

The World's Largest Humanitarian Network

The American Red Cross extends its humanitarian mission around the world through its work as part of the global Red Cross network – the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and 186 national Red Cross and Red Crescent societies.

With more than 97 million volunteers, members, and staff, we use our presence in nearly every community to provide urgent humanitarian assistance to the world's hardest-to-reach and most vulnerable populations.



Red Cross volunteers in Hanoi educate at-risk groups about HIV prevention.

How You Can Help

You can help those affected by countless crises around the world each year by making a financial gift to the American Red Cross International Response Fund, which will provide immediate relief and long-term support through supplies, technical assistance and other support to help those in need.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS or 1-800-257-7575 (Spanish). Internet users can make a secure online contribution by visiting Redcross.org.

A Global Pandemic

Around the world, more than 33 million people are living with HIV/AIDS. Many of these people are not even aware they are infected.

Throughout the developing world, HIV/AIDS is taking a major toll on the workforce in all sectors. Additionally, the disease is placing considerable stress on health care systems in heavily affected countries.

The Red Cross Advantage

Together with partner Red Cross societies, the American Red Cross has an important role to play in preventing HIV and providing care and support to affected individuals and communities.

As the world's largest humanitarian network, the international community of Red Cross and Red Crescent societies has an unparalleled global reach, community knowledge and presence. Red Cross and Red Crescent volunteers can help health care systems overcome personnel shortages by building the capacity of individuals and households to provide self-care through home-based care visits as well as provide post-test counseling and support.

How We Respond

The American Red Cross is working to improve the capacity of sister Red Cross societies and communities to provide prevention education, counseling and testing, treatment, anti-stigma activities and care and support services. We also work with our partners to sustain their involvement in HIV programs through technical assistance and resource and community mobilization.

Where We Work

For more than a decade, the American Red Cross has been partnering with other Red Cross and Red Crescent national societies to address HIV/AIDS around the world.

- In Haiti, Guyana and Tanzania, we are mobilizing youth to receive and deliver HIV prevention education to their peers through the *Together We Can* program.
- In Russia, we are providing care and support to people living with HIV/AIDS and their families, and we are expanding these activities to Ukraine and Central Asia.
- In Vietnam, we are working to increase access to services and reduce stigma for people living with HIV/AIDS.
- In Kenya and Tanzania, we are beginning new HIV/AIDS prevention and care projects.

For more information, please visit www.redcross.org/international.