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Humanitarian Aid

ACTIVITY REPORT 2023

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Our 7 principles

The International Red Cross and Red Crescent network is the largest humanitarian network in the world with a presence and activities in almost every country. The Luxembourg Red Cross is part of this network and as such, adheres to seven fundamental principles:



1 Humanity

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.

2 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.

3 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.

4 Independence

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.

5 Voluntary service

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

6 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.

7 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.

I. Foreword : Making a difference



Robert Goerens

Chairman of the
Board of Directors

Humanitarian Aid of the
Luxembourg Red Cross

By focusing its efforts on building and re-building emergency and long-term shelters, homes and infrastructures, the Humanitarian Aid of the Luxembourg Red Cross makes a significant difference. In Africa, displaced people in particular and the most vulnerable people in general (elderly, single woman, survivor of sexual violence, children) can now live sheltered from the elements and in greatly improved security conditions. In Ukraine, hospitals continue to treat the sick and wounded, even amidst the most intense conflict our continent has faced in decades.

Our teams, often confronted with particularly challenging and demanding conditions, demonstrate unwavering commitment and remarkable creativity to ensure that as many people as possible are supported and can access dignified living conditions.

In the face of increasing global tensions, it is crucial to sustain this effort year after year. Solidarity, at the heart of our commitment, must not waver: every act of humanity, no matter how simple, is an affirmation that the International Aid of Luxembourg Red Cross and its supporters continue to believe in a better world.

It is in this spirit that we present our activity report for this year. We aim to show you concretely our impact, so you can see the difference between the “before” and “after” of our intervention, which would not be possible without your support.













Rémi Fabbri

Director

Humanitarian Aid of the
Luxembourg Red Cross



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II. Our projects worldwide in 2023

The Luxembourg Red Cross extends its humanitarian aid to 10 different countries worldwide. Having been active in Ukraine for several decades, the conflict there has led to a particularly significant increase in our activities in recent years. Africa is another region where our efforts are most intense: armed conflicts, natural disasters, and climate change-related events create extremely challenging living conditions, heightening the risks of famine and population displacement.

In the following pages, we present projects that, as mentioned in our opening statement, make a substantial difference for the communities we support. Access to safe shelter, healthcare, clean water and hygiene are elements we often take for granted, yet they remain out of reach for millions. This is evidenced through the images we share.



SHELTERS IN SAHEL, NIGER

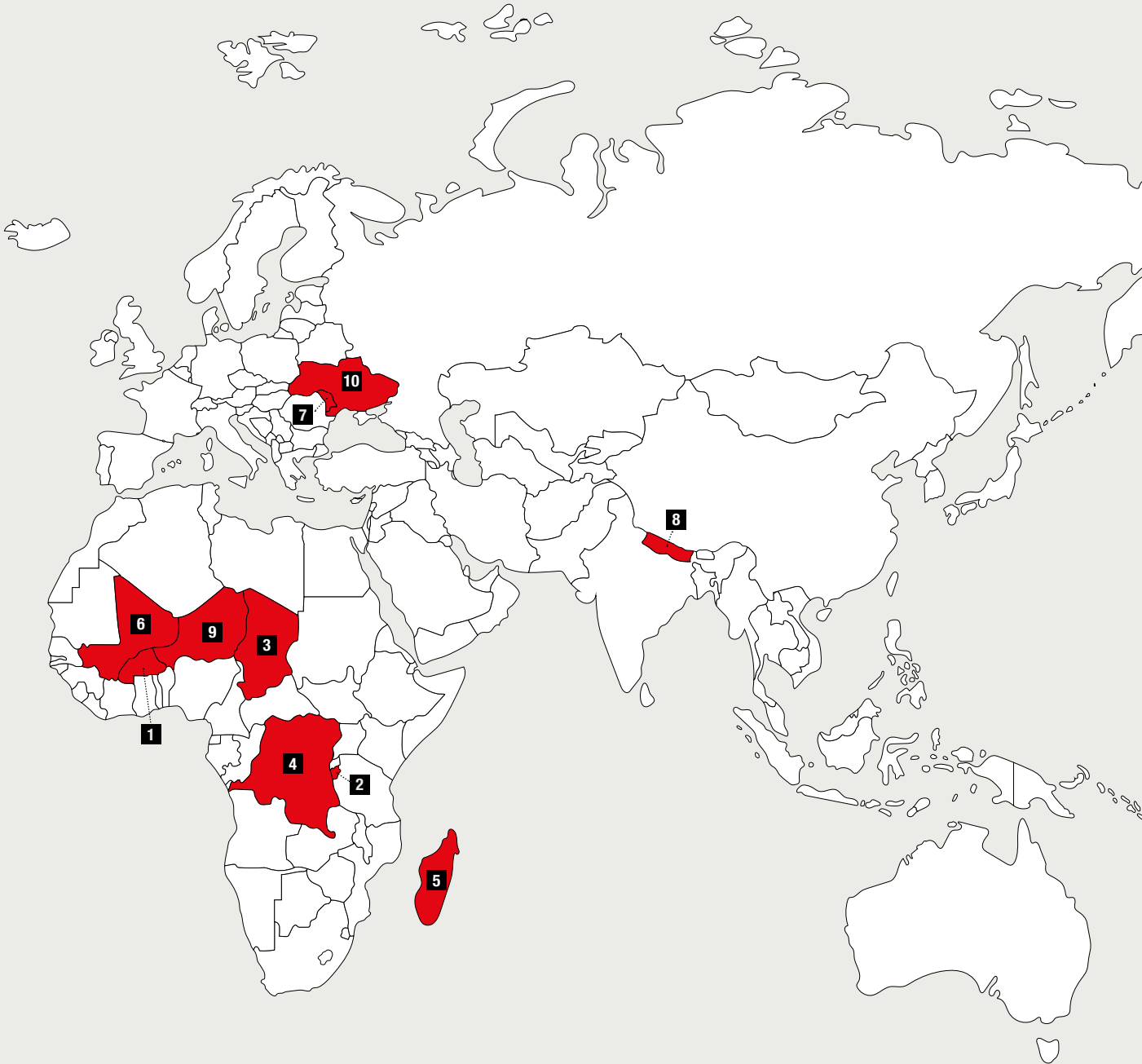
Luxembourg Red Cross around the globe

The world map below illustrates the diversity of interventions by the Luxembourg Red Cross and underscores its steadfast commitment to delivering vital humanitarian assistance in the most vulnerable regions. Additionally, below, the icons also allow you to see the types of projects carried out by our teams in various countries.

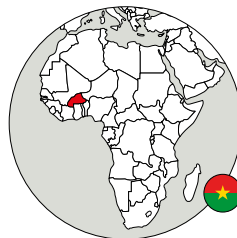
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 Burundi	2		●		●			
 Chad	3		●		●	●	●	
 Democratic Republic of the Congo	4		●	●				●
 Madagascar	5		●	●	●		●	
 Mali	6		●		●	●		
 Moldova	7		●					
 Nepal	8	●	●	●		●		
 Niger	9	●	●		●	●		
 Ukraine	10	●	●					●

¹ Distribution of items to meet basic needs (household essentials, hygiene kits, heating etc.) ² Access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene promotion



³ Cash assistance through transfers or vouchers distribution for goods or services





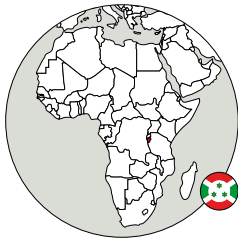


Burkina Faso

 EXPENDITURES	8,129,407 €
 FUNDING	MAEE, EU, LuxDev, Monegasque Red Cross, CDCS, ADA, VDL, Pharmaciens sans Frontières, MECB

Temporary shelters to facilitate permanent constructions

We worked with local communities to develop emergency shelters made from tarpaulin, providing protection against adverse weather conditions. Here are two photos of our research center. Designed with a Nexus approach, these shelters can transition from temporary structures to permanent homes. With the resources and expertise we provided, families are protected during the transition period from emergency shelters to sustainable housing.



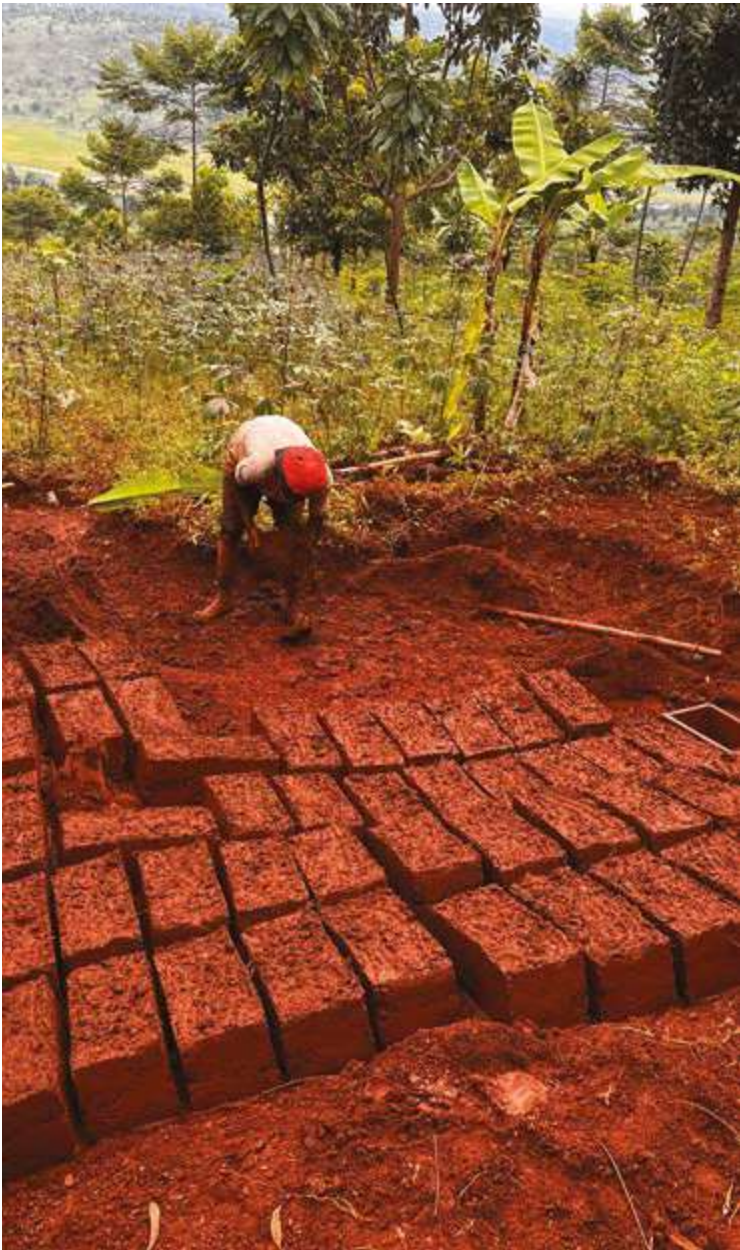
Burundi



 EXPENDITURES	418,739 €
 FUNDING	MAEE, DGD, VDL

Enhance the strength and durability of raw earth buildings

In Burundi, houses are typically constructed from raw earth. By acquiring presses, we can enhance the strength and durability of these structures. In addition to supplying tools, we have also engaged in training the beneficiaries, empowering them to develop their self-sufficiency and strengthening the resilience of the supported communities.







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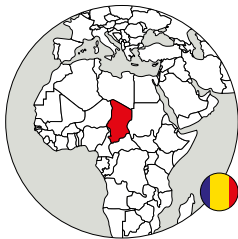
Burundi

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- 1 A very useful water source that provides the local population with access to good quality water at a short distance from the village. It is very popular and has become a gathering point for the village.
- 3 Sustainable agriculture:
Using agricultural techniques that minimize soil erosion, such as terracing, grass strips, and agroforestry, helps prevent mudslides.

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- 2 A warehouse built for the local branch of the Red Cross Burundi in Muyinga to store materials for the reconstruction of shelters/houses in the event of a natural disaster.
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- 5 Training programs (PASSA) : creating a village plan is common to better structure humanitarian and development interventions. These plans help identify the specific needs of communities, map local resources, and plan necessary infrastructures.



Chad

 EXPENDITURES	1,842,119 €
 FUNDING	MAEE, EU

The Refugee Crisis in Chad: An Alarming Situation

In eastern Chad, it is essential to provide support in welcoming Sudanese migrants fleeing the crisis in their country. Sudan is currently experiencing an unprecedented migration crisis, leading to a massive influx of refugees into provisional camps and border towns such as Adré. To address this situation, the Red Cross is undertaking numerous initiatives to better accommodate and assist these refugees.



We are also actively involved in the southern part of the country to assist refugees from the Central African Republic. Our efforts include providing emergency shelters, ensuring access to clean water, installing latrines, and participating in reforestation projects. Additionally, we work in and around Lake Chad to support internally displaced persons, providing shelters and improving access to water.







Democratic Republic of the Congo

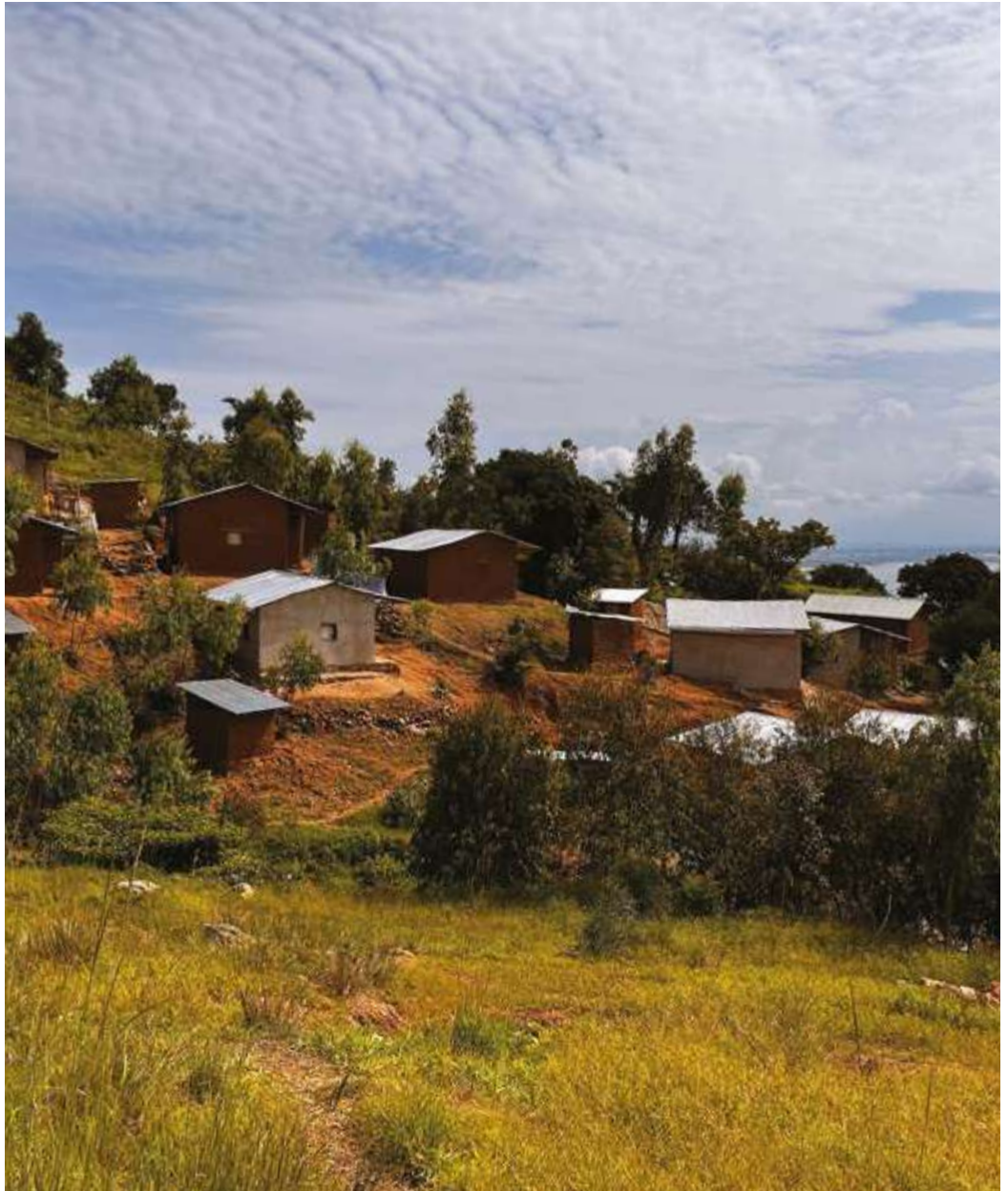
 EXPENDITURES	3,374,671 €
 FUNDING	SSRU, MAEE, LuxDev, Monegasque Red Cross, AFD, GlZ, Fondations Jos et Mimieke, Rotary, URSIL

STORY 01

Temporary shelters to facilitate permanent constructions

The village of Uvira was largely submerged by the rising waters of the lake and buried under the sediments. To protect the residents from future floods, we constructed a new village on top of the nearby hill. This relocation included building a 400-step staircase to facilitate access.









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Democratic Republic of the Congo

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1 Construction of a new school capable of accommodating up to 400 students on the hill.

3 This staircase of over 400 steps was built to allow the population to access the top of the hill safely to construct houses without the risk of flooding.

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4 Foundation of the houses we are constructing in this area.

5 Manual press for building earth bricks.

Democratic Republic of the Congo

STORY 02

Construction of homes for survivors

In December 2023, we completed the construction of 200 houses for survivors of sexual violence, with 20 of these funded by the Stand Speak Rise Up foundation. This project was carried out in partnership with the Panzi Foundation. Here, a house signifies more than just shelter; it symbolizes renewal, reintegration, and protection.

Discover the testimonials of these women by scanning the QR code below or visit standspeakriseup.lu

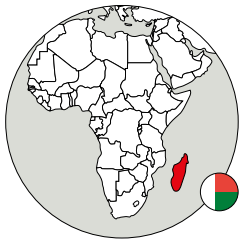


200



HOUSES FOR SURVIVORS







Madagascar

 EXPENDITURES	2,026,597 €
 FUNDING	MECB, MAEE, EU, DevCo, MDM

STORY 01

Reconstruction of a school

After a cyclone destroyed a school, we mobilized our resources to rebuild the institution. Reconstructed with the local residents, the school now features new construction techniques and durable materials, making it capable of withstanding future extreme weather events. Additionally, the school serves as a shelter for the entire community whenever needed.





Madagascar

STORY 02

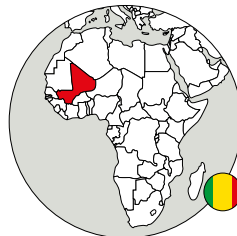
Rebuilding more weather resilient homes

To address the devastating impact of the numerous cyclones that hit the island, we have worked with local communities to develop more resilient homes using readily available materials. By incorporating multiple structural reinforcements, these houses can withstand severe weather conditions, unlike traditional buildings that are often destroyed.









Mali



€ EXPENDITURES	1,564,324 €
👊 FUNDING	MAEE, EU

STORY 01

Street sanitation projects

In Bamako, Mali, we have undertaken street sanitation projects by improving water drainage systems. These efforts aim to optimize rainwater management and prevent flooding, contributing to a healthier and safer urban environment for the residents.

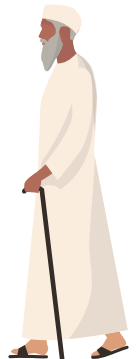


Mali

STORY 02

Improving living conditions

In Bamako, Mali, we have led a housing rehabilitation project. This initiative aims to improve living conditions by renovating dilapidated homes and ensuring their durability. As a result of this work, many households now benefit from safer and more comfortable housing.





Nepal



 EXPENDITURES	215,059 €
 FUNDING	MAEE

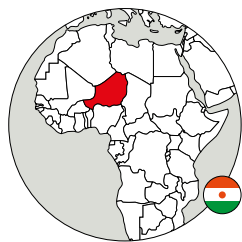
Restoring a response to vital needs

Because of the monsoon, the Shree Shanti Secondary School of Naraharinath collapsed. We have then reconstructed a building with four classrooms, as well as water taps. School toilets have also been built, offering a safer space for 1000 school students and teachers.

Three water schemes were constructed in the Naraharinath rural municipality, enabling the population to access safe drinking water.









Niger



 EXPENDITURES	5,152,806 €
 FUNDING	MAEE, MECB, EU

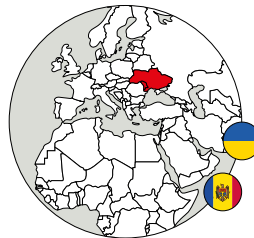


Storage for shelters construction materials

In Niamey, Niger, we have built a warehouse, a true logistics center dedicated to storing materials necessary for constructing shelters. This warehouse includes a specific area for storing tarpaulins, ensuring better organization and optimal resource management to effectively meet local emergency housing needs.







Ukraine & Moldova



EXPENDITURES

6,058,857 €



FUNDING

MAEE, Private donations,
Croix-Rouge de Belgique,
Rode Kruis-Vlaanderen,
American Red Cross,
Swiss Red Cross, GIZ

STORY 01

Tsarychanska Central Hospital

The Tsarychanska Central Hospital underwent rehabilitation, with a specific focus on repairing the infectious disease department. The renovation included improvements to the heating system, water supply, sewerage system, electrical networks, and the installation of ramps. Additionally, repairs were carried out on reception porches, internal partitions, and doors. These efforts are ongoing throughout the summer of 2024.

Ukraine & Moldova



STORY 02

Dnipro University Hospital

Several wings of the Dnipro University Hospital were directly or indirectly affected by missile or drone strikes. The installation of new windows (1200 square meters of windows were replaced) enabled healthcare teams to continue patient care while also training new healthcare professionals.



Scan the QR code to know more or go to :
www.youtube.com/watch?v=SjITJVGFsNs

STORY 03

Kyiv Regional Children's Hospital (Boyarka)

Our intervention bolstered the hospital's resilience against blackouts and power shortages caused by missile and drone attacks on the power supply infrastructure in the Kyiv region. Additionally, we established a dedicated oxygen system within the building, creating a safe haven for pregnant women, shielding them from the frontline and other hazardous areas in the country.

This hospital is the first encountered from the frontlines that can handle high-risk pregnancies, premature births (the incidence of which has increased due to the stress caused by the war), and pediatric illnesses.



Ukraine & Moldova

STORY 04

Kyiv Oblast Specialized Medical Centre (Boyarka)

This specialized institution serves as the primary regional center for medical care in phthisiopulmonary and infectious diseases. Due to the conflict, there has been a surge in tuberculosis cases, underscoring the hospital's critical role in the health response. We supplied specialized equipment to maintain high-quality cleaning of patient linens and clothing, thereby preventing infections among both staff and patients. Additionally, state-of-the-art medical devices were installed throughout the center.



X-RAY RADIO





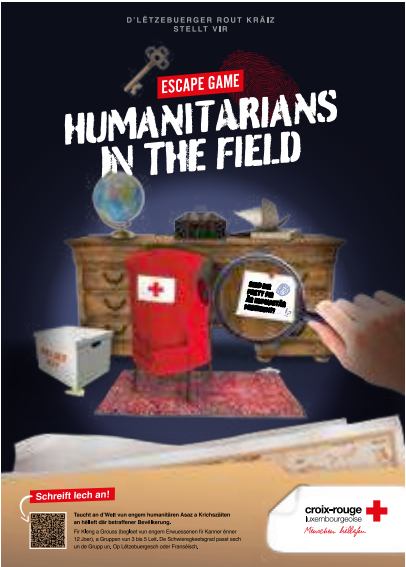
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UKRAINE



III. International Humanitarian Law

 FUNDING	MAEE
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Escape Game : Humanitarians in the field

During the past year, we hosted a total of 39 groups, comprising 172 participants, which represents an increase compared to the previous year. We also successfully reached a younger audience, with a notable increase in the number of groups opting for level 1 of the game (families with children), rising from 9% to 28%.

Additionally, we expanded the language options by adding English, leading to an increase in the number of groups choosing Luxembourgish, from 22% to 26%. These results demonstrate our commitment to expanding our reach and making the game accessible to a more diverse audience.

Seven Families game

As part of our ongoing efforts to advance humanitarian values and raise awareness about international humanitarian law, we have developed a captivating educational tool: the ‘Seven Families’ game.

This interactive game not only entertains but also educates users about critical thematic areas and their underlying principles. By engaging players in a fun and educational experience, we aim to foster a deeper understanding and appreciation of humanitarian issues, ultimately contributing to a more informed and compassionate global community.



Human in War


In 2023, the “Human in War” project was launched, resulting in the creation of a series of four educational videos on international humanitarian law (IHL). Each episode explores a major theme of IHL to raise public awareness about its fundamental principles and significance. The episodes cover an introduction to IHL, its dissemination, the respect and enforcement of its rules, and the role of humanitarians during conflicts.



Scan the QR code to know more or go to www.croix-rouge.lu/humaninwar



IV. Shelter Research Unit

 FUNDING	MAEE, FNR, Fondation Veuve Emile Metz-Esch (FVEM), UNCHR
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The Shelter Research Unit (SRU) specializes in enhancing humanitarian housing. By using innovative materials and traditional architectural concepts, the SRU develops context-specific housing solutions. The unit places a strong emphasis on reducing environmental impact while making interventions more financially and logistically efficient.

In collaboration with the Luxembourg Institute of Science and Technology (LIST), the Humanitarian Aid of the Luxembourg created the first edition of scientist conference ‘Innovation in Humanitarian Habitat’. The event provided a platform for researchers, engineers, and architects to explore and present innovative and sustainable solutions for more effective and humane humanitarian housing.

Numerous humanitarian experts, industry professionals, and students from various countries participated in technical and scientific discussions, complemented by exhibitions.

The aim was to create a unique space for exchange among experts from diverse fields – technical, scientific, and academic – that had not previously existed in Luxembourg. Humanitarian housing is a complex area, and its challenges can be addressed through innovation.

The conference sought to promote research in humanitarian aid and environmental sustainability. Nine academic research projects focusing on technical innovation, architecture, and engineering in sustainable humanitarian housing were selected by a scientific committee and presented.

Furthermore, the efforts of the Ukrainian Red Cross teams in aiding conflict victims were highlighted in a photo exhibition in the atrium of Neumünster Abbey.

Shelter Scholarship for Students: Including New Generations in Innovation

A competition was also launched to enable architecture and engineering students to create an innovative and environmentally friendly shelter prototype. Three teams presented their models at the conference, and the winning prototype received a prize and will be tested in 2024 under field conditions in a country where the Luxembourg Red Cross is active.

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- 1 Round tables
- 2 Tour of the student-built prototypes
- 3 Scientific conference
- 4 Photo exhibition - Ukraine



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V. Our team

39

women and men, including **26** staff based in the field contributed to our activities worldwide.

Among them, **13** were positioned at our headquarters in Luxembourg, with regular field-missions.*

 WOMEN	17
 MEN	22
 POSITIONS AT HEADQUARTERS	13
 FIELD STAFF	26
 BURKINA FASO	4
 CHAD	2
 DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO	6
 LUXEMBOURG	13
 MADAGASCAR	3
 MALI	2
 MOLDAVIE	1
 NIGER	5
 SÉNÉGAL	2
 UKRAINE	1
TOTAL	39

**staff numbers represent the number of full-time equivalent positions averaged out across the year.*

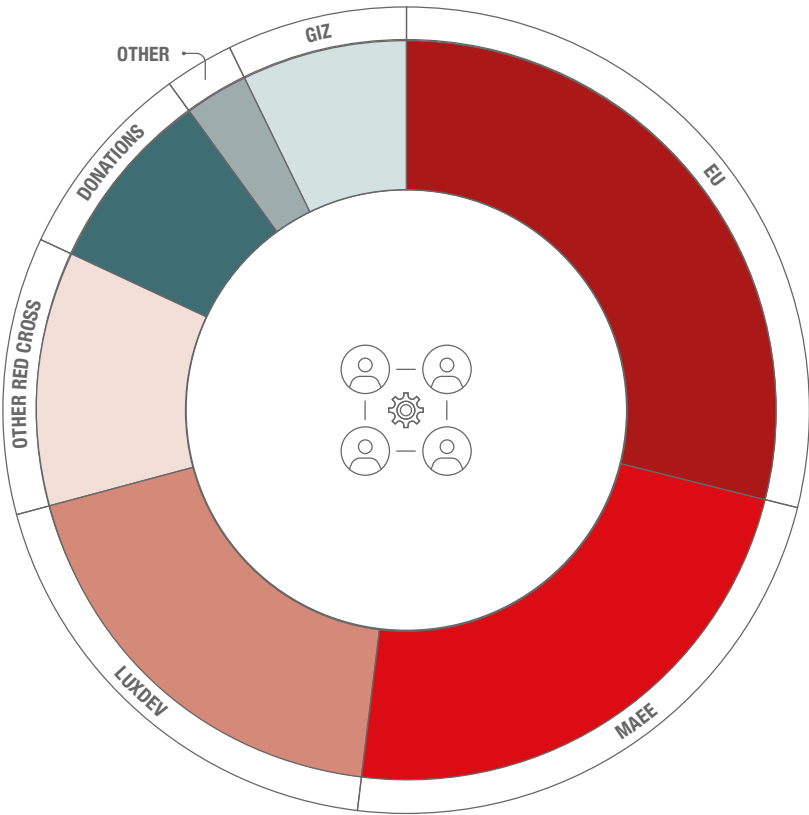
OUR TEAM



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We also want to express our appreciation for the support of the president of Luxembourg Red Cross and all our colleagues, whether they are in the field or at headquarters. Their daily dedication is crucial in achieving our goal of safeguarding an increasing number of vulnerable individuals.

VI. Finances

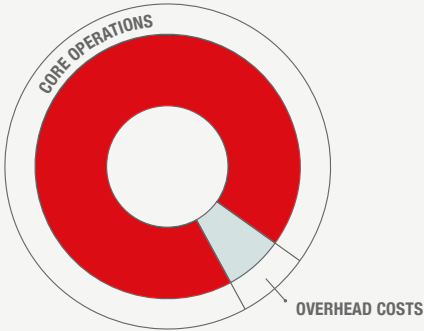


Ressources in 2023
(in Euros)

<div>■</div> EU	11,168,875 €	29%
<div>■</div> MAEE	8,749,514 €	23%
<div>■</div> LUXDEV	7,512,515 €	19%
<div>■</div> OTHER RED CROSS	4,458,027 €	11%
<div>■</div> DONATIONS	3,143,507 €	8%
<div>■</div> OTHER	1,096,514 €	3%
<div>■</div> GIZ	2.525.327 €	7%

Expenditures in 2023 (in Euros)

<div><div></div><div>BURKINA FASO</div></div> <div>8,129,407 €</div> <div>27,60%</div>
<div><div></div><div>UKRAINE</div></div> <div>6,058,857 €</div> <div>20,57%</div>
<div><div></div><div>NIGER</div></div> <div>5,152,806 €</div> <div>17,49%</div>
<div><div></div><div>DRC</div></div> <div>3,374,671 €</div> <div>11,46%</div>
<div><div></div><div>MADAGASCAR</div></div> <div>2,026,597 €</div> <div>6,88%</div>
<div><div></div><div>CHAD</div></div> <div>1,842,119 €</div> <div>6,25%</div>
<div><div></div><div>MALI</div></div> <div>1,564,324 €</div> <div>5,31%</div>
<div><div></div><div>BURUNDI</div></div> <div>418,739 €</div> <div>1,42%</div>
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<div><div></div><div>OTHER</div></div> <div>675,341 €</div> <div>2,29%</div>



Core operations

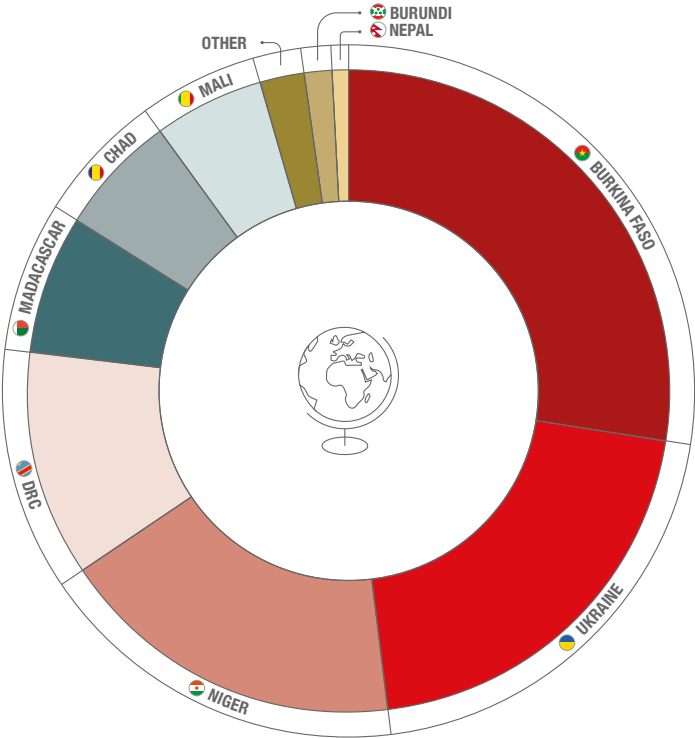
■ 93%

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

■ 7%

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



VII. Merci villmools!

Donations and the confidence of the general public 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 following a climatic disaster or to organise a response to an epidemic, for example. 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 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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Thanks to all our supporters!

Without you, humanitarian aid would not exist.

For the last century, we have been fortunate to have generations of committed donors, volunteers and partners who have placed their trust in us. Without you, we could not change the lives of hundreds of people every day. Without you, humanitarian aid simply would not exist.

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your commitment and your generosity. Thanks to you, we can and will continue our humanitarian work and make life more decent and independent for families.

We also thank the cities and partners for their generosity in support of our activities in 2023:

- **Agence Française de Développement (AFD)**
- **Austrian Development Agency (ADA)**
- **Centre de Crise et de Soutien (CDCS) du Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires Etrangères français**
- **Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)**
- **Direction Générale Coopération au Développement et Aide Humanitaire - Belgique (DGD)**
- **European Union (EU)**
- **Fondation de Luxembourg (FDLUX)**

- **Luxembourg Aid & Development**
- **Luxembourg Ministry of the Environment, Climate and Biodiversity (MECB)**
- **Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, Defence, Development Cooperation and Foreign Trade (MAEE)**
- **Médecins du Monde France (MDM)**
- **Pharmaciens Sans Frontières**
- **Stand Speak Rise Up (SSRU)**
- **Ville de Luxembourg (VDL)**

We would also like to thank other national Red Cross instances :

- American Red Cross
- Austrian Red Cross
- Belgian Red Cross
- French Red Cross
- Monegasque Red Cross
- Swiss Red Cross



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We also thank our
collaborators on the field.

MADAGASCAR





VIII. Structural information

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

The purpose of the Association 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 Association may carry out any operations likely to contribute to the achievement of its purpose. The Association shall carry out its activities in accordance with the principles and objectives of the Luxembourg Red Cross and the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

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 2023, the Board of Directors was composed of:

- **Robert GOERENS**, President & Chairman
- **Michel SIMONIS**, Member of the board
- **Robert SCHEUEREN**, Treasurer
- **Martine BUCK**, Member of the board
- **Catherine GAPENNE**, Member of the board
- **Pierre JAEGER**, Member of the board
- **Philippe MAJERUS**, Member of the board
- **Luc SCHEER**, Member of the board
- **Judith REICHERZER**, Member of the board

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- **Richard SCHNEIDER**

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