PROFESSIONAL HEALTH SERVICES MAPPING

Background

The IFRC, with its member Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies, and its worldwide network of health capacities and services, has a unique potential to strengthen its position as a global health partner. This is dependent on a better understanding and use of its combined resources globally and an articulation of its auxiliary role in health. In order to adequately make use of and optimize its full potential, it is crucial to understand the scale of all professional health services of the IFRC Network and each individual National Society.

Objectives

Over the next two years, this project aims to identify and map professional health facilities, resources, and capacities across all National Societies, to be compiled and displayed on a dedicated platform. The exact scope is currently being defined by the project team.

Through this, we hope to achieve the following:

⭕ An enhanced ability to mobilize and coordinate the combined forces of volunteer and professional resources towards humanitarian goals.

⭕ A strengthened position for National Societies, through their auxiliary role, to partner with governments and international organisations on health (regionally and globally).

⭕ The ability for National Societies to strengthen planning and coordination capacities and to report on those, highlighting specific strengths, gaps, and needs.

Our project team will be reaching out to key stakeholders in Regional and Country Delegations, as well as key National Society focal points in due course, in order to establish contacts and collect feedback on the precise scope of this initiative. Additionally, we hope to identify best practices in relation to data collection and engagement with the National Societies.

Project Phases

1 Engaging with National Societies and IFRC Secretariat colleagues to define scope and indicators.

2 Data collection and analysis.

3 Development of informative and useful visualizations for National Societies to access and use.

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