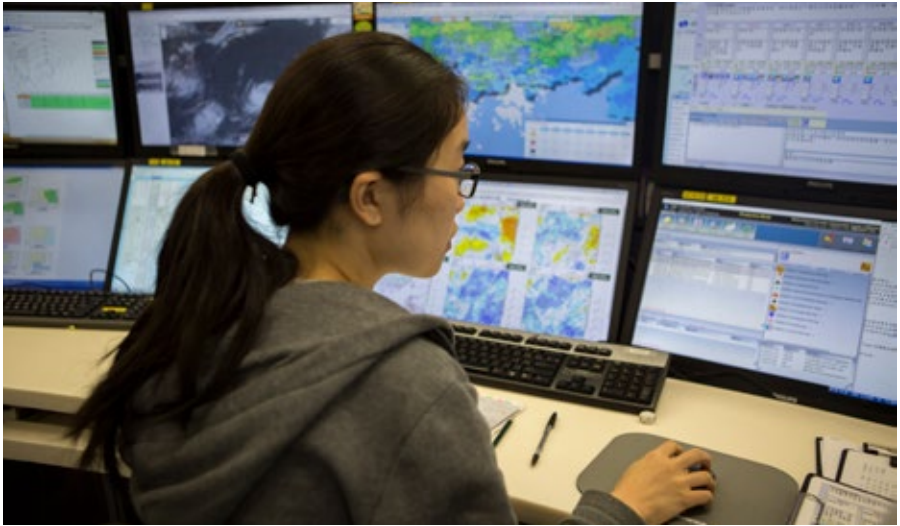
Language of operation: English, Spanish, French

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** Assists National Societies to access climate information
- 2** Conducts research into climate science and humanitarian action
- 3** Provides technical assistance and develops participatory methods to link climate information and humanitarian operations
- 4** Advocates in climate policy forums on behalf of the most vulnerable



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The Climate Centre applies scientific forecasts of weather and climate to help predict potential disasters and long-term climatic changes. This enables humanitarian organizations and vulnerable people to respond sooner, and to prepare for changing risk patterns to reduce losses of lives and livelihoods. Standard operating procedures support the stepwise actions that can be taken when early warnings reach certain agreed thresholds. Scientists are constantly improving forecasts, and the reduction in losses and suffering produced by 'early action' more than justifies the original investment.

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GLOBAL FIRST AID REFERENCE CENTRE (GFARC)

Hosted by the French Red Cross



International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
Global First Aid Reference Centre

Date of creation: 2012

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** Harmonizing first aid approaches and training
- 2** Sharing knowledge and competences
- 3** Promoting an evidence based approach and research for the delivery of high quality first aid services
- 4** Supporting resilience programmes through technical expertise
- 5** Coordinating the first aid global network
- 6** Advocating for first aid training
- 7** Developing resources and economies of scale



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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



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



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GDPC initiatives such as the Universal App Program (UAP) create scalable approaches to disaster preparedness and resilience. The UAP is a web-based platform that enables National Societies to adapt first aid and multi-hazard apps to their needs. Each Red Cross or Red Crescent Society will be able to customize apps via an easy-to-use interface that is efficient and cost effective. The GDPC website, PrepareCenter.org, hosts a virtual network of disaster preparedness practitioners and offers peer-to-peer learning opportunities.

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LIVELIHOODS RESOURCE CENTRE (LRC)

Hosted by the Spanish Red Cross



Date of creation: 2010

Director: Nacho ROMAN PERE

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

Language of operation: English, Spanish, Portuguese, French

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



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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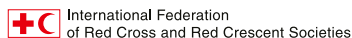
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REFERENCE CENTRE FOR PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

Hosted by the Danish Red Cross

Psychosocial Centre



International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Date of creation: 1993

Director: Nana WIEDEMANN

Geographical area of expertise: Global

Language of operation: English, French, Arabic, Spanish

Purpose of the Centre

The ultimate goal of the PS Centre is that all National Societies have sufficient capacity to provide psychosocial support that meets the needs of the populations in their country, while at the same time taking care of the physical and psychosocial well-being of their 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** Promote the resilience and thereby the rehabilitation of individuals and communities
- 4** Restore community networks and coping mechanisms
- 5** Enhance emotional assistance to staff and volunteers
- 6** Facilitate psychosocial support before, during and after disasters



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The PS Centre is a center of excellence that is working every day to deliver within three core areas: technical support and capacity building, research and knowledge management, and policy and advocacy. The PS Centre has a global outreach: in 2018, the PS Centre received 1,156 requests for support from 95 countries and trained 724 people in 36 trainings globally. PS Centre trainings are based on high quality training material developed by the PS Centre and in 2018, the centre developed or contributed to 36 tools and guidelines. Research and innovation are key priorities in order to advance the work, and in 2018 the PS Centre collaborated with 55 different universities.

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SHELTER RESEARCH UNIT (SRU)

Hosted by the Luxembourg Red Cross



International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Shelter Research Unit
Innovating shelter

Date of creation: 2010

Geographical area of expertise: Global

Director: Antonella VITALE

Language of operation: English, French, Italian, Spanish

Purpose of the Centre

The IFRC-SRU focuses on humanitarian shelter and settlement responses. It undertakes field missions in support of ongoing operations through the provision of on-demand technical assistance, including assessment, remote monitoring, and evaluation. 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 Document shelters and settlements to actively support knowledge sharing.
- 2 Develop shelter solutions and support field capacity—through guidance, tailored shelter capacity building, and field originated shelter solutions.
- 3 Test shelter and settlement solutions—by linking with the humanitarian, academic and private sectors, looking at materials as well as appropriate construction techniques and their cultural acceptance.



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The IFRC-SRU manages the Open Shelter Database—<https://shelter-database.org>—currently featuring 162 shelters filtered by country, disaster, typology, climate zone, organisation.

The Unit works on technical guidance, including the recently published:

- Standard Guideline for Rural Housing in Disaster Prone Areas of Bangladesh (2018)
- Anchoring Study (2018)
- How to Build Safe Roofs with CGI Sheeting (2018)

Every two years the IFRC-SRU organises a technical conference on an identified theme relevant to humanitarian shelter and settlement operations.

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ASIA PACIFIC DISASTER RESILIENCE CENTRE (APDRC)

**Hosted by the Republic of
Korea National Red Cross**



Date of creation: 2016

Director: Yoonkyung 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 sharing knowledge and innovation.

Key Services

- 1** Knowledge creation and sharing
- 2** Promoting and implementing resilience policies and strategies
- 3** Providing technical assistance
- 4** Creating networks and partnerships by reinforcing advocacy



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Acknowledging an increasing number of natural disasters and emerging humanitarian issues in the Asia Pacific region, the APDRC was established as the region's first reference centre. To share innovative ideas and approaches, and new technology for enhancing disaster resilience, the APDRC has organized a series of interactive innovation workshops, and developed and provided Virtual Reality (VR) / Serious Game based disaster resilience training tools. Together with the IFRC, the APDRC has provided and supported trainings on the Road Map to Community Resilience.

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CARIBBEAN DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT REFERENCE CENTRE (CADRIM)

**Hosted by the Barbados
Red Cross Society**



Date of creation: 2010

Director: Reynette ROYER-THOMAS

Geographical area of expertise: The Caribbean

Language of operation: English

Purpose of the Centre

The Red Cross Caribbean Disaster Risk Management Reference Centre (CADRIM) is a regional platform that assists Caribbean Red Cross Societies and partner organizations to investigate, analyse and develop knowledge on how to strengthen community resilience through sustainable preparedness and risk reduction activities, particularly in Small Island Developing States (SIDS)

Key Services

- 1** Manages knowledge and shares information
- 2** Develops and adapts tools and methodologies
- 3** Offers internships and technical exchanges
- 4** Hosts and maintains a regional database of trainers



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HIGHLIGHTS

To date, CADRIM has developed and updated six different methodologies for creating safer and more resilient communities and stronger Red Cross National Societies in the Caribbean. They build on the participation, innovation and expertise of Red Cross National Societies, tertiary level institutions and partners. Since 2011, the Centre has hosted 22 internships, as well as two staff secondments, from the Caribbean, Europe, Central America and the United States, and facilitated three technical exchanges in the Caribbean.

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REFERENCE CENTRE FOR INSTITUTIONAL 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

To strengthen the capacities of National Societies in disaster preparedness, through the development of active methodologies, tools, learning techniques and harmonization processes, considering the expertise and best practices of the National Societies themselves and other partners.

Key Services

- 1** Knowledge generation
- 2** Training
- 3** Technical Support
- 4** Development of instruments and tools



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We are committed to implementing timely and reliable processes aimed at satisfying the needs of our National Society colleagues. These processes, supported by IFRC Strategy 2020, the Inter-American Framework for Action of the IFRC for 2016-2020 and the Houston Commitment, are translated into training, technical assistance, tools development and knowledge generation, guaranteeing effectiveness and continuous improvement in accordance with ISO 9001: 2015.

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CENTER 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 Center 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 & 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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REGIONAL REFERENCE CENTRE FOR MEDICAL EMERGENCIES AND PRE-HOSPITAL CARE (CREMYAP)

**Hosted by the Ecuadorian Red Cross and
Ecuadorian Red Cross High Technological
Institute**



Date of creation: 2014

Director: Edwin DÁVILA NÚÑEZ

Geographical area of expertise: Americas

Language of operation: Spanish

Purpose of the Centre

The purpose of CREMYAP is to strengthen National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies' capacity in providing pre-hospital care through the development of methodologies, tools, learning techniques, and harmonized processes, taking into account the existing knowledge and best practice of the global network of National Societies.

Key Services

- 1** Technical assistance to National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, non-governmental, public and private organizations
- 2** Develops, systematizes and harmonizes training processes in the area of pre-hospital care
- 3** Promotes best practices and quality standards



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CREMYAP seeks to strengthen the capacity of National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in the Americas through research, systematization and analysis of techniques, equipment and regulations in the area of pre-hospital care, to ensure the provision of quality services to the most vulnerable, as well as to improve or establish a sustainable source of revenue for National Societies. CREMYAP relies on the support of experts from National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies with in-depth experience in pre-hospital care, as well as the support of the Ecuadorian Red Cross Technological Institute, which has skilled personnel certified by the Ecuadorian Higher Education Council.

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CENTRE FOR EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE (CEBAP)

Hosted by the Belgian Red Cross



Evidence-based
by CEBaP

Date of creation: 2009

Director: Emmy DE BUCK

Geographical area of expertise: Europe, Sub-Saharan, Africa,
India, Nepal

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 on four priority areas: first aid education & hygiene promotion, first aid assistance & 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.

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FRENCH RED CROSS FOUNDATION FOR HUMANITARIAN AND SOCIAL RESEARCH

Hosted by the French Red Cross

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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,
Indian Ocean

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



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The core thematic research areas covered by the Foundation are: Humanitarian transition (transformation of international aid); Migration and Displacement; Health and Social Bound and Disaster Risk Prevention and Management. 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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INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS (ICHA)

Hosted by Kenya Red Cross



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

The International Centre for Humanitarian Affairs' core mission is to contribute extensive knowledge that will help alleviate human suffering through building safe, resilient and sustainable communities through four units: Research & Learning, Policy & Advocacy, Innovation, Training & Capacity Building.

Key Services

- 1 Research, evidence & knowledge generation
- 2 Knowledge management
- 3 Data collection, analysis & use
- 4 Evidence-based public policy advocacy
- 5 Tailor made training & capacity development
- 6 Co-designing innovative solutions with communities



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ICHA's goal is to be a knowledge service hub through research to generate information and evidence that supports programming, policy, advocacy, innovation and learning. Research, implementation and continuous development of relevant knowledge services will address the challenge of integration of evidence and information in decision making, planning & action. This will enable better anticipation, preparedness and response to disasters and exploitation of opportunities in development. The expected long term impact is that plans, actions and investments will be more effective in enhancing the resilience of livelihoods, people and enhance sustainable development.

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PIROI CENTER (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** Reducing the impact of natural and health disasters
- 2** Reducing the effects of climate change on the region's populations



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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, 19 years of experience, 51 emergency operations, 35 000 volunteers, 500 tons of pre-positioned stocks, 1,500 trained volunteers, 1,300,000 beneficiaries (emergency response).

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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

Geographical area of expertise: 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 & hygiene promotion
- 3** First aid assistance & disaster preparedness
- 4** Blood platelets
- 5** Blood donors



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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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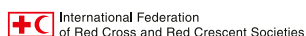
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RED CROSS RED CRESCENT TRAINING AND RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Hosted by the Italian Red Cross

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PARTNERSHIP ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE



Date of creation: 2012

Geographical area of expertise: Global

Partnership Chairman: Massimo BARRA

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

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.



IFRC Global Reference Centres

HIGHLIGHTS

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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RED CROSS NUCLEAR DISASTER RESOURCE CENTER

Hosted by the Japanese Red Cross

Date of creation: 2013

Geographical area of expertise: Global

Director General: Masakazu KARUBE

Language of operation: Japanese and English



Purpose of the Centre

The purpose of the Nuclear Disaster Resource Centre (NDRC), based on experiences and lessons learned from the Japanese Red Cross Society's (JRCS's) relief activities during the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant accident, is to address preparedness for possible future nuclear disasters and assist National Societies which prepare for nuclear and radiological emergencies. The NDRC also shares collected information which includes communication with affected people during a nuclear disaster through the NDRC Digital Archives, aiming to serve wider communities seeking such information.

Knowledge sharing

- 1 Providing experiences/lessons learned in Fukushima
- 2 Providing technical assistance by Nuclear Emergency Medical Care Advisors in training/workshops or in nuclear emergencies
- 3 Consultation with National Societies that plan to establish Radiological/Nuclear emergency preparedness
- 4 Global support through IFRC secretariat on enhancing and sharing existing expertise with the IFRC membership



HIGHLIGHTS

The JRCS's nuclear disaster preparedness has 4 pillars: (1) ensuring the safety of JRCS responders; (2) appointing Nuclear Emergency Medical Care Advisors and organizing the meetings; (3) education/training for its staff and (4) collecting/sharing information on nuclear disaster preparedness and response. To promote the preparedness, the JRCS established the NDRC, which has facilitated developing a manual, guidelines and digital archives.

Following the adoption of a resolution on “preparedness to respond to the humanitarian consequences of nuclear accidents” at the 18th IFRC General Assembly in 2011, the IFRC prepared “Nuclear and Radiological Emergency Preparedness and Response Guidelines” to assist with developing the preparedness framework of each National Society.

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OTHER REFERENCES 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

Director: Rudolf SCHWABE

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 has also published a resource manual for National Society blood services. The 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 targeted assistance to a small number of identified support country blood services. This may include provision of GAP tools and expertise, identifying partnering opportunities with other blood services and coordination of technical assistance from GAP members or partners.

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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.

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