

**Special report prepared
for you,**

Red Cross 50 member

Because of supporters like you, we were able to respond in Australia



Australia

Across Australia, together we stand ready for every crisis

Your generous support is a lifeline for our communities, helping us step in swiftly during crisis and disaster with essential aid and emotional support.

Disaster response, relief and recovery

When floodwaters rise, when bushfires burn and when tropical storms batter homes and towns, your support helps deliver practical and emotional support during and after disaster.

This includes core activities like providing psychological first aid, reuniting families who have been

separated during emergencies, connecting people to support services, and strengthening community resilience in crisis.

Creating safer, stronger and more connected communities

Your commitment also helps sustain programs that strengthen communities. From supporting older Australians in maintaining their independence to providing essential services like food and shelter for vulnerable people, this collective action helps drive lasting change.



As a Red Cross 50 member, you are part of a powerful force for good. This past year, your generosity has provided emergency relief, strengthened communities, and helped families facing conflict, disaster and crisis to rebuild.

Your support helped communities rise again after disaster

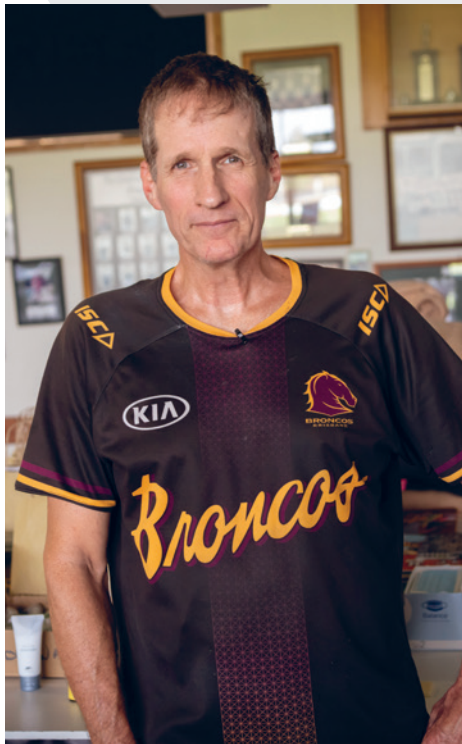


Photo: Australian Red Cross/Conor Ashleigh

As fires tore through Maryborough, Glen and his family sought safety in a local relief centre. There, Red Cross staff and volunteers welcomed them with warmth, community, and hope. As well as hot meals and showers, the team provided a shoulder to lean on, a listening ear, and connections to vital services that prepared them to navigate the anxiety and distress of the fires and their aftermath.

Your generosity ensures families have a refuge in times of crisis, helping restore dignity, security, and a sense of belonging.

Ballina



Photo: Australian Red Cross/
Tajette O'Halloran



"I walked in and burst into tears – the support was overwhelming"

When floodwaters engulfed Ballina, Priscilla fled her home in the dead of night with just her cat and a few supplies. Stranded in her car, she waited anxiously for help.

At her local recovery centre, Red Cross volunteers provided psychological first aid, resources, and ongoing support to help her navigate the long road to recovery.

For 10 months, you helped us stand by her side, guiding her back to stability. Your generosity ensures flood-affected people like Priscilla are never alone in their recovery.

Maryborough



Your impact helped power our volunteer movement

16,855

members and volunteers acted for humanity.

213,000

people were supported before, during and after disasters.

115,000

people accessed recovery activities, including psychological first aid through community events, workshops and training across Australia.

By renewing your Red Cross 50 gift now, you will help drive greater humanitarian work here in Australia and globally.

Your support helped deliver kindness and connection

Your support is helping to reduce social isolation and loneliness, ensuring the most vulnerable stay connected, independent, and well.

“I really thank Red Cross for everything. They have made me feel a part of this community.”

Arriving in Darwin from Greece as a single parent, Haroula faced many challenges, including isolation and a language barrier. Thanks to your compassionate support, the Australian Red Cross Connected Women program provided a vital support network.

This initiative helps migrant women gain new skills, and find joy and connection through classes, events, and craft workshops. Haroula has made lasting friendships, improved her English, and gained confidence. Now, as a volunteer, she welcomes others like her with warmth.

Because of you, women like Haroula are finding connection and strength.

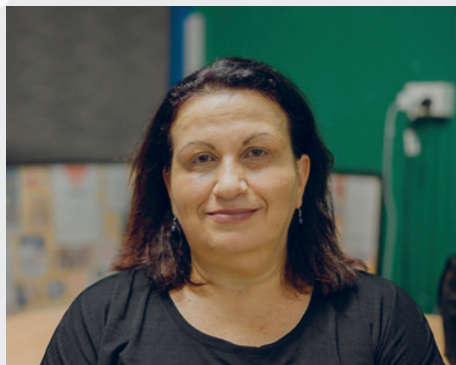


Photo: Australian Red Cross/Amelia Wong





“It’s a joy to see her.”

At 93, Beth found herself in a new aged care home, missing the vibrant social circles of her past. Then she met Lexie, 19, through our Aged Care Volunteer Visitors Scheme.

Over tea and biscuits, they share stories, laughter, and advice – an affinity that spans generations. “She’s interested in my life, and I’m interested in hers,” Beth said.

Thanks to supporters like you, isolated older Australians find companionship and connection, reminding them they are never alone.



Queensland

You helped our communities find independence and friendship:

78,401

hours of volunteers connecting with older and vulnerable people

117,152

meals delivered to 1,077 older people

4,499

clients supported through 86,857 trips.

1,161

clients visited regularly by 782 volunteers

Visionary people like you create lasting change. Renew your Red Cross 1000 gift today.

Because of supporters like you, we were ready to respond around the world

Ukraine

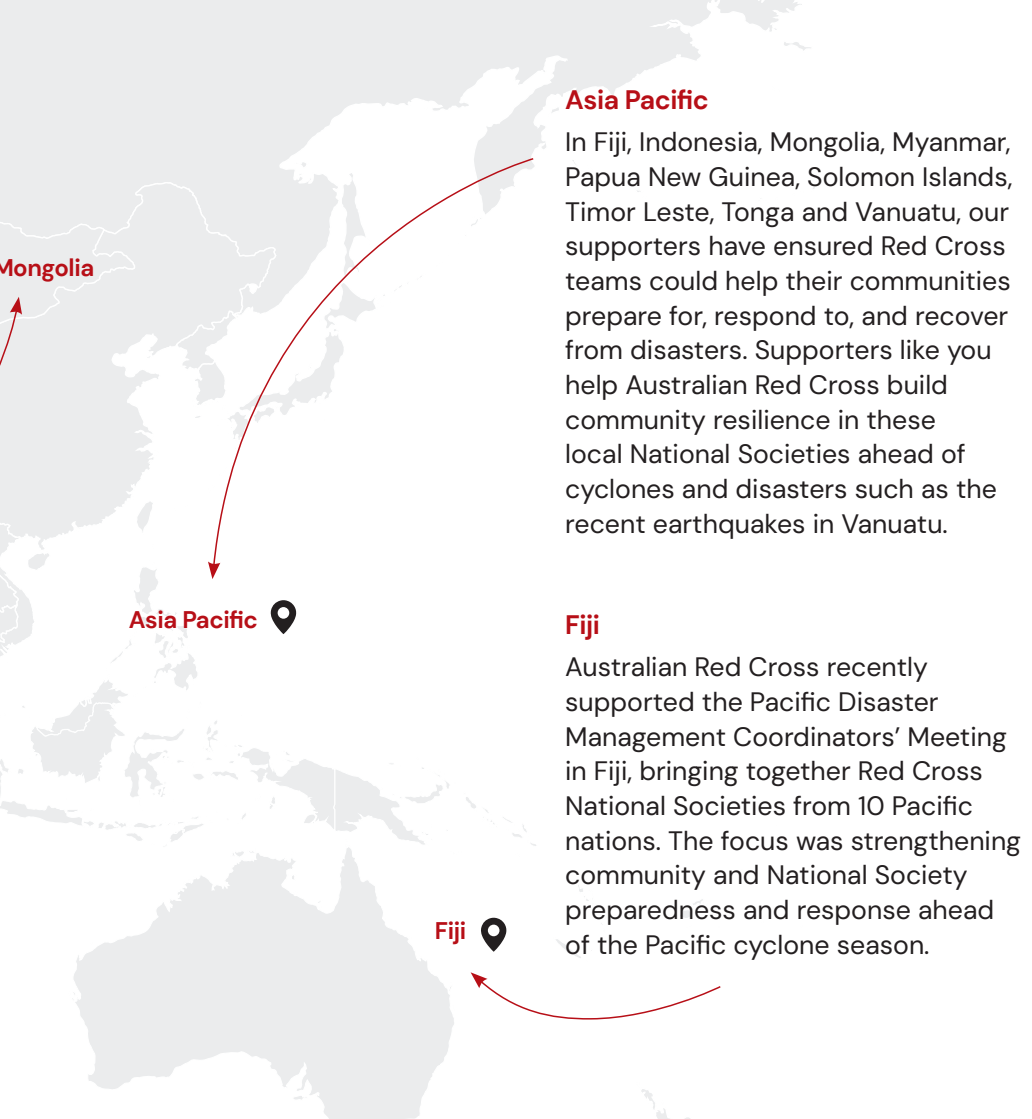
Support like yours has ensured we can continue the humanitarian response led by Ukrainian Red Cross to the ongoing conflict. That response has supported 17.9 million people in Ukraine and neighbouring countries, including clean water, food and hygiene kits, as well as equipment and medicines for medical facilities.

The Middle East

Since the devastating escalation of the armed conflict in October 2023 and displacement across the Middle East region, we have been working closely with IFRC, ICRC and National Societies to support critical humanitarian efforts. Support like yours helps us work towards immediate, life-saving, and long-term relief for communities impacted by the ongoing situation.

Mongolia

Last winter, Mongolian Red Cross Society responded to the most severe cold wave crisis in 49 years, known as Dzud, which affected 76% of the country. To support the response, Australian Red Cross and the Movement, with some further Government funding, provided cash assistance, livestock kits and psychosocial support, reaching 600 households.



Asia Pacific

In Fiji, Indonesia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Timor Leste, Tonga and Vanuatu, our supporters have ensured Red Cross teams could help their communities prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters. Supporters like you help Australian Red Cross build community resilience in these local National Societies ahead of cyclones and disasters such as the recent earthquakes in Vanuatu.

Fiji

Australian Red Cross recently supported the Pacific Disaster Management Coordinators' Meeting in Fiji, bringing together Red Cross National Societies from 10 Pacific nations. The focus was strengthening community and National Society preparedness and response ahead of the Pacific cyclone season.

Your support helped us make a global impact:

22

international disaster and crisis response operations.

43

Australian international aid workers deployed to 22 countries.

19.9 tonnes

tonnes of humanitarian aid and products were provided across the globe.

\$20 million

in humanitarian funding for major international disasters and armed conflicts.

You are part of something extraordinary. Please confirm your gift today to continue to act for humanity.

Ukraine conflict

Turning compassion into action

In Ukraine, the ongoing conflict continues to upend millions of lives, especially children's.

During a visit to Tbilisi, Georgia, Australian Red Cross staff witnessed how displaced Ukrainian children were finding laughter and connection again through a vibrant activities program, including a 'wishing tree'. While some children's wishes were for simple joys like chocolate, many children longed for peace. Program designer Ketevan Kirkitadze said: "Georgian Red Cross has many great activities, but this one is particularly close to my heart." This initiative will now be rolled out to more children affected by the conflict.

Photo: IFRC/Ukrainian Red Cross



Ukraine

Photo: Jonas Bergmann-Paulsen



Rafah, Gaza

Inspiring hope and humanity

Within two weeks of receiving the call, Australian Red Cross delegate Mark Myerson was in Rafah, helping build a new field hospital operated by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). With Rafah's existing hospitals under extreme stress, the water and sanitation expert helped the team transform barren land into a fully functioning medical facility in just five weeks.

"It was go, go, go – we had people regularly asking, 'When are you opening?'" Mark said.

As the first patients were admitted, he and his team witnessed a profound moment – the birth of the first baby at the hospital. "Those moments of hope and humanity are very, very special."

Supporters like you help deliver life-changing care amid conflict and devastation.

 Gaza

Mongolia



Photo: IFRC/Mongolian Red Cross

Mongolia

Building resilience in crisis

Sugarmaa joined the Mongolian Red Cross Society in 2022, and works in the climate change and disaster management team. Her role involves coordinating the Mongolian Red Cross response operations and disaster preparedness initiatives across Mongolia – including the recent floods and the Dzud, a severe cold wave that affected over 75% of the country.

Photo: Kurt Petersen/IFRC



Fiji



Fiji

Helping lessen the impacts of disaster

Meet Nete Logavatu, a driving force behind Fiji Red Cross Society's resilience program in Wailotua. Despite ongoing vulnerability to flooding and cyclones, Wailotua is renowned for its disaster preparedness, thanks to regular simulations and proactive planning, with support from Australian Red Cross, with further government funding. As a Red Cross Community, it sets the standard for resilience.

Bringing hope, relief, and change together

Thank you. Your kindness is a gift that brings hope to humanity.

Thanks to you, we can be there for those facing hardship, crisis, or disaster whenever and wherever it is needed most.

Your support helps us provide vital assistance, connecting communities across the globe.

Together, we can bring light and hope to those in their darkest moments.

Please continue your Red Cross 50 commitment with your renewed gift of \$5000 in 2025.



Photo: Kurt Petersen/IFRC
Wailotua Village part-time volunteer Seremaia Suvainaka
leads his colleagues on a door to door visit in Fiji



Your support ensures we can be ready for what the future brings, standing beside communities in their greatest times of need.

Together, we can continue driving life-changing humanitarian impact.

**As a member of the
Red Cross 50, you:**

- help shape the future of Australian Red Cross
- belong to a unique community of activists passionate about tackling big humanitarian challenges
- hear the stories behind the scenes at exclusive events and briefings with Australian Red Cross leaders
- receive individual recognition of your generosity and membership
- know your pledge links you to a humanitarian history we will all be proud of in the years to come.

**The world needs people like you.
Confirm your Red Cross 50 gift today
and drive even greater change.**



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