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The Red Cross, born of a desire to bring assistance without discrimination to the wounded on the battlefield, endeavours—in both 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.

02 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.

03 NEUTRALITY

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

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The Red Cross 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 to act in accordance with Red Cross principles at all times.

05 VOLUNTARY SERVICE

The Red Cross is a voluntary relief movement not prompted in any manner by desire for gain.

06 UNITY

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

07 UNIVERSALITY

The Red Cross is a global institution in which all societies have equal status and share equal responsibilities and duties in helping each other.

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I. FOREWORD: 2022, A YEAR OF MULTIPLE CRISES

“Intense” is perhaps the best word to describe 2022. While we have strengthened our activities in countries where we have been working for many years, we have also been active in other regions where we were not previously present, such as Moldova and Pakistan. Whether through development projects or by providing an emergency response to sudden crises, the volume of activities of the Luxembourg Red Cross’ Humanitarian Aid has more than doubled this year.

In Ukraine, our team, which has been active in the country for more than 30 years, delivered emergency aid from the very first hours of the fighting. We supported more than 800,000 people affected by the conflict throughout the year thanks to the population of Luxembourg who demonstrated extreme levels of solidarity. We would like to thank them from the bottom of our hearts for helping us intensify our support in Ukraine.

Building on the increasing awareness of the impact of international crises, we also sought and provided support for the victims of so-called silent disasters: as we helped the local populations in the Sahel, the Democratic Republic of the Congo or Madagascar. Because of either natural disasters, insecurity or sanitary crises, an urgent response is essential to address the needs of those displaced, whose number is continuously growing.

In Luxembourg, we encouraged responsible behaviour with a view to contributing to a fairer world through numerous awareness-raising activities promoting international humanitarian law and its values among the public.

In 2022, our volume of activity has increased significantly, in response to the growing humanitarian crises in the world. Thank you for your support to our operations in 2022 and going forward. Together, we will continue to help those who need it most, where they need it most, when they need it the most. ✓



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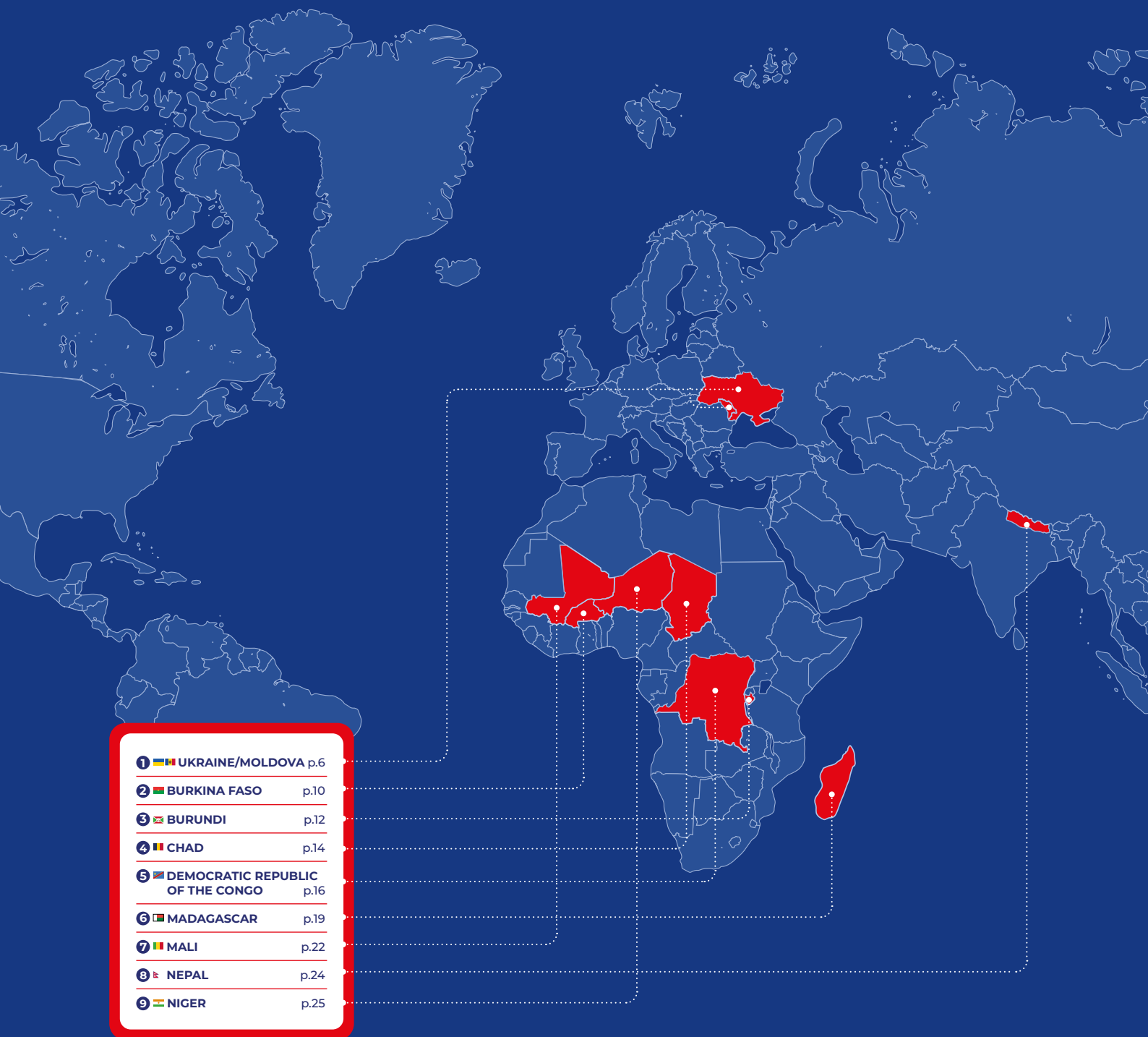


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OUR PROJECTS WORLDWIDE





825.222 people helped in Ukraine and Moldova in 2022.

1. UKRAINE AND MOLDOVA



In February 2022, a full-scale conflict developed in Ukraine, causing a humanitarian crisis affecting tens of millions of people within just a few hours. Thousands of civilians lost their lives and many more were injured. Families have been torn apart and homes, schools and hospitals destroyed. According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), as of December 2022, 5.9 million people had been internally displaced due to the conflict, and over 8.1 million Ukrainian sought refuge across Europe. Since the first days, our team has provided humanitarian aid to the most vulnerable people in the Eastern and Central regions of Ukraine, aiming at providing health, water and sanitation, food, and shelter assistance to them.

All year long, we have continued our support to the people in need by providing immediate and long-term assistance, including distributions of relief items, food and water. In response to the destruction of essential infrastructures affecting water, gas and electricity supplies, we have helped the local and displaced populations by distributing building materials and heating briquettes and by rehabilitating collective centers and houses. We have also provided water and sanitation services as well as power generators. In addition, in order to guarantee a minimum access to healthcare, hospitals and other health infrastructures have been renovated and medical equipment delivered.

In neighbouring country of Moldova, the instant arrival of over 100,000 Ukrainian refugees had a significant impact on the economy and society of what is one of the smallest and poorest European countries, exacerbating the vulnerabilities of both local and refugee populations. We have supported tens of thousands adults and children through the distribution of food parcels and hygiene kits, hygiene promotion activities and psychological support.

Despite numerous challenges, our teams have been able to help more than 820,000 people in Ukraine and Moldova in 2022



**Distribution of briquettes
in Dyliivka village.**



Winterization in Donetsk oblast

- 🕒 **Duration:** 01/12/2021 to 28/02/2022
- 💰 **Budget:** 50,000 EUR
- 📍 **Funding:** Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs

Even prior to the escalation of the armed conflict in February 2022, the COVID-19 pandemic had brought pressure on the struggling population. It had made hundreds of thousands of conflict-weary people more vulnerable and dependent on humanitarian aid. Many elderly people use most of their pensions to get coal and keep their places warm, and sacrifice the purchase of medicines for chronic illnesses. The program has covered 187 households in conflict-affected areas.



Health 4 All in Donetsk region and capacity building of the Ukrainian Red Cross Society

- 🕒 **Duration:** 01/01/2022 to 14/01/2023
- 💰 **Budget:** 658,876 EUR
- 📍 **Funding:** Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, donations to Luxembourg Red Cross

The onslaught of the fighting as of February 2022 made that the objective of this project - first focused on sensitization and training - changed to an emergency relief response. Our focus was to deploy shelter and repair solutions for hospitals and health centers in the north of the Donetsk oblast and support through medical equipment and medicines for health structures in the conflict zones. Nine hospitals have been supported with construction kits and 14 hospitals with medical supplies and equipment. We have also distributed more than 2,200 food kits, 2,000 hygiene kits, non-food items such as diapers or blankets, and first aid kits. In addition, we have supported the disaster response capacities of the Ukrainian Red Cross Society and have helped create a national network of shelter experts all over the country with central resources based in Kyiv. This project has supported 639.666 people.

**The Maternity of Irpin Central City
Hospital received operation tables,
surgical lamps, beds for newborns
and a fetal monitor.**





Providing non-food items, cash and pharma-medical assistance in Ukraine and Moldova

Duration: 01/03/2022 to 31/01/2023

Budget: 1,589,000 EUR

Funding: Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, Banque de Luxembourg, Stand Speak Rise Up, Foyer, donations to Luxembourg Red Cross

The goal of the project was to cover the most urgent needs of the most vulnerable people living in Sumy and Donetsk areas and to support medical facilities to guarantee the access to health and water in the affected areas.

Linked to the winterization activities in Sumy, we have provided 7,496 roofing slates, 674 windows and 22 generators. In Donetsk oblast, we have helped almost 500,000 people access to water thanks to ten local water boards. Four hospitals have been supported with medical equipment such as surgical instruments, laboratory supplies, beds for new borns, fetal monitors or ultrasound system, and we have donated 6,000 hygiene kits to the population. In total, 763,715 people living in the Donetsk, Sumy and Kiev oblasts have benefited from our help.

In Moldova, 12,144 adults and children have received food parcels, hygiene kits and psychological support.



Psycho-social activity with Ukrainian children in Chisinau.

The Children's Department of Irpin Central City Hospital after its roof rehabilitation.



Supporting medical and social infrastructure in Ukraine

Duration: 01/06/2022 to 31/01/2024

Budget: 2,691,500 EUR

Funding: Donations made by individuals and institutions to the Belgium Red Cross and the Luxembourg Red Cross

The first aim of this project is to provide citizens living in conflict zones and internally displaced people with humanitarian housing. The Luxembourg Red Cross set up a collective centre in Bohuslav and started the rehabilitation of an additional one in the Kyiv oblast, hosting thousands of people. In addition, we have supported hospitals and medical infrastructures with repair kits and rehabilitated medical infrastructures, such as Irpin Central City Hospital or Kyiv Regional Children's Hospital, in order to guarantee better quality access to healthcare. Additionally, we have provided the most vulnerable people with specific aid, including non-food items, food, medicines, hygiene kits, etc.

2. BURKINA FASO



Burkina Faso is one of the countries affected by the Sahelian crisis. By the end of 2022, the number of internally displaced people was close to 1,800,000. The security crisis has been constantly deteriorating and makes humanitarian interventions difficult.



Improving the sustainable supply of drinking water and sanitation

- 🕒 **Duration:** 5 years (2019 to 2023)
- 💰 **Budget:** 3.75 million EUR
- 👤 **Funding:** Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, City of Luxembourg, Pharmaciens Sans Frontières, donations to Luxembourg Red Cross

Together with Pharmaciens Sans Frontières, we support the communes of Pabré, Dapélogo and Tanghin-Dassouri to improve access to drinking water and sanitation.

2022 was marked by our support for communal water management through assistance in the implementation of action plans, in inventories and in analysis of water quality. Access to water has also been improved thanks to the construction of eleven boreholes, as well as ten latrine blocks and self-contained water stations in five primary schools.



The construction of stand-alone water stations in schools provides pupils with easier access to drinking water.



Protecting villages against extreme climate in the Boulkiemdé province

- 🕒 **Duration:** 3 years (2020 to 2022)
- 💰 **Budget:** 825,000 EUR
- 👤 **Funding:** Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, donations to Luxembourg Red Cross

2022 was a busy year to support the vulnerable households with the building and renovation of more than 500 houses and the construction of converted attics and improved stoves. The territory has been improved through reforestation and the construction of a dyke and a water well, as well as a bridge between two villages. More than 2,800 people have participated in awareness raising campaigns or been trained in sustainable building techniques.



Sustainable housing is supported thanks to the building of houses using local materials.



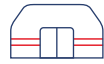
Building resilience against the consequences of climate change through the promotion of bio-digesters

- 🕒 **Duration:** April 2020 to March 2024
- 💰 **Budget:** 500,000 EUR
- 👤 **Funding:** Luxembourg Ministry of Environment, Climate and Sustainable Development



In addition to the construction, the project raises awareness, trains and supports the population in the daily management of their bio-digester.

This project aims to reduce wood consumption and limit deforestation. Since its launch, we have already supported the construction of 65 bio-digesters (a device that produces gas from livestock dung) and thus enabled the beneficiaries to have bio-gas for cooking and lighting, to save on their heating costs and to increase the yield of their crops thanks to the excreta of their livestock.



Emergency assistance for over 3000 families

- Duration:** February 2022 to May 2023
- Budget:** 3,576,563 EUR
- Funding:** European Union

Two emergency projects from the European Union have been carried out in the crisis regions. Multi-sectoral assistance have been provided to newly displaced populations to the Bam province in the north-central region of Burkina Faso. Often set up on an improvised basis when they had arrived, they received 3,204 Sahel shelters, each able to house four people in a more decent way. As a complement, 2,464 essential household items, 2,164 hygiene kits and 3,800 female dignity items have been distributed.



Strengthening the humanitarian assistance capacity of the Burkinabe Red Cross

- Duration:** January 2022 to April 2023
- Budget:** 880,000 EUR
- Funding:** Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs

In 2022, we have supported the Burkinabe Red Cross to provide rapid assistance to internally displaced people in the regions most affected by the security crisis by strengthening its logistics and HR capacities. In addition to the building of four warehouses and to the digitisation of stock management, we trained the local staff in emergency response, project management and security. We have also covered staff expenses and contingency stocks.



Construction of latrines and provision of school kits for internally displaced people

- Duration:** January 2022 to December 2023
- Budget:** 1,471,134 EUR
- Funding:** LuxDev

The assistance to internally displaced people has also passed through the support to children to ensure the continuity of their education. More than 50 latrine blocks have been built in schools and 84,200 school kits have been distributed.

3. BURUNDI



Burundi is a landlocked country in Central Africa, safe and politically stable, but with a low-income, predominantly agricultural economy. In addition to facing the resurgence of epidemics in previous years, the country is regularly affected by extreme weather events that cause massive displacements. Following the implementation of a repatriation and reintegration policy, the number of Burundian refugees returning intensified. Humanitarian needs thus remained high during 2022.



Strengthening the resilience of communities vulnerable to climate change in the Isare commune

Duration: 01/01/2020 to 31/03/2023

Budget: 300,000 EUR

Funding: Luxembourg Ministry of Environment, Climate and Sustainable Development

Isare is a commune located to the North-East of the lake Tanganyika. Its 80,000 inhabitants are regularly threatened by landslides, which cause the destruction of agricultural land, infrastructure and houses, food insecurity and a high risk of epidemics. To tackle flooding and landslides, in 2022 we have planted more than 370,000 plants along river banks and 40 kilometres of water infiltration ditches.

In addition, we have built 800 fuel efficient domestic wood stoves and held seven sessions to raise awareness about climate change among the population.



Improving the living environment of the most vulnerable people to natural and socio-economic hazards in northern Burundi

Duration: 01/01/2020 to 28/02/2023

Budget: 970,000 EUR

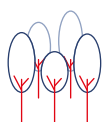
Funding: Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs

This project provides safer housing and improves access to drinking water and soil protection. In 2022, we have built 40 houses. Access to water has been improved through the development of ten water sources and the construction of 360 rainwater harvesting tanks and 30 kilometers of contour canals have been dug. Finally, our intervention allowed the training of 35 masons about the development of water sources, 15 volunteers on the manufacture of compressed bricks and six others on data collection. Material for quick repairs to damaged housing has been prepositioned in the commune to accelerate disaster recovery.



In order to promote the construction of more resilient habitats, three presses for the manufacture of compressed earth bricks were provided and volunteers were trained in its use by architect and earth building expert María Brown Birabén.

The PASSA (Participatory Approach to Safe Housing Awareness) training aims at improving adaptation and construction practices and to identify sustainable solutions in the field of traditional housing.



Protection of the most vulnerable people affected by humanitarian crises through multi-sectoral assistance in Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger, Burundi and Rwanda

- 🕒 **Duration:** 01/11/2021 to 31/10/2023
- 💶 **Budget:** 791,250 EUR
- 👤 **Funding:** Belgium Directorate-General for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid

Through this humanitarian programme, the Belgian and the Luxembourg Red Cross support their partners in the Sahel (Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger) and the Great Lakes (Burundi and Rwanda) regions to ensure the protection of the most vulnerable people among the displaced, refugee and returnee populations, as well as in the host communities.

In 2022, we have completed the construction of 150 houses with showers, latrines and kitchens, the rehabilitation of 180 houses and the planting of 480,000 trees. In addition, 20 workshops on safe housing have been conducted and 300 students have been supported to attend school.



Support to the Burundi Red Cross for the implementation of the COVID-19 contingency plan

- 🕒 **Duration:** 11/11/2021 to 10/09/2022
- 💶 **Budget:** 50,000 EUR
- 👤 **Funding:** Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs

In order to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 in Burundi, we have strengthened the Burundi Red Cross in its response efforts through infection prevention and control activities in the 18 provinces of the country. We have distributed items for hand-washing and carried out training and awareness-raising activities on techniques to prevent the spread of the disease.

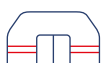
4. CHAD



In our intervention zones, most notably in Lake Chad region, instability has continued throughout the year, in particular along the western border with Nigeria and Niger.



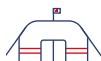
Beneficiary household and project team in front of a brick house in Yamodo.



Resilient housing for returnees in Southern Chad

- Duration:** 01/01/2020 to 31/12/2022
- Budget:** 797,000 EUR
- Funding:** Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs

In the Logone Oriental region, we have provided vital support to refugees and returnees who fled the ongoing conflict in Central African Republic. Only few of the families that have arrived since 2018 have actually returned to their place of origin, which led us to transition from the initial emergency response to more sustainable long-term solutions, including integration efforts between new arrivals and host communities. In 2022, 290 shelters have been built, providing essential equipment and training for households to take the lead in building their own habitat. Furthermore, three boreholes have been drilled, over 500 latrines erected, and 3,880 plants produced and distributed in an effort to counter the rampant deforestation in the region and make the habitat more resilient to winds and floods.



Supporting families affected by armed conflicts in the Lake Chad province

- Duration:** 15/04/2021 to 14/04/2023
- Budget:** 1,374,434 EUR
- Funding:** European Union

This flagship project in Lake Chad region targets internally displaced communities that arrived in early 2021. A budget extension granted in 2022 allowed to add two sites to the two initial camps, increasing the number of direct beneficiaries to 13,100 (2,509 households). 1,000 emergency shelter kits have been distributed. In parallel, 1,300 construction toolkits have been provided, as well as basic shelter training allowing beneficiary households to take the lead in constructing their own habitat. For 300 households identified by the community as the most vulnerable, the shelters have been built by our team. Besides the shelter response, 1,300 kits with non-food-items have been distributed.



Borehole in Djourou Kapi.

Beneficiary-led shelter construction in Karawa.



- Duration:** 20/06/2021 to 19/06/2023
- Budget:** 613,165 EUR
- Funding:** Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs

The project has been designed to complement the previous initiative in the Lake Chad region, providing assistance to 830 internally displaced households that had arrived at three sites. 705 internally displaced households received training, equipment and materials to take the lead in building their own shelters, while our team built the shelters for the most vulnerable households. All households were equipped with non-food-item kits. To manage pressure on local resources, waterpoints covering both the host community and the newly arrived were built.



Strengthening the resilience to flood risks in south-western Chad

- Duration:** 15/08/2021 to 31/08/2023
- Budget:** 398,074 EUR
- Funding:** European Union

The project was launched initially in 2021 as a short-term intervention to support flood victims in the Tandjilé region. Additional funding in 2022 allowed for a project extension and a more systemic approach, targeting namely the distribution of roof kits, construction equipment and non-food items. In 2022, 17 community masons and 70 volunteers have been trained in storm proof construction. Through outreach activities, over 34,000 inhabitants of the Tandjilé region have been sensitised to disaster proof construction practices.



Cash assistance to people affected by heavy floods in the Lake Chad region

- Duration:** 01/04/2022 to 31/05/2023
- Budget:** 399,644 EUR
- Funding:** European Union


As part of a broader Red Cross consortium under the lead of the French Red Cross, we have launched a cash assistance initiative for people affected by the particularly heavy floods in 2022 in the Lake Chad region, as well as further south in Logone Oriental. Through community-based approaches, 380 households have been identified for unconditional cash assistance, while another 350 households have been retained for cash-for-shelter activities.

5. DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO


In 2022, the persistence of conflicts and the presence of armed groups have resulted in a heavy human toll in the Eastern province of South Kivu where the Luxembourg Red Cross is operating. The majority of the Congolese population continues to face poverty, particularly affecting children, and half have no access to water and health care. Sexual and gender-based violence against women is also widespread throughout the country.



Support to the Panzi Hospital and Foundation

 **Duration:** 01/04/2021 to 30/09/2024

 **Budget:** 5,040,000 EUR

 **Funding:** LuxDev, Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs

On the initiative of HRH Grand Duchess Maria-Theresa, the Luxembourg Red Cross committed to support the Panzi Hospital of Nobel Peace Prize winner Dr. Denis Mukwege, which provides care to survivors of sexual violence.

The programme aims to address the full range of needs of survivors of sexual violence in South Kivu. The project is based on three of the four pillars of Dr. Denis Mukwege's holistic approach: medical, psycho-social, economic and legal support.

■ MEDICAL PILLAR

In 2022, the new operating ward opened and the sterilisation of medical devices was centralised there. The capacities of the sterilisation and maintenance teams were strengthened through training. Work on the rehabilitation and extension of the emergency, delivery and neonatal buildings was launched in July. Support for the maintenance of the hospital's equipment and infrastructure was also planned.

■ SOCIO-ECONOMIC PILLAR

In partnership with the Panzi Foundation, significant support was provided in 2022 for the socio-economic reintegration of survivors of sexual violence. The construction of 100 single-family houses was launched in April. With the support of the Ministry, each of these houses will be equipped with latrines to ensure access to hygiene and sanitation.

Nearly 300 women, members of solidarity credit unions, have received support for their income-generating activities through the distribution of seeds, breeding stock and cash assistance. In addition, tens of women have been trained in business skills or in carpentry in a new workshop set up for this purpose.



At the Panzi Hospital near Bukavu, the local sterilisation staff has been trained by medical experts from the Centre de Réhabilitation de Colpach.



Since its inauguration at the end of 2022, the legal clinic of Kavumu allows women victims of sexual violence to receive free legal advice and to be accompanied in their efforts to file a complaint or to register their children.

■ LEGAL PILLAR

A first legal clinic has been built and equipped in Kavumu, and land in Bunyakiri has been acquired for a second legal clinic, the construction of which is underway. Thanks to the legal clinics, 300 birth certificates have been obtained and 300 supplementary judgments (when the deadline to obtain a birth certificate was missed) have been covered by the Red Cross. Other vital awareness-raising sessions have been organised for a thousand people.

Several solidarity credit unions have been supported in Kavumu, Kalehe and Katana.



Support to the Panzi Hospital and Foundation for the promotion of gender equality in health

- 🕒 **Duration:** 15/03/2022 to 14/03/2025
- 💰 **Budget:** 3,982,192 EUR
- 👤 **Funding:** Agence Française de Développement

This project, carried out in collaboration with the French Red Cross, aims to contribute more widely to the reduction of morbidity, mortality and the consequences of gender-based violence in the Ibanda health zone. The year 2022 has been used to set up the construction and rehabilitation of buildings with the validation of plans by architects, road and topographical planning and the recruitment of an environmentalist and a building engineer.



Supporting survivors of sexual violence in their socio-economic integration and legal assistance

Duration: 01/05/2022 to 31/12/2023

Budget: 220,000 EUR

Funding: Monaco Red Cross

This new project aims to reinforce the impact of previous actions for the socio-economic reintegration of survivors of sexual violence who benefited from a house built in 2020, by supporting them in obtaining the corresponding land titles. Awareness-raising sessions on registering children with the Civil Registry were also conducted.



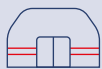
Housing for the victims of natural disasters and conflicts in South-Kivu

Duration: 31/05/2021 to 30/11/2022

Budget: 225,000 EUR

Funding: Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs

In the territory of Uvira, inter-ethnic clashes and natural disasters have led to population displacements, creating a significant need for humanitarian housing. In collaboration with the ICRC, the DRC Red Cross and the shelter cluster, we have acquired land granted to 150 families who could thus be resettled, as the procedure for obtaining their property titles was still underway. In addition, we have built transitional shelters and latrines and provided construction and tarpaulin support.



Strengthening the emergency response capacity of the DRC Red Cross

Duration: 01/06/2022 to 31/05/2023

Budget: 569,771 EUR

Funding: European Union

This project aims to strengthen the local and national operational capacities of the DRC Red Cross for early and rapid action in the event of disasters and humanitarian or health crises. In 2022, we have designed an emergency shelter model and trained volunteers to assemble it. We have also provided significant logistical support to the DRC Red Cross for the procurement of construction material of 1200 emergency shelters and non-food items and through the rental of a storage space. 35 volunteers have been trained on assessment tools and we have assisted the team in the recruitment of eight staff.

6. MADAGASCAR



Madagascar is one of the poorest countries and one of the most prone to extreme weather hazards. In 2022, the country was hit by five tropical storms and cyclones. They caused widespread floods and destruction, provoked the displacement of over half a million people and killed over 200 people. Together with the broader humanitarian community, we assisted affected communities to swiftly recover, rebuild shelters and public infrastructure, and adopt more resilient construction techniques.

Multipurpose emergency evacuation shelter in the Antahala district.



Improving the living environment of the most vulnerable people to climatic hazards in the Sava region

Duration: 01/01/2020 to 31/12/2022

Budget: 728,000 EUR

Funding: Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs

In the northern region of Sava, communities are frequently exposed to tropical storms and cyclones. In 2022, 123 households have been provided with training, equipment and support to rehabilitate or improve their shelters. Additionally, 4,016 households have been sensitised about safe shelter approaches, and 96 carpenters and volunteers have been trained to adopt more resilient construction techniques. Seven community-led mitigation measures have been implemented in 2022, including the construction of three bridges and almost three kilometres of rainwater channels. 24 boreholes have been drilled or rehabilitated and 246 latrines built.



Community outreach and COVID-19 sensitization in the Sava region.



Early warning, disaster preparedness, emergency response and support to vaccination campaigns against COVID-19 in Western Madagascar

Duration: 01/07/2021 to 30/06/2023

Budget: 357,839 EUR

Funding: European Union

In 2022, we have provided disaster risk management and first aid trainings to 105 local emergency response teams and 15 disaster risk reduction committees in Ambanja and Miandrivazo. Furthermore, 48 carpenters and volunteers have been trained in safe shelter best practices. Besides disaster risk reduction and safe shelter activities, we have also sensitised 13,171 households about COVID-19 prevention and mitigation, and supported the national vaccination campaign in Ambanja and Miandrivazo for a total of 5,811 vaccinations.



COVID-19 vaccination in Madagascar

Duration: 01/08/2021 to 30/07/2023

Budget: 568,774 EUR

Funding: European Union

EU funding was mobilized in Madagascar to help coping with the COVID-19 surge. Our support focuses on community outreach, door-to-door advocacy and engagement with community leaders in the North. We also provide support and logistics to the national vaccination campaign, setting up vaccination sites, mobilizing the communities and providing protective equipment. In 2022, a large-scale assessment has been undertaken to provide vital insights into the communities' attitudes, challenges and coping strategies. A broad advocacy campaign has reached over 100.000 people, and 282 vaccination sites were prepared in support of the public vaccination campaign. 74 local communities and 24 local health centres' staff were sensitized in COVID-prevention and mitigation measures.



Improving the Malagasy Red Cross disaster response capacity

Duration: 01/10/2021 to 30/06/2022

Budget: 236,677 EUR

Funding: Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs

In the northern regions of Diana and Sava, particularly exposed to the yearly cyclones that hit Madagascar between November and April, we have provided disaster risk reduction (DRR) assistance to local communities. Storage facilities have been built in Diégo and Andapa, where 3,000 kits were pre-positioned as mitigation measure for upcoming emergencies. We have developed two contingency plans and organised two exercises to simulate real-life emergency situations. 80 volunteers have received DRR- and first aid training while eight volunteers have been prepared for logistics and maintenance of storage and kits.



Recovery and preparedness in the aftermath of cyclone Batsirai

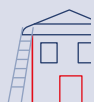
Duration: 01/05/2022 to 31/05/2023

Budget: 680,686 EUR

Funding: European Union

In the Vatovavy region, we work with the German, French and Malgachy Red Cross to implement a recovery and preparedness project in the aftermath of cyclone Batsirai that hit the East coast of the island in early 2022. Our workplan is composed of training activities in the fields of early warning, first aid, disaster risk preparedness and healthcare, in parallel to the construction of evacuation shelters and prepositioning of emergency kits. In 2022, major inception activities have been completed, including the identification and preparation of four emergency evacuation sites and one storage facility, as well as the procurement of 650 emergency kits.

Inspection of local coping strategies:
shelter roof dismantled and fixed on the
floor for storm proofing.



Mananjary Recovery Initiative for Natural Accidents

🕒 **Duration:** 01/07/2022 to 30/06/2024

💰 **Budget:** 894,355 EUR

📍 **Funding:** EU DG International Cooperation and Development

Under the lead of Médecins du Monde, we support the population affected by the cyclone Batsirai in Mananjary. The project foresees the rehabilitation of various health posts and local schools as well as temporary evacuation shelters. Storm- and flood proof construction techniques are showcased through model houses built directly within the target communities, and local carpenters receive training to adapt their construction methods.

7. MALI



As a consequence of the very volatile political and security situation in Mali, at the end of 2022, 5.7 million people were in need of humanitarian assistance and the number of internally displaced people was close to 400,000.



Environmental improvement in Banconi, Bamako

- 🕒 **Duration:** January 2020 to December 2022
- 💶 **Budget:** 966,000 EUR
- 👤 **Funding:** Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, donations to Luxembourg Red Cross

The year 2022 was marked by awareness-raising on hygiene and sanitation standards through the production and distribution of tools such as 1800 leaflets and boxes and the broadcasting of spots on a local radio. 13 local partners and members of women associations have been provided with sanitation equipment, and metal bins, boots, gloves and tricycles for household waste collection. A large part of this project also concerns training, whether in the sorting, processing and marketing of solid waste, the control and maintenance of communal structures, the use of hydro-meteorological data or the disaster risk reduction. During this year, we have also rehabilitated three water points and sanitised three additional streets.



Inclusive education and quality school infrastructure in the Timbuktu region

- 🕒 **Duration:** January 2022 to December 2024
- 💶 **Budget:** 1,000,000 EUR
- 👤 **Funding:** Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, donations to Luxembourg Red Cross

With expenditure of 88,000 EUR on the total budget, this first year of implementation has enabled us to set up six habitat committees in Timbuktu's neighbourhoods, to identify the beneficiary schools and children, and to define the content of the dignity kit. We have also signed four collaboration protocols with the Academy of Education, the Directorate of Hydraulics, the Directorate of Sanitation and the Directorate of Urban Planning. PASSA (Participatory Approach to Safe Housing Awareness) training has taken place with 29 male and female residents and the training of the Red Cross volunteers who will support the project activities in the eight target neighbourhoods has been completed.



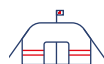
We identified ten schools and 336 vulnerable children (disabled or internally displaced).



Accelerate local action in the humanitarian and sanitary crises

- 🕒 **Duration:** April 2022 to May 2023
- 💶 **Budget:** 545,580 EUR
- 👤 **Funding:** European Union

This project has enabled us to extend our actions to the regions of Mopti, Ségou and Gao in order to support displaced populations. In 2022, 450 emergency shelter kits, 400 Peulh hut kits and 600 non-food items kits have been distributed, 200 banco houses have been built or rehabilitated, in addition to cash assistance for the rehousing of 200 other households. In total, more than 11,000 people benefited from the Luxembourg Red Cross' support. In addition, some 30 trainings about Participatory Approach for Safe Shelter Awareness (PASSA) have been conducted and we have planted almost 1,500 trees to protect the environment.



Emergency shelter assistance for the most vulnerable populations in Timbuktu

- 🕒 **Duration:** May 2022 to April 2023
- 💰 **Budget:** 200,000 EUR
- 🏛️ **Funding:** Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs

In 2022, 215 households have been assisted with emergency shelter kits and Peulh hut kits.

Distribution of shelter kits in Alafia.



8. NEPAL



In Nepal, each year, hundreds of lives are lost due to various disasters: landslides, floods, glacial lake outburst floods, epidemics, fire, earthquakes etc. The most affected areas are in the Bagmati, Gandaki, Lumbini and Karnali provinces. In 2022, the monsoon affected the mountainous district like Kalikot where a lot of landslides were reported.



Integrated recovery and emergency response in Kalikot (western Nepal)

- Duration:** 01/03/2022 to 31/05/2023
- Budget:** 150,000 EUR
- Funding:** Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, donations to Luxembourg Red Cross

The program helps the affected communities build back better following previous disasters. So as to mitigate the slides risks, 226 dry stone walls have been installed and three irrigation canals built to protect almost 40 hectares of farming land. 27 masons have been trained in the construction of earthquake-resistant buildings. By capturing water at source, making it available in a large tank and redirecting it to various strategic points in the village via a system of pipes, we have built three water schemes and traditional stone taps, providing 500 people with direct access to drinking water. We have also built a community building that can shelter 200 people during a disaster and also serves for public services like vaccinations or meetings. We have rebuilt a secondary school in place of the one destroyed by quake, creating a safe place for nearly 1000 students.



Replacing open space toilets with concrete latrines in school is safer for pupils.



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- 1** The water schemes enable the inhabitants to access water more easily, quickly and safely.
- 2** Cash for work aims at providing the most vulnerable families with an income in return for their work at the municipality, a help necessary for their survival.

9. NIGER



In Niger, more than four million households face the devastating effects of food insecurity caused by decades of increasing desertification in the Sahel. In addition, only half of the population has access to a safe water source, and very few have access to basic sanitation services.

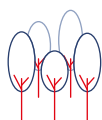
Banco house before and after its rehabilitation.



before



after



Strengthening the resilience of displaced and vulnerable host communities in the commune of Mainé-Soroa (Diffa region)

- Duration:** 01/11/2019 to 01/11/2022
- Budget:** 2,400,000 EUR
- Funding:** Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs

One of the activities carried out in 2022 was the promotion of good hygiene practices following the PHAST (Participatory Hygiene and Sanitation Transformation) approach. Through activities such as home visits and focus groups in the communities, 5,515 people have been reached by this awareness campaign. In order to preserve the natural environment of the beneficiaries, the authorities, with the support of the Red Cross, have fixed ten hectares of dunes and planted 4,300 trees.



Improving the resilience to natural hazards in the commune of Koygolo (Dosso region)

- Duration:** 01/01/2020 to 01/12/2022
- Budget:** 730,000 EUR
- Funding:** Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs

This project deals with the consequences of the recurrent floods that the country experiences every year. In 2022, and with the aim of active participation of the targeted populations in the process of improving their habitat, 200 houses and 150 latrines have been built for the benefit of 1,200 people. In terms of environmental protection, 20 hectares of degraded land have been recovered through the construction of anti-erosion works in Koygolo. This activity has been carried out through a “Cash for Work” scheme which has reached 9,000 workers.



Housing and helping families affected by armed conflicts and natural disasters in Niger

- 🕒 **Duration:** 01/03/2021 to 28/02/2024
- 💶 **Budget:** 4,500,000 EUR
- 👤 **Funding:** Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs

Providing emergency shelter is one of the main objectives of this project. To achieve this aim, we have trained 143 staff of the Niger Red Cross in disaster management, emergency shelter construction and logistics. In 2022, more than 1,000 households had benefited from safe, dignified and contextually appropriate emergency shelters in the Diffa region. Another achievement related to this project was the construction of a warehouse to pre-position emergency kits in order to reduce the response time in case of a crisis.



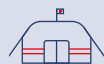
Emergency aid in regions affected by armed conflict in Niger

- 🕒 **Duration:** 01/04/2022 to 01/03/2023
- 💶 **Budget:** 1,200,000 EUR
- 👤 **Funding:** European Union

In 2022, more than 5,000 people have been provided with safe shelter and 3,800 beneficiaries in the Tillabéry and Diffa regions have received latrine, hygiene and dignity kits. Our teams have also conducted awareness-raising sessions on forced and early marriage, psycho-social well-being and abuse. Recreational activities have also been carried out with children.



Construction of an emergency shelter adapted to the Sahel region.



Accelerating local action in humanitarian and health crises in Niger

Duration: 01/04/2022 to 01/05/2023

Budget: 3,500,000 EUR

Funding: European Union

In consortium with the Belgian Red Cross, the French Red Cross and the Niger Red Cross, our teams have built 440 emergency shelters in response to the floods to help over 2,700 people. Also, in order to strengthen community resilience and disaster preparedness, 20 volunteers have been trained on the Participatory Approach to Shelter Security (PASSA) who will in turn train their communities.



Cash for food insecure populations in the Dosso region

Duration: 01/09/2022 to 01/12/2022

Budget: 200,000 EUR

Funding: Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs

In order to respond to the food insecurity affecting the Niger population, 2,300 households have benefited from a cash transfer. To this end, 20 volunteers have been trained to carry out field surveys to ensure fair allocation. ✓

Many beneficiaries of the cash transfer assistance have expressed their gratitude and asked for its continuity.

III. EMERGENCY RESPONSE UNIT

Our volunteers are trained to provide humanitarian assistance to the victims of crises within 48 hours, under the Emergency Response Unit (ERU) of the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent.

We are part of the ERU Benelux, which includes the Luxembourgish, Belgian and Dutch Red Cross. The first few days after a disaster are the most important for rescuing victims, taking care of children, and determining needs and priorities. In this consortium, the Luxembourg Red Cross is also in charge of the management of the material and the related logistics.

In Pakistan, heavy rains throughout the summer of 2022 caused extensive flooding affecting a third of the country and nearly 33 million people. On 16 September, two delegates from the Luxembourg Red Cross were deployed with the ERU to help victims.

The first week was conducted from Karachi in support of the coordination of operations in order to accompany the local teams on the administrative and logistical aspects of an emergency response.

Then, until 16 October, our delegates carried out field activities in the Sukkur region. They conducted training sessions for volunteers and distributed essential items such as blankets, tarps, buckets and hygiene kits to the population. The team was able to support more than 4800 households.



“By being involved as an ERU delegate, I provide direct aid to the most vulnerable people while strengthening the national society of the country where we are deployed at the same time. This represents the embodiment and importance of the Movement’s fundamental principles of humanity, universality and voluntary service.”

Piero GALTAROSSA

Volunteer of the Emergency Response Unit



The team headed by Brice Goedert (center) of the Luxembourg Red Cross supported over 30 distributions during this mission.

IV. RAISING AWARENESS ON INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW IN LUXEMBOURG

A private tour was organised for selected guests such as Franz Fayot, Minister for Cooperation and Humanitarian Action (second from the left), Claude Thill, Mayor of Diekirch, members of the Executive Committee of the Humanitarian Aid and the President of the MNHM asbl.



Knowing International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and its values is the first step to their respect. This is why the Luxembourg Red Cross engages in promoting and disseminating IHL in Luxembourg. Several educational and recreational activities during the year of 2022 to shed light on IHL and its underlying values.

AUDIOGUIDE *LAW IN WAR*: INTRODUCING TO THE PRINCIPLES OF WAR LAW

In collaboration with the Musée National d'Histoire Militaire (MNHM) in Diekirch, the Luxembourg Red Cross created the audioguide *Law in War*. Throughout the museum's exhibition on the Second World War in Luxembourg, visitors are introduced to key principles and concepts of IHL. Available in several languages, the audioguide sheds light on how those norms apply to the context of WWII whilst retaining an emphasis on the rules' relevance today. *Law in War* was inaugurated on June 30th, 2022.



The escape game addresses a wide public. The players have a choice between two levels of complexity (families with children or adolescents and adults) and two languages (Luxembourgish or French).

ESCAPE GAME *HUMANITARIANS IN THE FIELD*: RAISING AWARENESS THROUGH GAMIFICATION

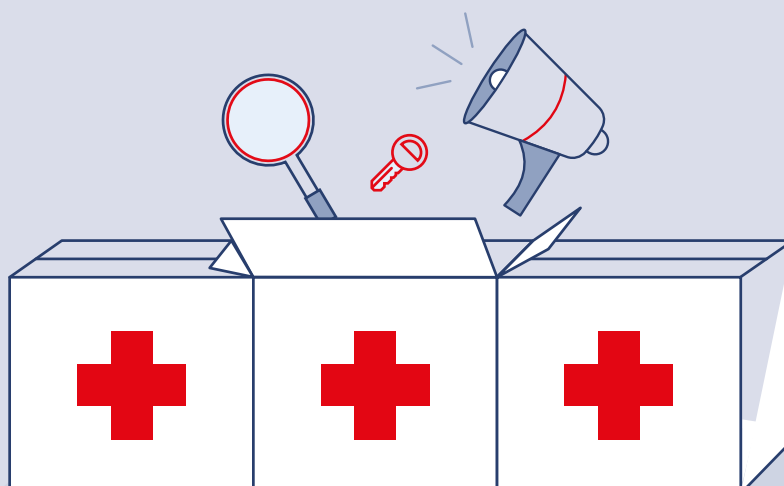
With the aim of creating an immersive and dynamic experience around the introduction of notions of IHL to the wider public, the Humanitarian Aid team developed an escape game in early 2022. *Humanitarians in the field* is a pedagogical game engaging the participants in a scenario of a fictional armed conflict where, as humanitarian workers, their mission is to bring assistance to the affected population. The scenario and the physical set-up immerse the players in a specific context and allow them to experience to a certain extent the urgency and complexity of the illustrated situation. Not only does the game provide an insight into the humanitarian activities of the Red Cross during an armed conflict, it also allows to introduce participants to norms and obligations of IHL while they are progressing through the activity and its enigmas.

At an initial stage, the escape game was installed in the castle of Colpach during the summer. Later in autumn, it was deployed both for the “Journées de l’humanitaire” in the Neimënster Abbey and at the Red Cross Bazar.

The activity celebrated a great success with sessions booked out in advance and counting more than 30 groups participating.

EXHIBITION: EXPLORING HUMANITARIAN HABITAT

In parallel to the first format of the escape game in Colpach, the surrounding parc site also hosted an exhibition on humanitarian habitat during the months of July and August. It aimed at illustrating the human and humanitarian challenges of displacement in armed conflicts.





The interlocutors in the conference tackled the subject of IHL, its respect and the challenges for humanitarian workers in the field.

After an introduction by Franz Fayot, the experts of the panel discussed the topic of gender-based violence in the world and answered questions from the audience.

EVENTS: INFORMING BY MEETING THE PUBLIC

On the 24th and 25th September 2022, the “Journées de l’humanitaire” (Humanitarian days) were held in Neimënster Abbey. The event aimed at raising awareness among the public on the various responses to humanitarian issues arising in the context of armed conflict.

Visitors got to discover different aspects of the Red Cross’ humanitarian work through various activities going from the escape game to chats with several humanitarian and social actors of the Red Cross, over to the photo exhibitions “Dans la peau d’un réfugié” and “Humanitarian Habitat”, that were combined with a quiz on consequences of armed conflict. A representative from MSF also participated in the conference “International humanitarian law: a safeguard for humanity?”.



On the occasion of the Red Cross Bazar in November, the conference “Against gender-based violence” was organised by the Humanitarian Aid. The debate gathered several experts including Marc Bichler, Ambassador of Luxembourg to the United Nations, Ali Bandiaré, President of the Niger Red Cross and Elisabeth Gu-eye, gender and human rights expert at LuxDevelopment. The conference aimed at raising awareness on gender-based violence, be that in general, in situations of armed conflict or in areas ridden by humanitarian crisis. ✓

V. SHELTER RESEARCH UNIT

In 2022, the Shelter Research Unit carried out a series of activities that improved the technical capacity of local Red Cross partner national societies.

TRAINING TO IMPROVE HUMANITARIAN SHELTER

Sustainable construction using readily available and low-cost local materials requires technical know-how to ensure its strength and durability. This is why we have organised earth construction workshops in Burundi and Burkina Faso. The aim was to provide Red Cross field teams with the knowledge to identify suitable soils for construction and the basics of mud brick making and laying, while bringing together teams from different countries to share experiences and maximise the effect of the training. In 2022, we have doubled the volume of activities and trained 160 participants.

EVALUATING THE IMPACT

In addition to the training, evaluation activities have been carried out in order to better understand the impact of our interventions and to guide future interventions. We have made a comparative study of eight emergency shelter models used in four countries where we are present: Mali, Burkina Faso, Niger and Chad. The aim is to scientifically measure their environmental impact, for example by calculating the carbon footprint of the materials used in their construction. This study gives us insights into how to reduce the environmental impact on future models without compromising the quality of humanitarian aid. In Mali and Burkina Faso, we have also conducted an assessment of the acceptance, ownership and satisfaction of shelter beneficiaries and a comparative analysis of the different emergency shelter models developed, which led to a mapping of interventions.

INNOVATING TO MEET GROWING NEEDS

In 2022, we have developed a cross-border intervention strategy between Niger and Burkina Faso, which face the same challenges of growing insecurity and population displacement. Following workshops, we have developed a shelter model that responds to the needs expressed by the population living on both sides of the border.

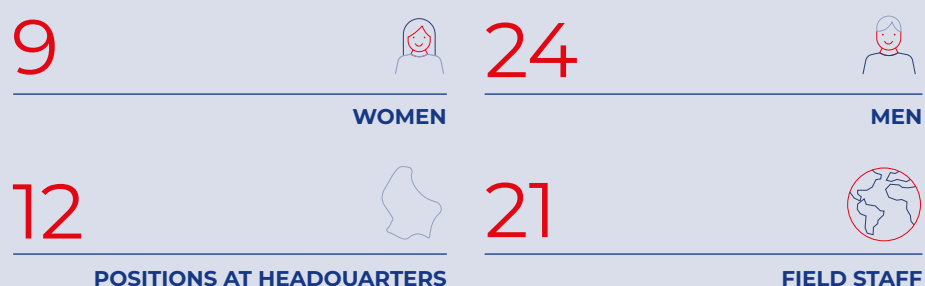
In addition, we have improved the technical capacities of the teams of the various national societies involved. We also actively participate in various working groups and contribute to the coordination, documentation and awareness-raising activities of the Global Shelter Cluster co-led by UNHCR and IFRC. ✓



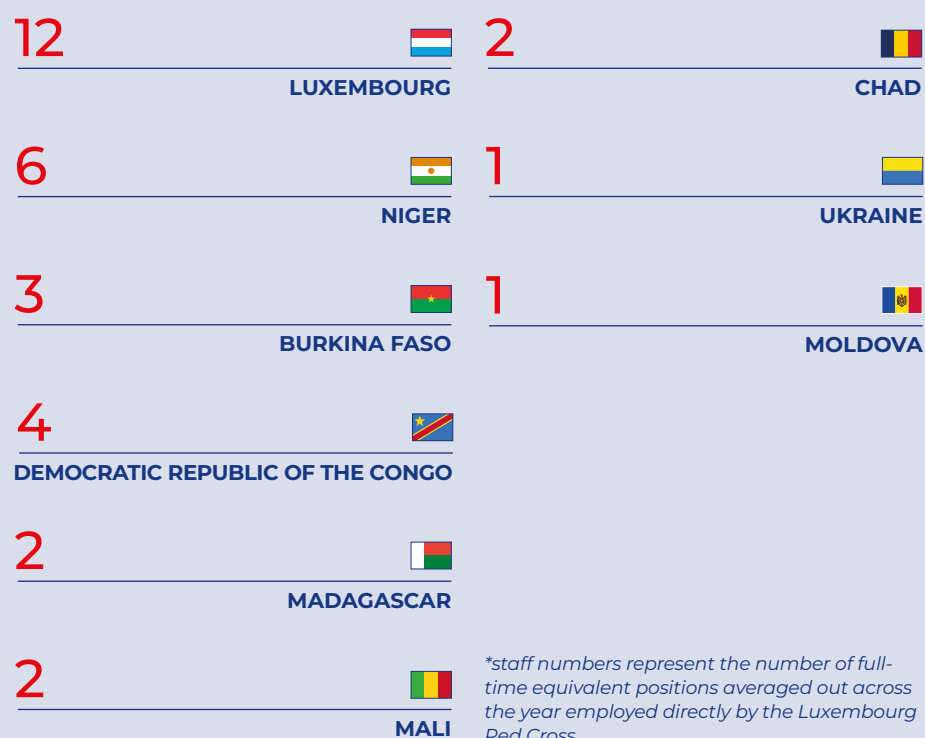
Field visits allow participants in the earth construction training to learn from mistakes and improve the quality and ownership of the user adoption.

VI. OUR TEAM

33 women and men contributed to our activities worldwide are the core staff employed directly by the Luxembourg Red Cross. In addition, 263 aid workers were employed by our partner national societies to ensure the implementation of our projects and more than 4300 volunteers contributed to them.*



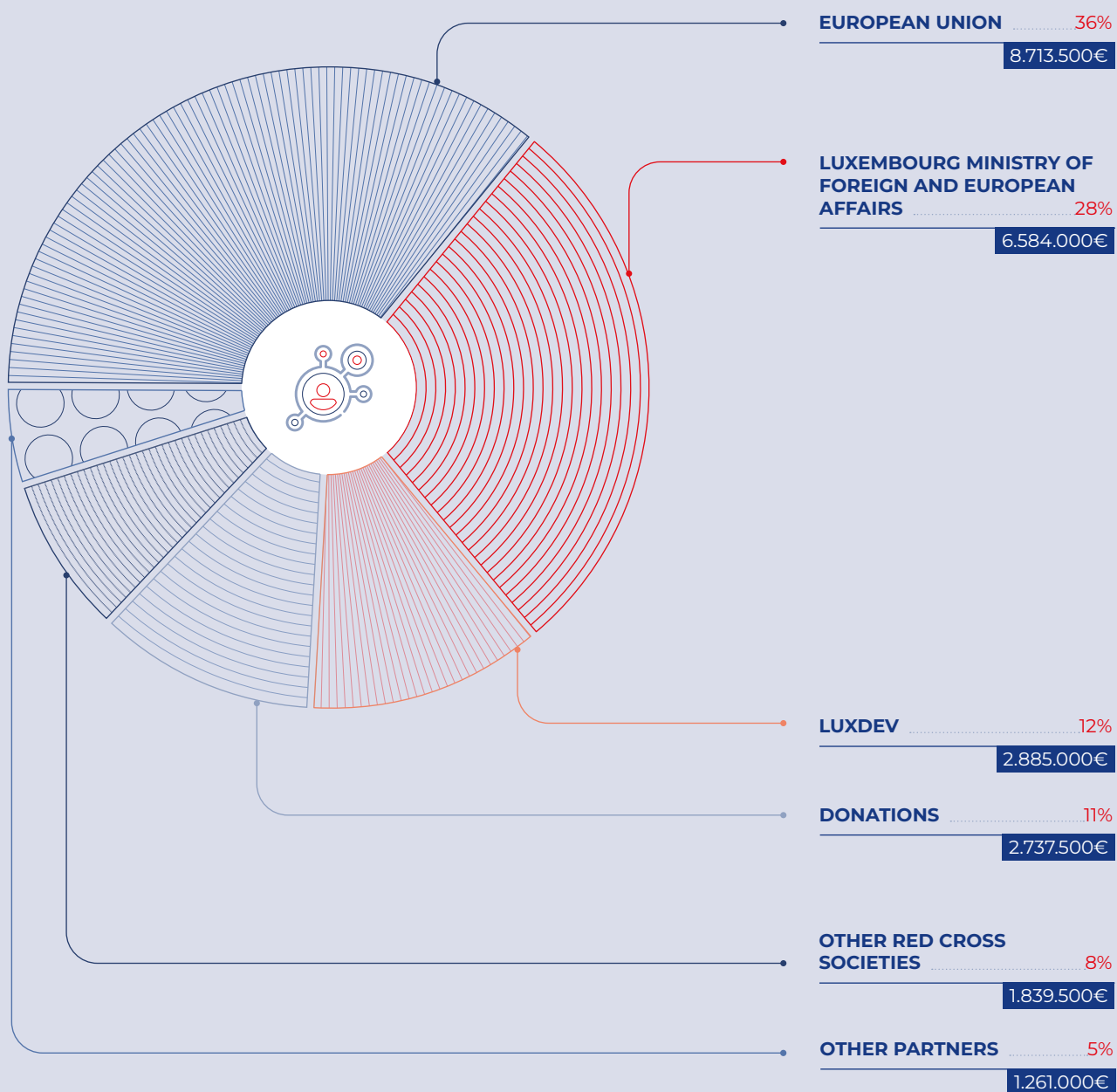
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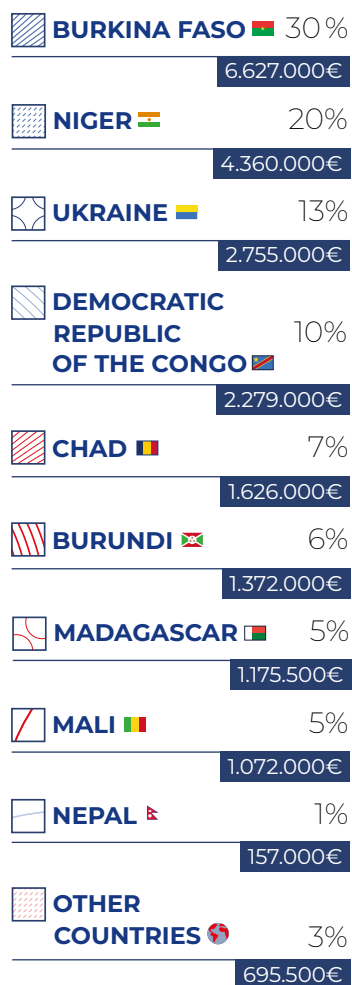


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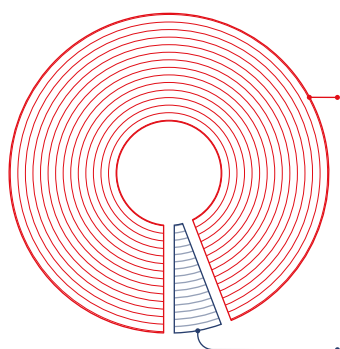
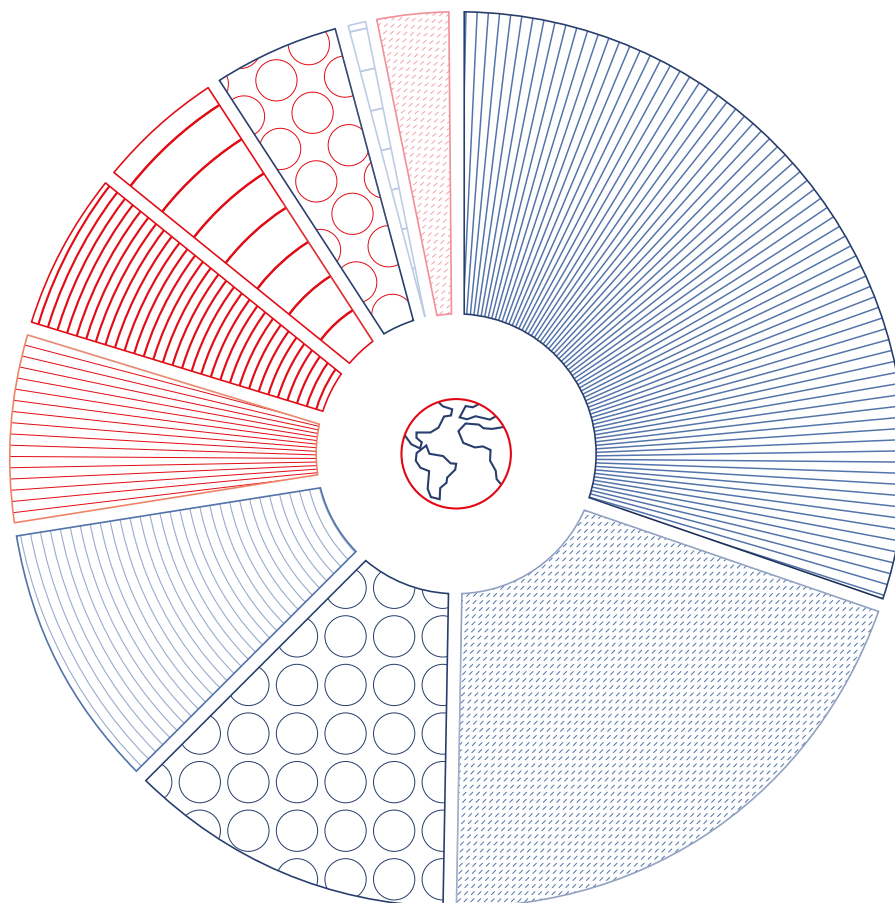
VII. FINANCES

RESOURCES IN 2022 (IN EUROS)





EXPENDITURES IN 2022 (IN EUROS)



CORE OPERATIONS 94%

The humanitarian activities carried out in the framework of our various international projects represent the bulk of our expenditures. Our social mission includes costs related to our field activities such as emergency response, capacity building of local Red Cross societies, emergency shelter distribution and other development activities or dissemination of International Humanitarian Law.

OVERHEAD COSTS 6%

Operating costs refer to the indirect expenses incurred for our humanitarian projects, such as the provision of office space in Luxembourg and coordination, administrative and IT costs. ✓

VIII. MERCI VILLMOLS!

Donations are essential because they allow us to launch operations very quickly, where they are most needed. They allow our teams to be deployed in an emergency. This ability to react in times of crisis is crucial to supporting the most vulnerable victims of disasters around the world.

For every euro donated, we then mobilise an average of five euros from our institutional partners to rebuild lives. This leverage allows us, with the help of our partners, to have a significant impact on the ground and to ensure the best possible assistance to people in need during crisis situations.

As a member of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, which subscribes to the principles of neutrality, independence and impartiality, we operate in conflict zones where other organisations do not have access. Being part of this large global network, we intervene effectively in emergencies such as natural disasters, where every minute counts, and where women, children and vulnerable people are the first victims.

We respect the code of good conduct “Don en confiance”

The Luxembourg Red Cross regularly appeals to the generosity of its donors in order to support its social, health and humanitarian missions of general interest.

Aware of their duty to provide information, and wanting donors to be able to make donations in complete confidence, the Luxembourg Red Cross and four other Luxembourg non-profit organisations adopted on 13 February 2007 the Code of good conduct for organisations appealing to the generosity of the public and created the association “Don en confiance” (Give with confidence) a.s.b.l.

Internal control tools are used to ensure the transparency and accuracy of financial flows, as well as the approval of income and expenditure in accordance with the budget approved by the governing bodies.



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We are fortunate to have committed long term donors, volunteers, staff and partners who place their trust in us. Thanks to the women and men of the team who work every day in the field, to the national societies and volunteers involved in the countries that allow us to be as close as possible to the populations and their needs, and to the beneficiaries who are themselves involved in the projects, we can continue to help those in need.

Without them, we could not change the lives of hundreds of people every day. Without them, humanitarian aid simply would not exist. As a member of that community, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your commitment and your generosity. Thanks to them, we can and will continue our humanitarian work and make life more decent and independent for families.

We also thank our public and institutional partners for their generosity in support of our activities in 2022:

→ **Luxembourg Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs**

→ **European Union**

→ **Fondation de Luxembourg**

→ **LuxDev**

→ **Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)**

→ **Agence Française de Développement**

→ **Luxembourg Ministry of the Environment, Climate and Sustainable Development**

→ **Ville de Luxembourg**

→ **Pharmaciens Sans Frontières** ✓



IX. STRUCTURAL INFORMATION

The International Aid of the Luxembourg Red Cross A.S.B.L. was established in 1989.

Its mission is to organise all emergency and development cooperation activities of the Luxembourg Red Cross in the following areas:

- **emergency aid, rehabilitation, and disaster prevention**
- **development cooperation and aid**
- **development awareness and education**
- **and all other activities in the humanitarian field.**

The International Aid of the Luxembourg Red Cross is specialised in humanitarian habitat and in the promotion of international humanitarian law.

The Board of Directors of the Luxembourg Red Cross International Aid meets several times a year to decide on the strategic orientations of the entity. In 2020, the Board of Directors was composed of:

- ▷ **Robert Goerens, Chairman**
- ▷ **Michel Simonis, Managing Director**
- ▷ **Robert Scheueren, Treasurer**
- ▷ **Martine Buck, Member**
- ▷ **Catherine Gapenne, Member**
- ▷ **Manou Hoss, Member**
- ▷ **Pierre Jaeger, Member**
- ▷ **Luc Scheer, Member**

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- ▷ **Richard Schneider**
- ▷ **Laurent Jomé**
- ▷ **Philippe Majerus** ✓

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