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The Red Cross

a worldwide movement

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- Until today the worldwide Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement has grown considerably. There are 191 national societies – just like the Austrian Red Cross. Millions of people in 191 countries work for the movement – most of them as volunteers!
- Our worldwide network:

  International Committee of the Red Cross

  International Federation
  of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

  191 National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies



Mission Statement

of the Red Cross and Red Crescent movement

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to improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity



Seven fundamental principles

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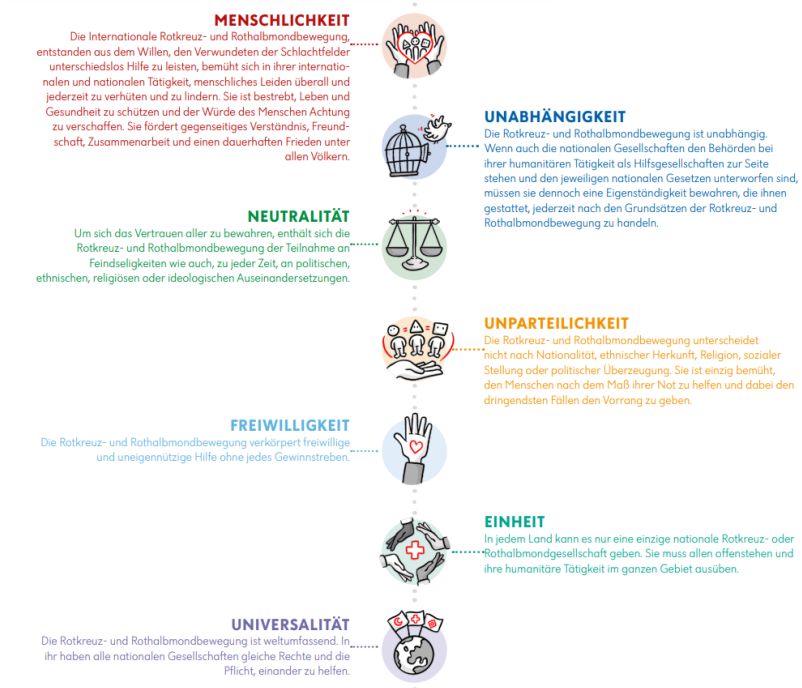
Humanity
People caring for people.
Independence
Our principles are maintained through self-determination.
Neutrality
Humanitarian initiatives need trust.
Impartiality
Aid doesn‘t differentiate.
Voluntary Service
True aid must be free of self-interest.
Unity
Only one in any given country, open to all.
Universality
Humanitarian values are global.



The sign of the Red Cross

a symbol, the whole world trusts in

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- Protected to be able to protect.
- The Red Cross and Red Crescent protect humanitarian and medical staff, buildings and equipment of the national Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies as well as the medical corps in times of military conflicts.
- Since 2006 the Red Crystal also has been recognized.



History

The Austrian society of the Red Cross

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- Founded in 1880 as „Österreichische Gesellschaft vom Rothen Kreuze“as a national institution for humanitarian aid.







The federals structure

of the Austrian Red Cross

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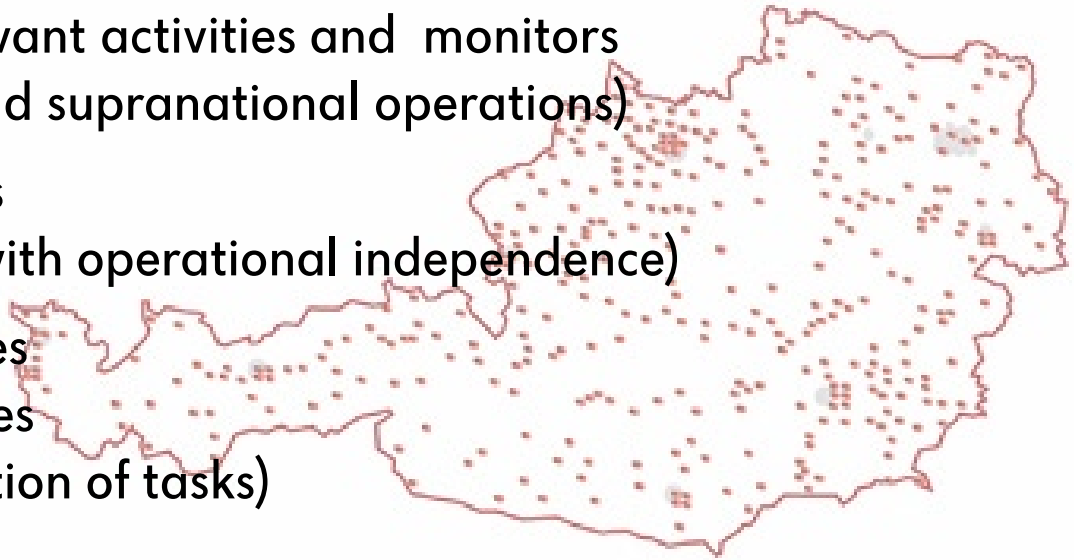
- Headquarters
  (operates on national and international level,
  coordinates all relevant activities and monitors
  foreign, national and supranational operations)
- 9 regional branches
  (corporate bodies with operational independence)
- 132 district branches
  (regional subsidiaries
  for the implementation of tasks)



Red Cross in numbers

Austria‘s largest humanitarian NPO

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- 81,402 volunteers
- 10,540 employees
- 4,330 community servants
- 1,335 voluntary social year participants
- 1,168,754 supporting members and donors





Stand 31.12.2025

Humanitarian balance

In 2025

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- Donations and membership fees amounted to € 111 million.
- Time-donations helped the Austrian state and society save several millions (approx. 10 million hours worked voluntarily in 2025).



Status 24.11.2026

emergency medical system

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- The rescue and ambulance service is the best known area of the Austrian Red Cross.
- The Red Cross provides these services in Austria across the whole country.
- More than 3,2 million rescue and ambulance operations across Austria every year.









Blood program

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- Every day up to 1,000 units of blood are required to meet the country's hospitals' needs.
- 4 blood banks (full scale, including production)
- 3 blood banks in cooperation with university clinics
- voluntary and unpaid blood donation
- secured supply with blood and blood products in Austria
- highest security level for donors and recipients
- quality assurance and control

Blood news

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- The “blood-donation-truck” is named after Karl Landsteiner, the Austrian doctor, who won the Nobel Prize for discovering the human blood types. “Karl” provides an even more convenient donation experience.
- A “pop-up” at the SCS- Shopping Center and new sites in Zwettl and Oberwart are improving regional access to blood donors.
- As of 31 December 2025, 88.000 typed potential stem cell donors had been reported to the "national registry GÖG" registry.










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Health and community services

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- Austria in 2050: More than 900.000 people are 80-plus years old. Who will care for those who find it more and more difficult to cope with everyday life?
  The Austrian Red Cross is trying to help by extending home care services and offering a wider range of at-home assistance.
- home care services
- offering companionship and assistance
- “meals on wheels” and “Direct Call”
- services for senior citizens
- hospice activities, individual social care



Support in social emergencies

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The Red Cross provides support with individual assistance and advice. Help is provided with information or with one-off financial bridging assistance.

Free food is regularly distributed at the "Team Österreich Tafel" distribution points.

- Number of consultations and assistance: 7,331
- Team Österreich Tafel distribution points: 127
- Number of beneficiaries: 58,133
- Donated food distributed (in tons): 6,707





Disaster relief

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- The Austrian Red Cross' independent disaster relief service provides unbureaucratic assistance in the event of urgent demand in national and international emergencies.
- Emergency Response Units of the Austrian Red Cross are able to reach victims worldwide within a few hours.
- There are 3 kinds of help:
  financial support,
  personal support,
  relief goods.








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Development | Cooperation

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- An emergency response operation starts immediately after the disaster. But when does it end? As soon as people are able to help themselves again.
- The long-term and sustainable programmes and projects of the Austrian Red Cross follow immediately after the disaster relief phase and are implemented within the worlds biggest humanitarian network.
- Read the details in the International Cooperation's Annual Report
- Project information (german version): www.roteskreuz.at/projektlandkarte



International cooperation

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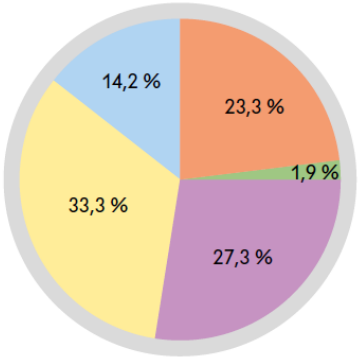
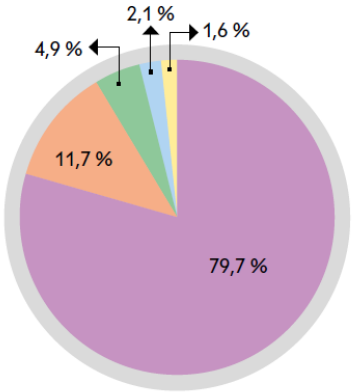
We work together globally to save lives, overcome crises, and shape the future with the power of humanity.



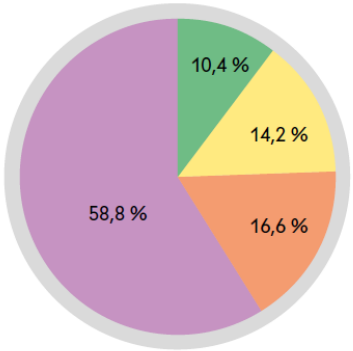
Support by Region

Africa	€ 12,384,445
America	€ 1,000,054
Asia/Middle East	€ 14,505,962
Europe	€ 17,701,175
Global	€ 7,566,012
Total	**€ 53,157,648**



Utilisation of Funds

1. Services for statutory aims	
Disaster relief	€ 42,370,444
Rehabilitation	€ 1,134,719
Development cooperation	€ 6,202,747
Project support and advocacy	€ 2,611,690
2. Fundraising and administration costs	€ 838,048
Total	**€ 53,157,648**



Funding Sources

1. Donations	
Earmarked	€ 8,842,872
Project funding from foundations	€ 5,523,545
2. Red Cross contributions	€ 7,563,171
3. Project funding by the public sector	€ 31,228,060
Total	**€ 53,157,648**

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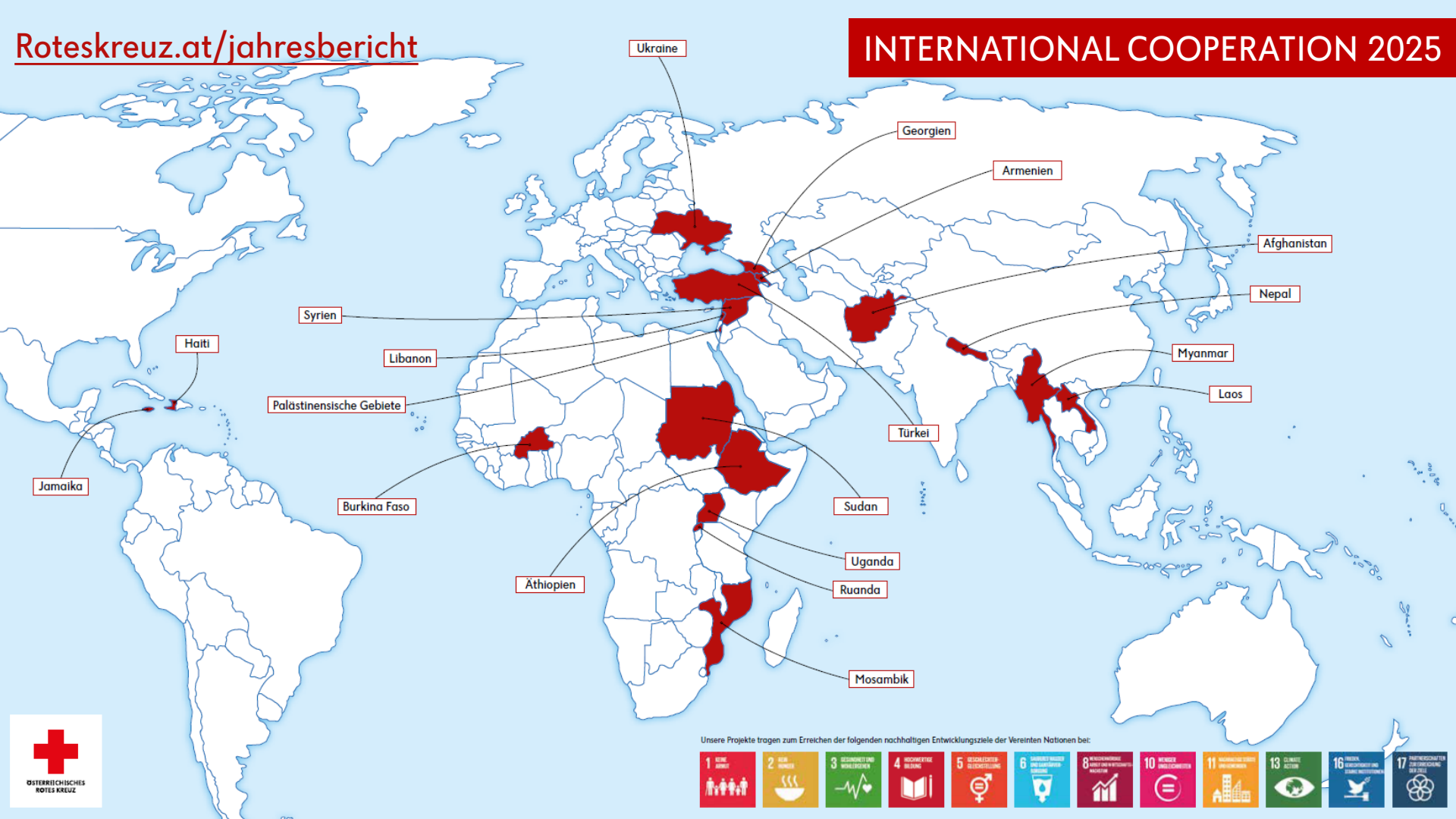
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION 2025



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Unsere Projekte tragen zum Erreichen der folgenden nachhaltigen Entwicklungsziele der Vereinten Nationen bei:


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Dissemination of International Humaniatrian Law (IHL)

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- Information and trainings about the application of the Geneva Conventions in times of peace and conflicts
- Close contact to authorities concerning further development of the IHL

Link (to german publication)











Migration

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- According to the seven Fundamental Principles and the statutes, the Austrian Red Cross cares for asylum seekers, refugees and migrants.
- Family reunion
- Education
- Individual Social Support
- Health
- Tracing







Tracing Service

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- Tracing people who have been separated by wars, armed conflicts or disasters.
- Reunion of separated families.
- Delivering family news internationally when normal means of communication have broken down due to war or disaster. (Red Cross messages)
- Helping to obtain confirmation of detention, where an imprisoned person has been visited by the ICRC.
- Part of the worldwide tracetheface.org network







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Training Services

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- Basic first aid courses are held in every Red Cross branch. Apart from first aid instruction, a variety of training programmes within the health and social services and for paramedics is offered. 389,370 people took part.
- In this regard the Austrian Red Cross pays equal attention to the education of the general public as well as to the basics and further training of the staff and volunteers of the general public.










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Austrian Youth Red Cross

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- The Austrian Youth Red Cross (AYRC), a division of the Austrian Red Cross, is a community of interests that provides training and education for children, young people, and teachers, as well as teaching materials.
- One goal is to help children and young people who are in crisis situations, both in Austria and abroad, by providing hands-on experiences that install humanitarian values.
- The diverse activities of the Austrian Youth Red Cross aim to develop self-motivation and the ability to help others, as well as personal and social responsibility.

Austrian Youth Red Cross

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- Disaster response and assistance, emergency rehabilitation
- First aid and safety training, education on humanitarian issues
- Integration and therapy camps for children and youngsters
- Youth-communication









Our teamwork has no limits!



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