



Sharing of International Humanitarian Rescue Mechanisms

Emergency Rescue Forum,
Ministerial Forum for BRIDRREM

10 October 2023, Beijing

Agenda

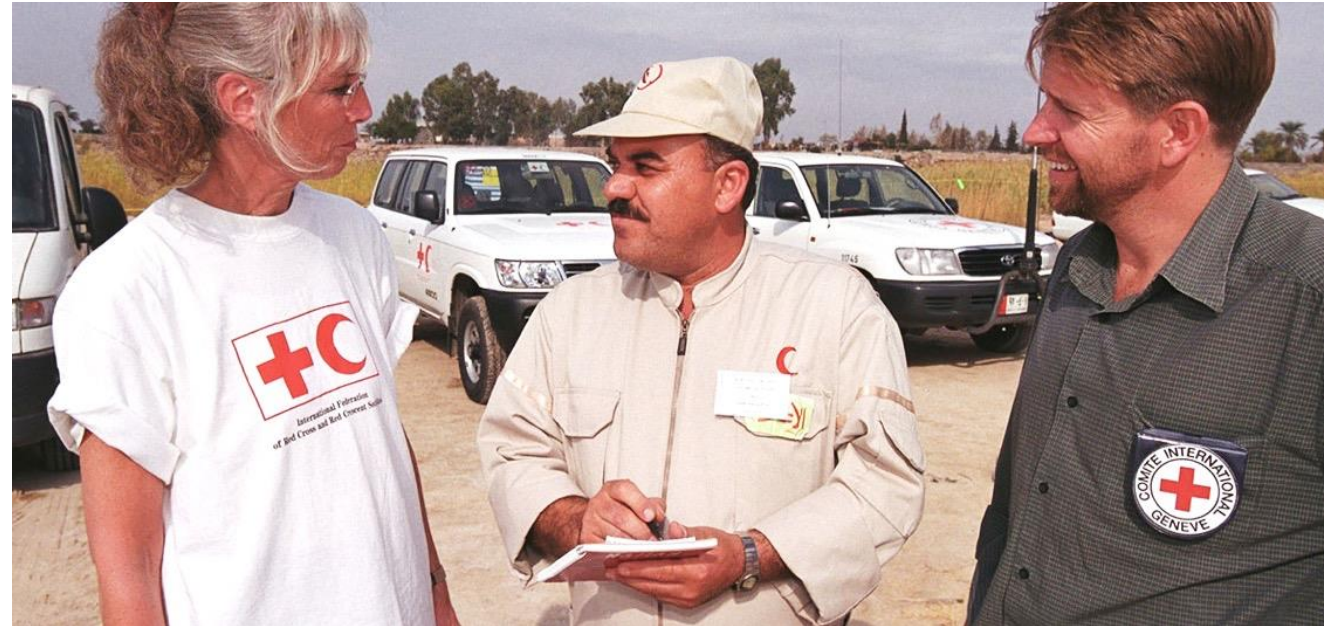
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IFRC and the RC/RC Movement





The International Red Cross and Red Crescent (RC/RC) Movement



191 National Red Cross and Red Crescent **Societies**
IFRC, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
ICRC, the International Committee of the Red Cross

National Red Cross Societies are uniquely placed to support communities before, during and after disasters



Local impact, global reach

The world's largest humanitarian network

- 191 National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
- Over 160,000 local branches
- Almost 15 million active volunteers
- Reaching more than 160 million people every year



Their permanent presence within communities

Their role as auxiliaries to public authorities



Their unparalleled reach



The RC/RC Movement Active Participation in INSARAG





The International Search and Rescue Advisory Group

- ☐ Active participation of IFRC in the Global Working Group
- ☐ Not only training Search and Rescue organizations, but also training of community members (the 'real' First Responders)
- ☐ IFRC = no coordination, management, training and deployment of international search and rescue teams
- ☐ Some National RC Societies have certified USAR teams. Some are active members of the USAR teams (with deployments to emergency operations under the National USAR teams)
- ☐ Respect of the Red Cross Humanitarian Principles
- ☐ The Ocean Viking – a search and rescue ship chartered by SOS MEDITERRANEE and operated in partnership with the International Federation of Red Cross



Large Scale Disasters in Urban Areas

Key considerations for response



- **Unsolicited Search And Rescue teams**



- **Shelter management will be different than other contexts**



- **Internal displacement – relatives, other cities etc.**



- **International Response tools might not be prepared for urban contexts**



- **Management of dead bodies, It has profound and long-lasting consequences for survivors and communities**



- **First responders might be affected by the disaster**



- **Military assets could play an important role across the region**



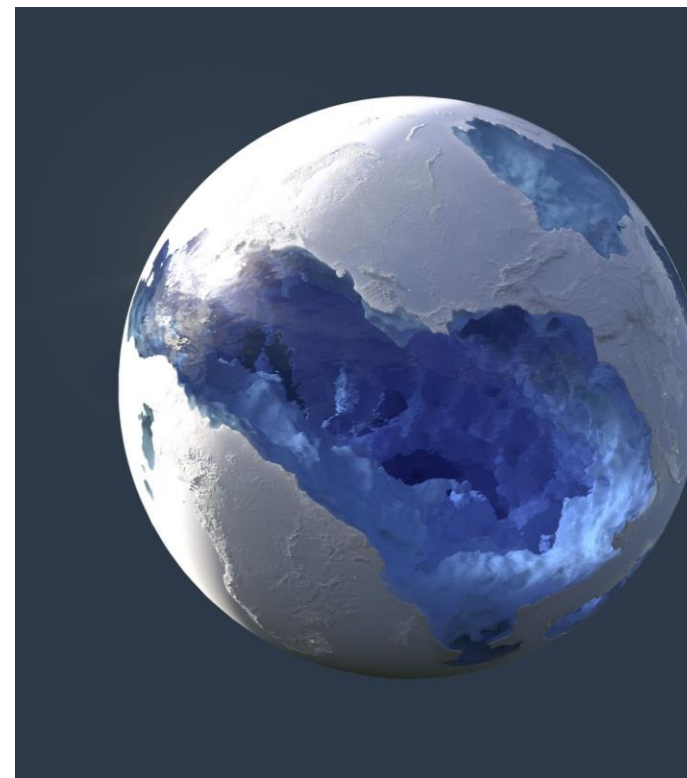
- **Disaster Law, regulations and procedures are essentials**



“East Asia Preparedness and Effective Response for Large Scale Disasters”

Towards a Road Map for 2023 – 2025

Presented by East Asia LSD Technical Working Group





The Importance of the Laws



IFRC has Global Expertise in the Area of Disaster Law



**Legal Preparedness for
International /
Regional Assistance**



**Law and Public
Health
Emergencies**



**Climate and
Disaster Risk
Reduction and
Law**



**RC National
Society Auxiliary
Role, Advocacy
and Legal Base**



**Disaster
Preparedness
and Response
Law**



**Know your rights,
roles and
responsibilities –
Awareness and
Dissemination**

IFRC Emergency Response Framework



IFRC Level of assistance



Country support

Our nearest **Country Delegation (CD)** or **Country Cluster Delegation (CCD)** will take the primary role in supporting the National Society. They can help plan, coordinate and deliver IFRC support on the ground.



Regional support

IFRC Regional Offices (RO) take the lead in setting and maintaining the overall strategic direction of the operation. They also request and coordinate international support as efficiently and effectively as possible for all operations in their region.



Global support

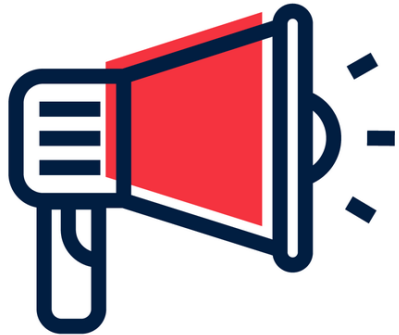
IFRC headquarters takes overall strategic direction for all our emergency operations worldwide. It ensures global coherence, compliance with our global policies and standards, and can provide global support to National Societies in the form of people, money or expertise.

IFRC Emergency Response Framework

Yellow emergencies

Orange emergencies

Red emergencies



EUROPE



ASIA PACIFIC



AFRICA



AMERICA



MENA

Disaster Response Emergency Fund (DREF)



How does it work?

The DREF is a central pot of money through which we can release funds rapidly to National Societies for early action and immediate disaster response.



How is it funded?

The IFRC runs an annual DREF appeal to maintain the balance of funds required to meet National Society demand.



Anticipatory Pillar

The Anticipatory Pillar of the DREF enables National Societies to take early action in advance of a hazard, saving lives and protecting livelihoods.

Emergency Appeals

Launching for large-scale and complex disasters affecting lots of people.

These responses typically involve longer-term recovery support - such as support to livelihoods, multiple cash transfers, long-term shelter support and capacity building for National Societies



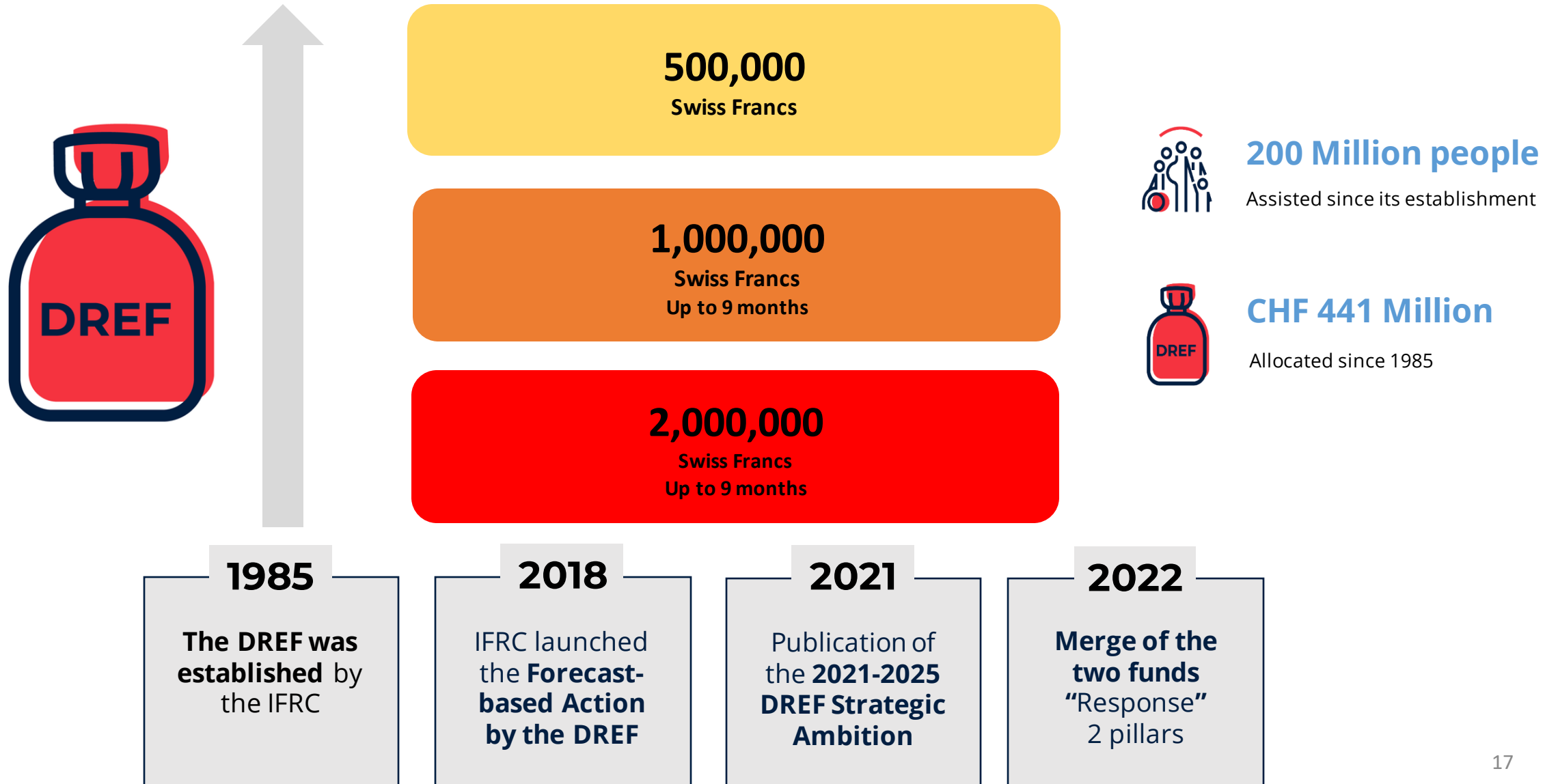
A woman with her child at a camp site in flood affected Balochistan. (Photo: Turkish Red Crescent)

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| Appeal No: MDRPK023 | IFRC Secretariat Funding requirements: CHF 40 million Federation-wide Funding requirements: CHF 55 million | |
| Glide No: FL-2022-000270-PAK | People affected: 33 million¹ people | People to be assisted ² : 1,000,000 people |
| DREF allocation: CHF 1,000,000 | Appeal launched: 28/08/2022 | Appeal ends: 31/12/2023 |
| Emergency Appeal Revision | Revision #: 1 | Revision Date: 06/10/2022 |

¹ According to Pakistan's National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA)

² Target for the IFRC Secretariat Appeal of CHF 40 million

Disaster Response Emergency Fund (DREF)





IFRC Surge Capacity



Rapid Response

IFRC can deploy specialized **Rapid Response Personnel** to support emergency humanitarian operations around the world.

Short-term basis (up to 3 months)



Emergency Response Units

ERUs = Teams of specialized personnel + equipment

Can be deployed at short notice, to sudden and slow on-set disasters.



Head of Emergency Operations (HEOps)

HEOPs = diverse and experienced staff for operational and strategic leadership

For IFRC's largest and most complex emergency operations

Rapid Response Personnel – *as local as possible, as global as necessary*



Assessment



Shelter



Livelihoods/
Economic



Coordination



Health



Water and Sanitation



Protection, Gender
and Inclusion



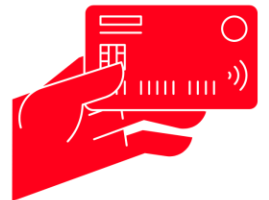
Logistic



Information management



Community Engagement



Cash &
voucher

+C IFRC

Rapid Response



+ CIFRC
Rapid Response



Emergency Response Unit

- ✓ WASH – M15 / M40; MSM 20
- ✓ Logistic
- ✓ Relief
- ✓ Basecamp
- ✓ Mobile clinic
- ✓ RC Hospital



- ✓ Disaster Response Emergency Fund
- ✓ Emergency Appeal – Federation Wide

What is Green Response?



“Saving lives and reducing suffering without risking damage to the environment or the livelihoods, assets, health and survival of affected people” – definition of GR from the IFRC Secretariat Environmental Policy 2019.

- Or, more simply: *Environmentally sustainable humanitarian response*
- External terminology:
“Environment in Humanitarian Action” (UN) or
“Minimise environmental footprint of humanitarian assistance” (ECHO)





Thank you!

