



# Myanmar Red Cross Society

## Annual Report 2023





# Foreward

Our new Executive committee of Myanmar Red Cross society (MRCS) took office in April 2023. Since then we have devoted our enthusiasms and efforts for the benefits of vulnerable and affected communities through MRCS mechanisms. We continue humanitarian response and work for the resilience of communities, guided by MRCS strategic plan 2021-2025, which is aligned with the 10 Years plan of IFRC, together with Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement partners and many other donors and collaborators.



We were not only striving for achievements in our regular implementation tasks but also humanitarian emergency assistance during 2023 amidst many challenges and problems our society was facing.

Notably MRCS could provide 1.766 Billion Myanmar Kyats and distributed 42,115 food items and 178,141 NFI to the vulnerable and affected population. In addition, MRCS effectively assisted 102,005 persons in terms of health consultations (including mobile clinics) rehabilitation services, interventions for malaria, blood donations, first aid and ambulance services. MRCS, furthermore, exerted relentless efforts to invest in the skill and competency development of its staffs, Red Cross Volunteers (RCVs) and communities by delivering 1,225 training programs.

In order to harvest many potential benefits through international cooperation and coordination, our MRCS EC members participated in international meetings, trainings, workshops and events. Besides, all the leadership members went to places and areas of all the projects / programs / implementations throughout the whole country for supervision and monitoring. During 2023, our leadership and senior management members went to Europe and our partner countries for 27 times while making a total of 154 local trips to projects and programs implemented areas and MRCS Branch offices for supervision, monitoring and emergency responses across the entire country.

I am thankful to all the stakeholders who support MRCS for its successful operations. I thank the Ministry of Health for endorsing MRCS to receive ministerial and interministerial authorizations and approvals for relevant matters. We realize that MRCS would never achieve such wonderful results without the great efforts and dedications of our Red Cross Volunteers and staffs. While MRCS staff were working hard for the affected communities, our invaluable RCVs helped them despite the sufferings and risks in their households and their families. I am proud to extend my heartfelt thanks to the staffs and RCVs for their impactful services above and beyond their duties and functions. Needless to say that, it will only be complete by thanking the financial and technical support from IFRC, ICRC, PNSs and the UN Agencies as well as corporate partners and individual donors.

Taking this opportunity, in my capacity as the President, I am highly committed to prevail over the all the barriers for humanitarian activities even though we are encountering more humanitarian issues and challenges. As we can clearly see that humanitarian needs are growing bigger and bigger day after day, therefore, we will do our best and accelerate the obtained momentum to maximally alleviate the sufferings of our affected communities also by improving the community resilience in Myanmar. All of us are committed to continue all our concerted efforts for delivering better services for the people we cared with holding seven fundamental principles in our hearts and minds.

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## Achievements in numbers



**1,766** Million of MMK  
Cash Assistance



**86,764** People reached  
for Foods



**180,726** People reached for  
Non-Food Items



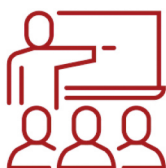
**77,698** Patients served For  
Primary Health Care  
Services



**8,111** Blood Donation



**16,196**  
Patients assisted for First  
Aids & Ambulance services



**1,225** Training delivered  
**51,602** Participants



**6,447**  
Awareness Raising  
Sessions



**14** Tracing requests/  
Red Cross Messages  
**12** Successful closures



**29**  
Vehicles Delivered



**192,567**  
Materials



**6,819** Million of MMK  
Total Earned Fund



**532** Million of MMK  
**38** New Construction



**282** Million of MMK  
**15** Renovations



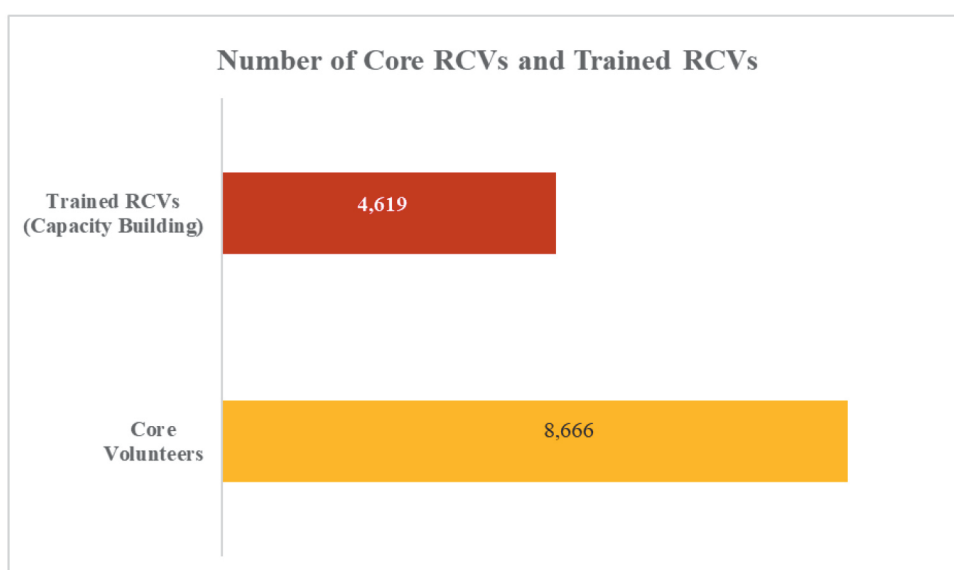
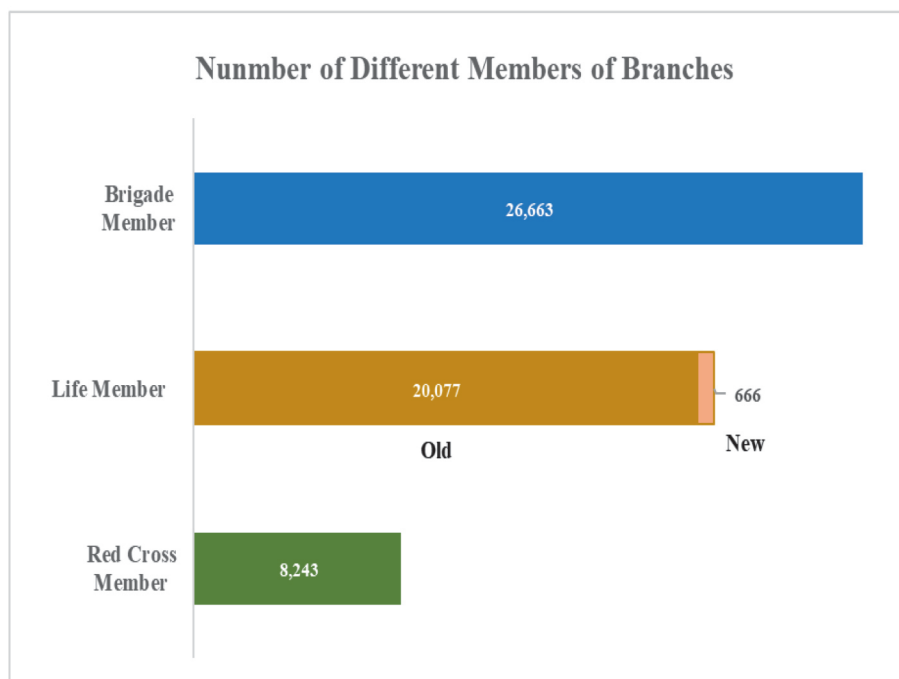
**16,310**  
(frequency)  
RCVs involvement

## Key Information of State and Regional Red Cross Branches and Their Achievements

Under the guidance of the leadership from the headquarters and the State and Regional Red Cross Supervisory Committees across the country, the Red Cross Volunteers (RCVs) from all states and regions actively participated in humanitarian response and resilience interventions. In this section, the memberships, numbers of core volunteers and highly trained volunteers, formations of committees, properties of branches, training sessions done by branches, and assistance and involvement of volunteers in humanitarian and resilient activities.

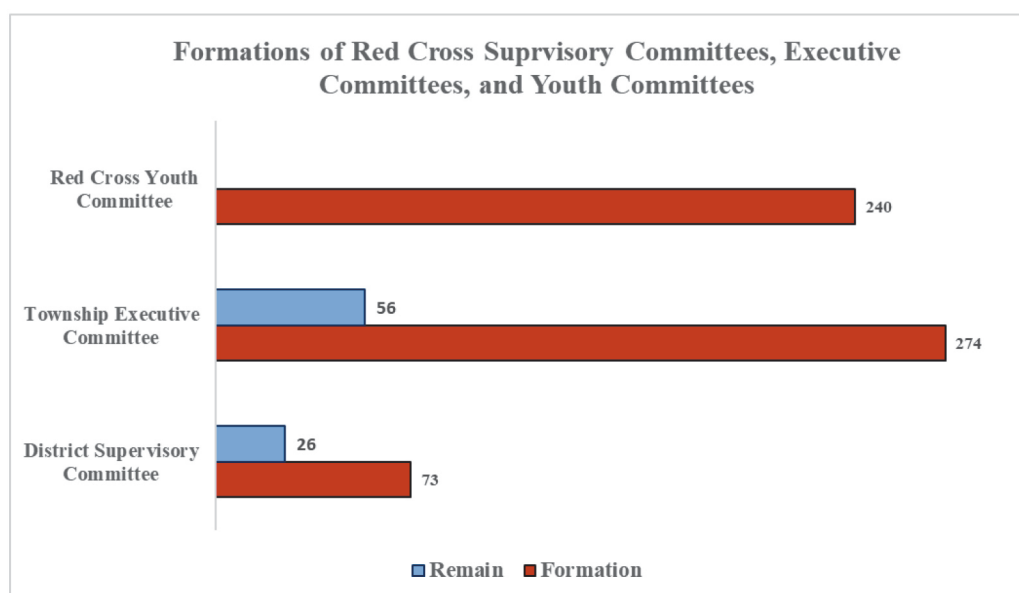
The Red Cross Volunteers are front-liners who participate in humanitarian assistance and emergency response themselves or together with the staff. This part presents information on the formation of Red Cross branches, their memberships and properties, capacity building, and all community assistance.

In terms of memberships, there are three types: Brigade Members, Life Members and Red Cross Members, (with a total of 55,649 members as of December 2023).

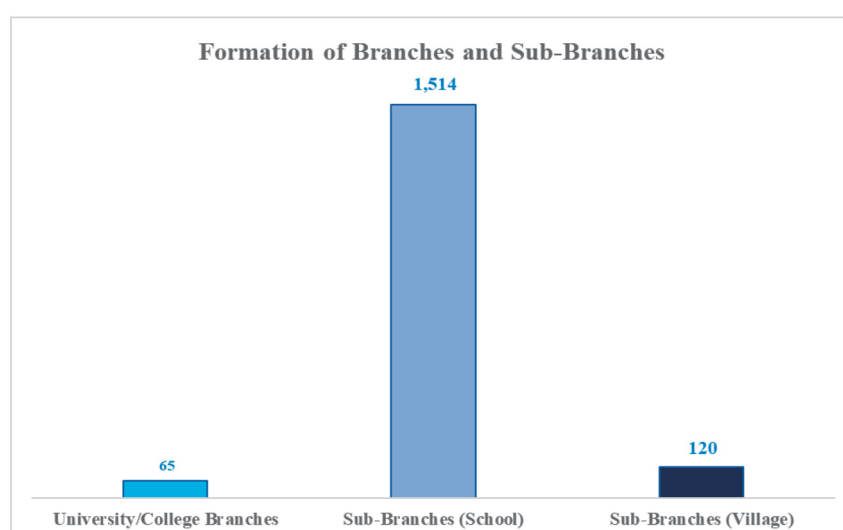


Volunteer development is an important process in the National Society to maintain a sustainable and efficient network of volunteers. The MRSC has approximately 8,666 core volunteers, 53% of whom was highly trained in a few important fields, for example, first aid, disaster response and emergency response, etc.

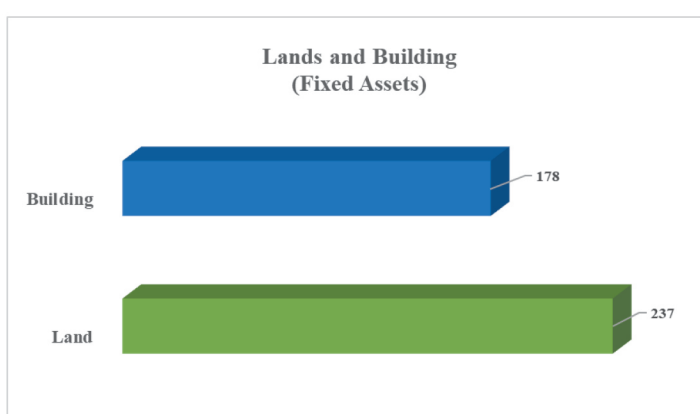
Each Supervisory committee has been formed in 73 districts respectively so far; so have 274 Executive committees organized at the township level. There has been a total of 240 Red Cross Youth committees across the country. See the chart below.



Similarly, there was a total of 65 University and College branches in the country. At school levels and village levels, 1,634 sub-branches were formed in all states and regions. See the formations in the following chart.

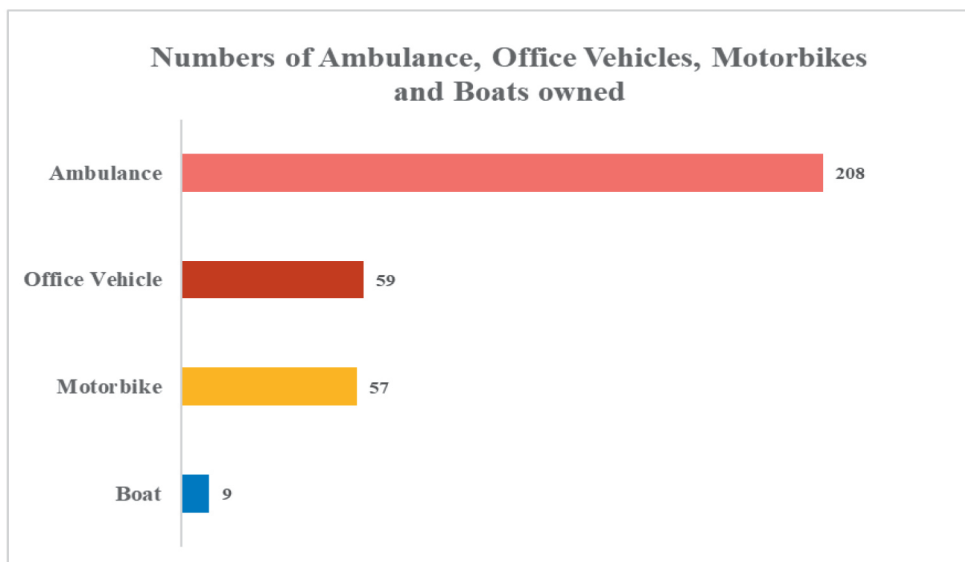


## Properties of Branches



There was a total of 237 land plots and 178 office buildings of RC offices and branches across the country, and a total of 59 Red Cross branches carried out income generation mainly in microfinance sector across the country.

There was a total of 208 ambulance and 59 office vehicles owned by state and regional supervisory committees throughout Myanmar.

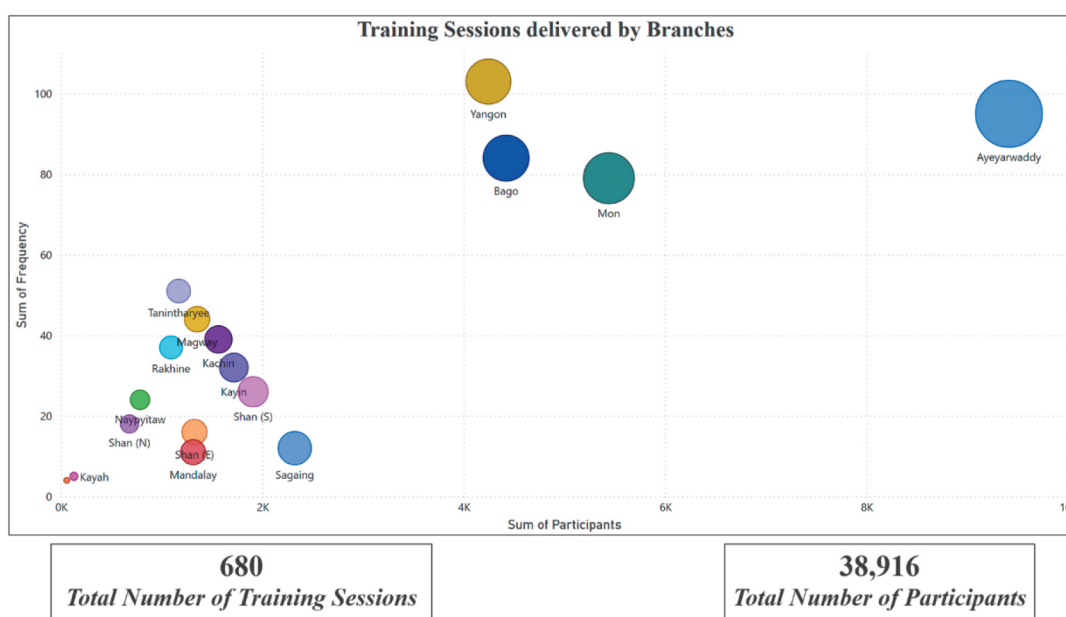


### Training Sessions delivered by Red Cross Branches

During 2023, a total of 680 training sessions (among them, 515 training were focused on first aid.) were conducted for 38,916 persons by branches in all states and regions across the country. The details of the conducted training sessions are shown in the charts.

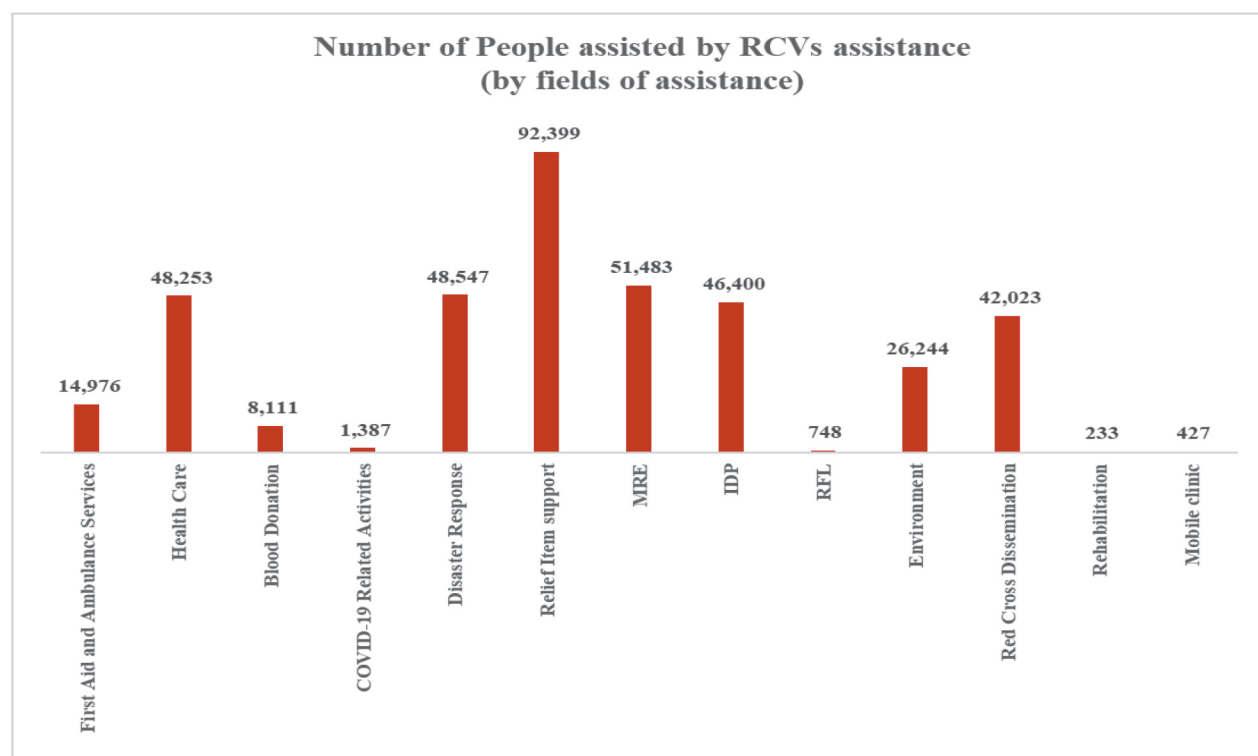


Red Cross branches from Yangon, Ayeyarwady, Bago and Mon delivered the training sessions most.





In 2023, the branches conducted many types of humanitarian activities; there was a total of 381,231 people assisted by Red Cross branches across the country. See the following chart. In all these interventions, there was a total of 16,310 involvement frequency of individual RCVs.

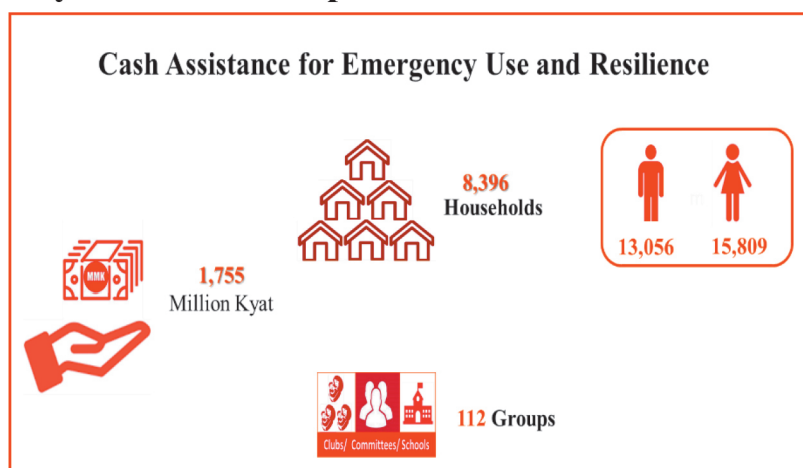


## Key Achievements

### Goal 1

#### Cash Assistance for Emergency Use and Development

MRCS intervened cash assistance in 2023. A total of 1,755 Million of Kyat was given to both 8,396 households (13,056 male and 15,809 female) and 112 groups (mother clubs, and village or ward disaster management committees).

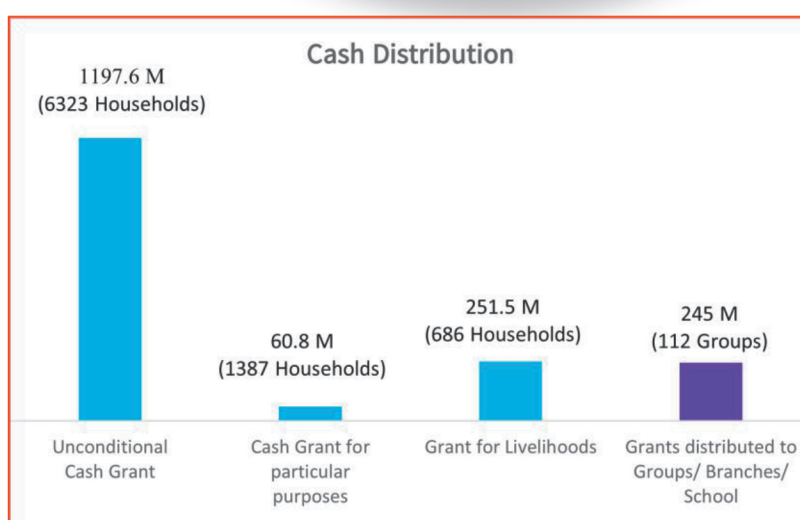


In detail, more than 1,197 million of MMK of unconditional cash grants (UCG) were distributed to 6,323 households in Sagaing and Magway Region, Kachin and Kayin State. Secondly, 1,387 households in Rakhine and Southern Shan States were provided with more than 60 million of MMK for particular purposes, such as making water storage tanks, constructing latrines, and producing energy-saving stoves.



Thirdly, more than 251 million of MMK were supported to 686 households for livelihoods, such as small skill and livelihood activities in Bago, Kachin, Kayin, Mon, and Rakhine State and Region.

Finally, 112 groups were distributed with more than 245 million of MMK. The groups were the Mother Clubs for investing emergency referral funds, Village Development Committees and ward disaster management committees for revolving funds, and Community Volunteers in Mandalay, Sagaing, Rakhine, and Northern Shan states and regions.







## Humanitarian Assistance and Emergency Response: Food Distribution



The MRCS distributed food items to 25,906 households (a total of 86,764 people: 50,016 male and 36,748 female) who required basic needs across the country. They were those who were affected by not only natural disasters but also by the current complex emergency.

The main distributed food items usually included rice bags, edible oil bottles, salt

packs, beans, fish cans, sugar, 'Ready to Use' Supplementary food, and Wheat Soya Blend. A total number of food items distributed was 42,115.

In addition, drinking water was distributed to the Cyclone Mocha affected communities in Rakhine. More than 50,042 households were provided with drinking water.



## Non-Food Item Assistance for Essentially Needed Households and Disaster Risk Reduction



The MRCS provides households and groups of people; communities/schools/committees/Red Cross branches/health centre with non-food items (NFIs) for disaster management (response and disaster risk reduction), search and rescue, and community resilience.

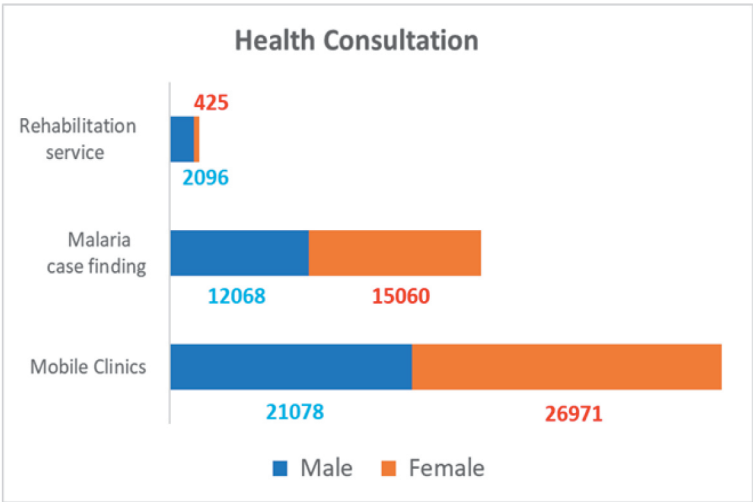
Nearly 1.78 Million of NFIs were distributed to 74,886 households (a total of 180,726 people reached), and 15 Groups for community use or collective use. The NFIs were a variety of kits for example Disaster Risk Reduction kits, Hygiene-related kits, First Aid kits, WASH-related items such as family and community water filters, latrine cleaning kits, and Shelter-related kits and items etc.





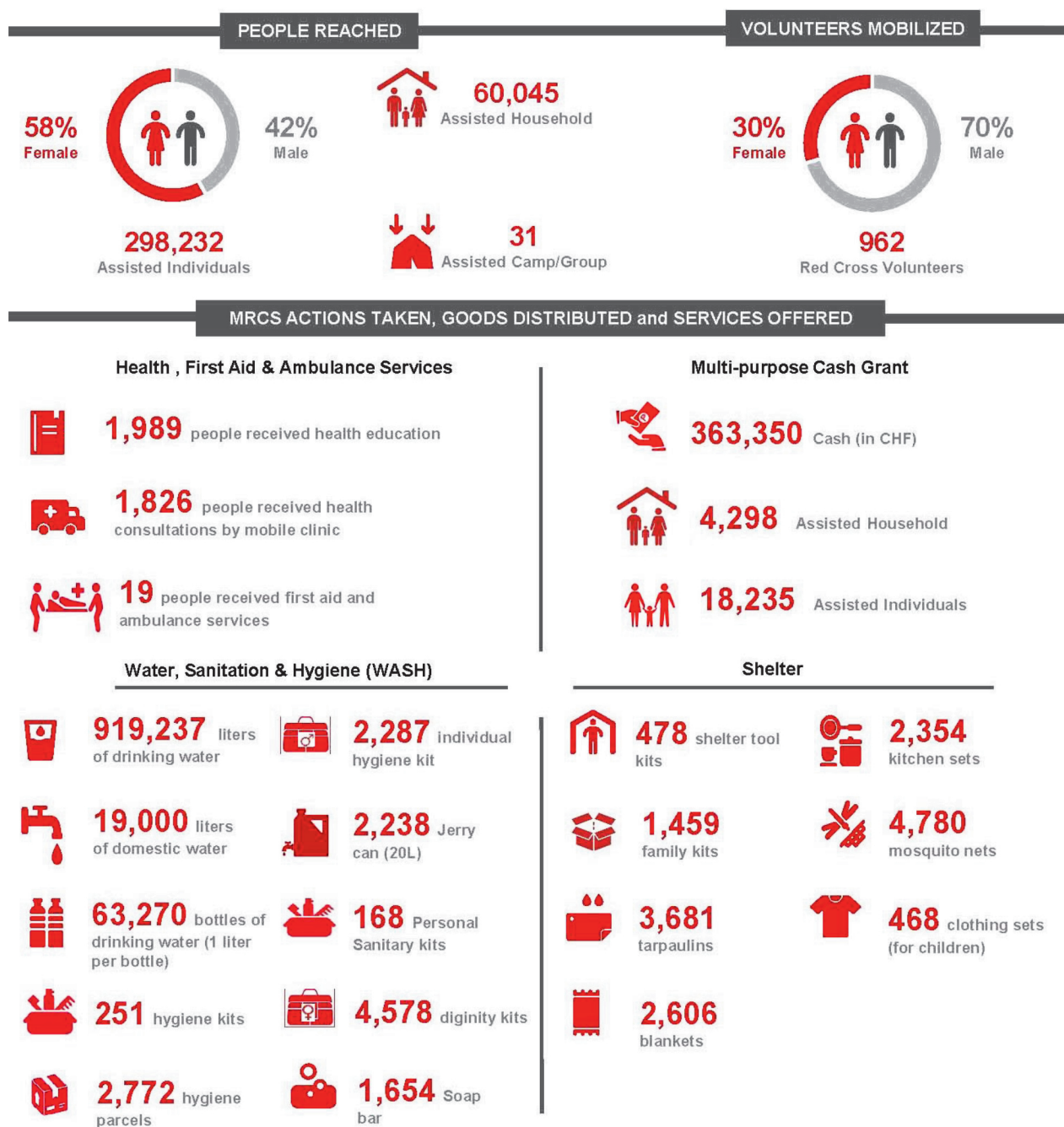
Promoting wellbeing for all

The MRCS served 77,698 people for their primary health care over the period. Among them, it served 48,049 patients for cure and treatment, including antenatal care and contraception, through mobile health clinics and static clinics.



## Special Intervention for Cyclone Mocha Response

MRCS was able to assist affected communities due to Cyclone Mocha hitting Myanmar in May 2023. As soon as it received the information about the cyclone, the preparation was started by deploying technical staff from the headquarters. MRCS intervened its humanitarian assistance for more than sixty thousand households from May to Dec 2023. Please see the following infographics.







It served 27,238 people for case finding and case management for malaria and assisted 2,521 people for physical rehabilitation in Rakhine, Southern and Northern Shan, and Magway regions and states.



### Medical Equipment, Tools, and Items for COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Operation

Since the occurrence of the COVID-19 pandemic has continued, the MRCS has assisted in the intervention of COVID-19 prevention and control in Myanmar and donated tools and items to Hospitals and Committees for Covid-19 Prevention and Control as well as its RCVs. It distributed masks, gloves, face shields and hand gel bottles, and infrared thermometer. There was a total of 76,246 items (39,200 gloves, 35300 masks, 1,240 face shields, 389 handgel bottles, and 117 thermometers).







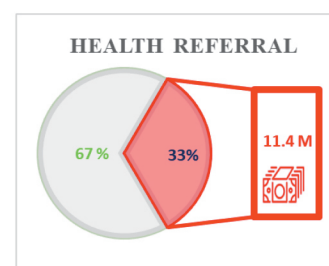
In addition, one of the core activities of our organization is first aiding and ambulance servicing throughout the country.

1,220 people were those referred to hospitals and assisted with first aid and ambulance services.



**1,220**  
**Patients**

Out of these referrals, 408 patients (67%) were provided with cash support for reaching hospitals.



Those patients were for maternal and newborn and emergency for children and malaria cases finding and case management and were supported with a total 11.4 million of MMK for being sent to nearby hospitals in Southern and Northern Shan State, Rakhine State, and Nay Pyi Taw.



## Enhancement of Knowledge, Capacity Building and Promotion of Awareness



103,344

IEC materials

The MRCS raises awareness of communities by giving, posting, and erecting Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) materials of three sizes: small (at biggest A4 paper size for example, pamphlets, books, etc.), medium size (poster sizes) and large (big vinyl posters). Most of the topics are risk awareness such as

Mind Risk Education, and health and well-being including basic first aid manual, epidemic control for volunteer (ECV) manual books, VNRBD pamphlet, and disease prevention. Under this goal, MRCS distributed IEC materials on 'mine risk education, disaster risk reduction, first aid, mother club, WASH, health education, migration and displacement and others.

There was a total of 103,344 IEC materials distributed particularly to communities, which spread the messages and information to the target communities.



Numbers of Information, Education & Communication (IEC) Materials

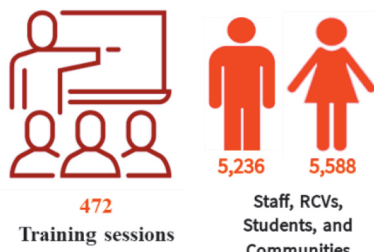


	Large size	Medium size	Small size
IECs Number	246	7,770	95,328

## Capacity Building

The MRCS gives priority to the capacity building of its staff, RCVs, students, and community members.

It intervened in a total of 472 training sessions for skill improvement and capacity building of the 10,824 trainees across the country for all levels over the past year.



Among them, the training sessions on health and well-being stood at first, being followed by Disaster and Emergency topics.







**MRCS invests a huge amount of money in capacity development for both current and future generations.**

## Knowledge Enhancement



**3,721**  
Awareness  
Sessions  
**117,211**  
People  
Reached



The MRCS improves the knowledge level of RCVs and communities and raises their awareness. This can lead to the building of community resilience.

It carried out a total of 3,721 awareness-raising and knowledge-sharing sessions for a total of 117,211 people (the RCVs, communities, and students).

## Support the Backbone Function: First Aid and Ambulance Services

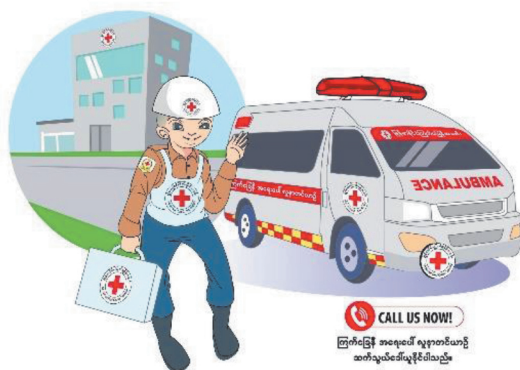


**17** Ambulance Vehicles



**12** Office Vehicles

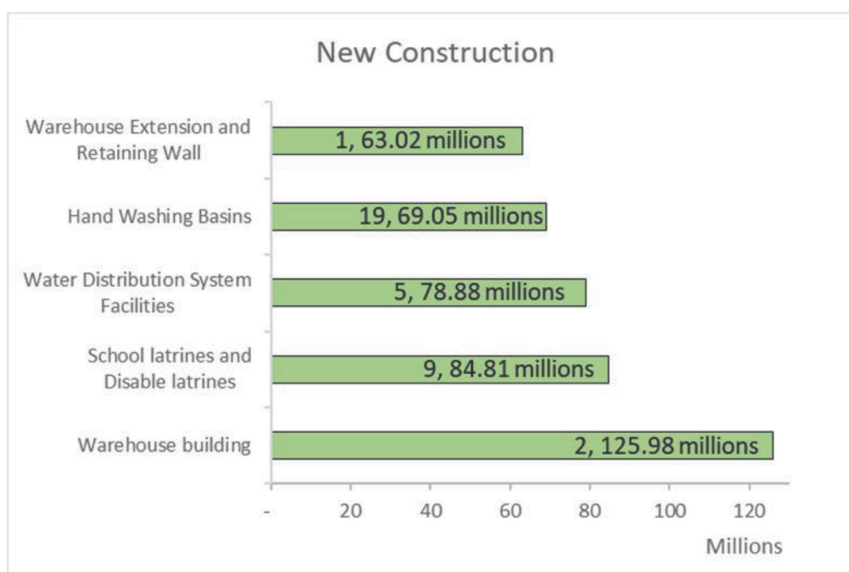
The backbone of the MRCS is to provide emergency first aid and emergency transportation for patients. The MRCS delivered a total of 29 vehicles (17 ambulance vehicles and 12 management vehicles) to Red Cross branches in respective states and regions.





## New Construction of Facilities for Strengthening Resilience

The MRCS invested in this intervention which is more than 421.76 million of MMK for the new constructions for strengthening the resilience of communities by building 36 new facilities, such as school latrines and disabled latrines, hand-washing basins, retaining walls, and water distribution system facilities in Southern and Northern Shan, Kayin, and Rakhine states.



## Renovations of Facilities for Resilience Rebuilding

It also made investments in renovations of broken or not-full-functioning facilities by using more than 125.75 million, renovating a total of 4 facilities across the country including renovation of warehouse, warehouse extensions, and roof renovation in Rakhine, Yangon, and Kayah states and regions.







MRCS held “International Women’s Day 2023” events across the country, regarding “Gender Aspect” as very important.



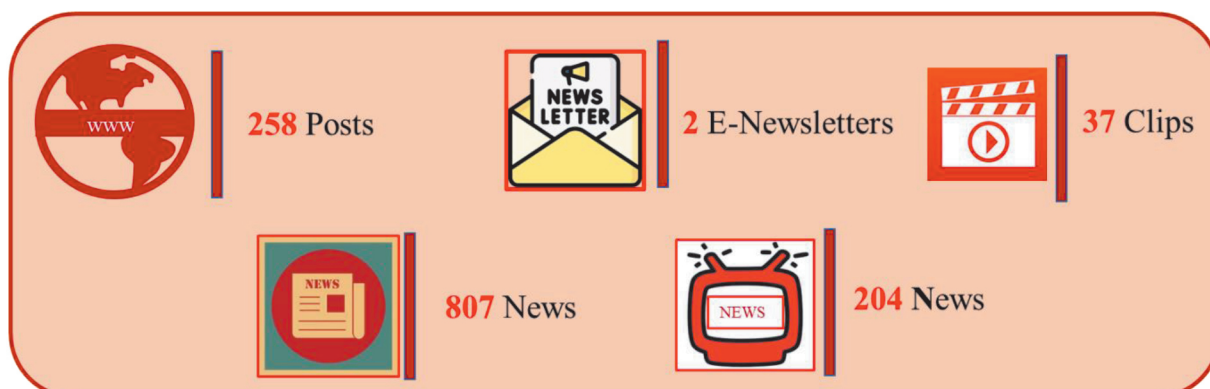


## Goal 2

### Promoting of Understanding and Respect for Red Cross Principles and Humanitarian Values



MRCS promotes understanding and respect for Red Cross principles as well as humanitarian values by using social media and some communication channels. See the two iconographic below.



## Enhancement of Knowledge, Promotion of Awareness

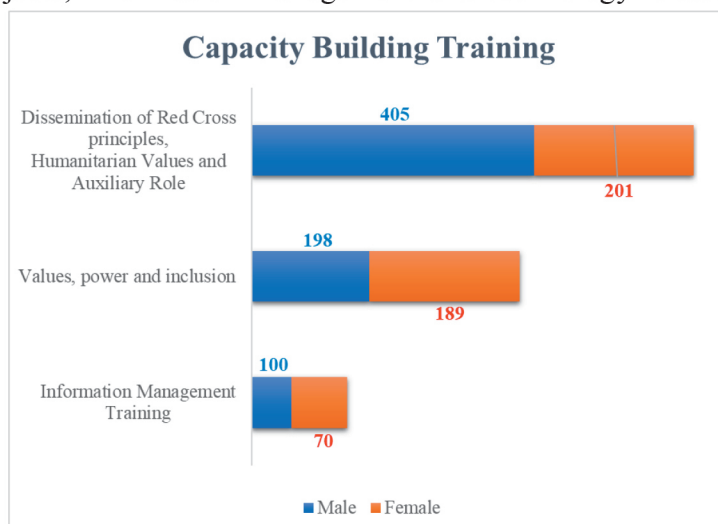
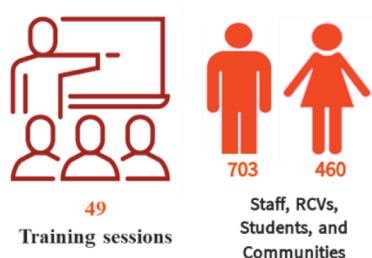


77,027  
IEC materials

The MRCS also made 77,027 IEC materials of all sizes focusing on Red Cross Information across the country. What is more, it, particularly the Humanitarian Values and Communication department, developed visible items of Red Cross information.



Like Goal 1, the MRCS trained a total of 1,163 participants of its staff, RCVs by giving 49 training sessions focused on communication subjects, information management and technology-related subjects, and protection, gender, and inclusion-oriented subjects.



Similar to goal 1, it held a total of 208 awareness-raising sessions on this purpose for communities of all levels from the national level to the grassroots level, such as executive committee branch members, staff, RCVs, and communities, a total of 14,620 people. It focuses on safer access framework awareness and Red Cross dissemination and IHL awareness etc.



208  
Awareness  
Sessions  
  
14,620  
People  
Reached





## Digital Transformation Development for Myanmar Red Cross Society

According to the MRCS Digital Transformation Assessment report, in 2023, attention was directed towards six out of 17 regions/provinces: Kachin, Ayeyarwady, Mon, Bago, Mandalay, and Yangon. This initiative involved conducting IT site surveys within branch offices to pinpoint technical development needs. The progress will continue into 2024, with ongoing endeavours to equip branch offices with essential technical resources, deliver training, and conduct further IT surveys.



**41**

Infographic charts



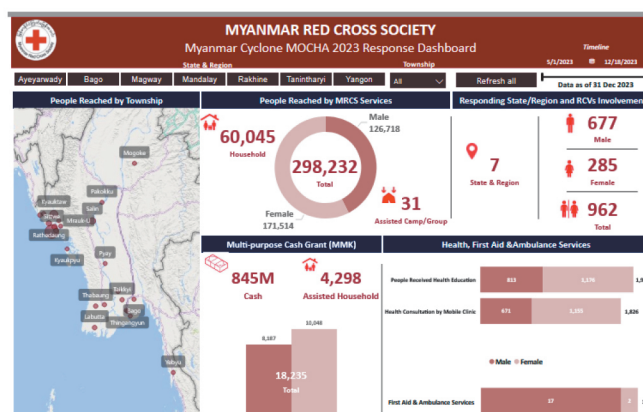
**9**

Charts and Graphs for  
Interactive Dashboard



**Completion**

of Logistics & Supply Chain  
Management Module





In line with MRCS's overarching digital transformation objectives, efforts have concentrated on bolstering the online database system, with a specific focus on enhancing the Volunteer and Member Database, as well as the Logistics & Supply Chain Management Database. Additionally, there has been a concerted effort towards the creation of infographics and interactive dashboards, tailored not only for routine programming but also for emergency response scenarios. These initiatives are geared towards enhancing the quality and accessibility of information, thereby facilitating evidence-based decision-making across various domains, including development and humanitarian policies, strategies, planning, and managerial decisions. Ultimately, these coordinated efforts aim to leverage relevant data effectively, fostering a holistic approach to decision-making within MRCS.

### **Promising Processes of Interventions and Promoting Accountability**

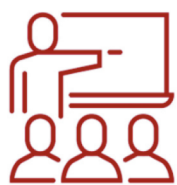
MRCS has been practising 'Community Engagement and Accountability (CEA)' for nearly a decade. The Community Feedback Mechanism (CFM) is a very important element under CEA. A national levelled CFM was established in September 2023 under the close supervision of the Secretary General Office and the guidance of the leadership of MRCS. Its function was started in the implementation of Cyclone Mocha's humanitarian response in Rakhine and Magway. In the coming years, its functions will be spread into areas of the projects and programmes intervened by MRCS.





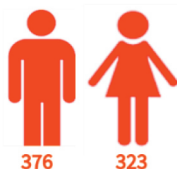
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### Capacity Building for Development of the National Society



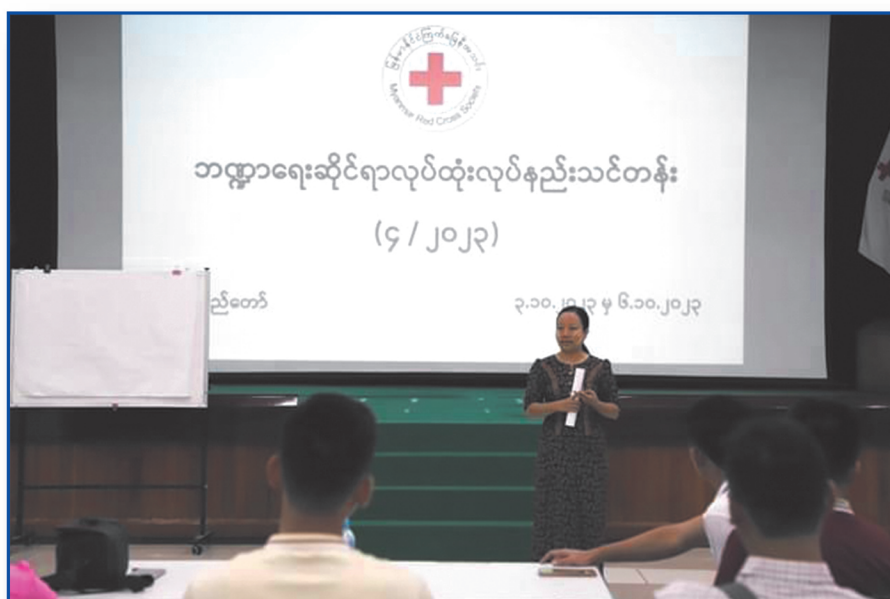
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Training sessions



376

323

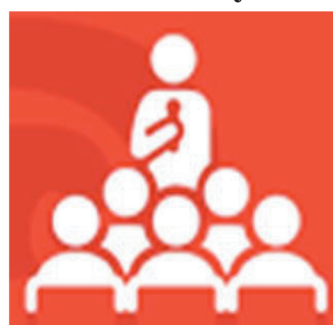
Staff, RCVs,  
Students, and  
Communities

Like the previous strategic goals, the MRCS invests in capacity building for the development of the national society. The MRCS held 24 training sessions for 699 participants, who were the staff, RCVs and executive committee members of branches. The main topic of the training was focused on Red Cross brigade and branches-oriented subjects, PMER

subjects, Resource Mobilization-related subjects, Finance, Leader Capacity building, and Life Skill subjects.

### Knowledge Enhancement for Development of the National Society

It also carries out awareness-raising interventions for the development of the national society. A total of 22 awareness sessions for the executive committee, RCVs, and communities, were held for 733 people over the past year.



22

Awareness  
Sessions

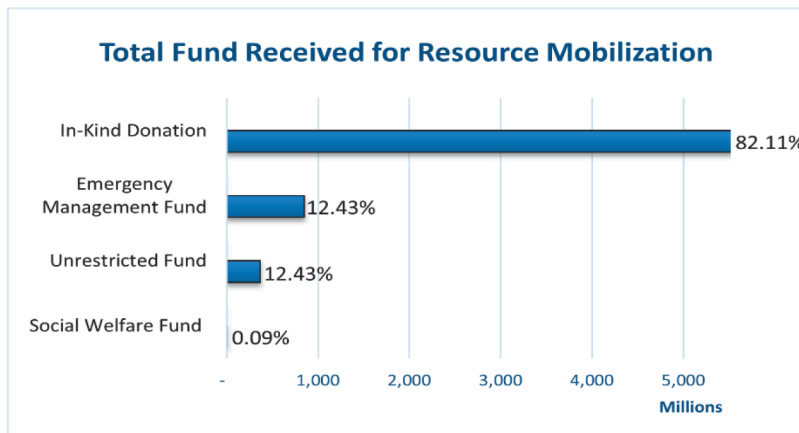
733

People  
Reached



## Income Generation and Total Emergency Fund for Sustainability

The organization strives for sustainability by earning income from many sources through resource mobilization and investments. MRCS was able to earn a total of 6,819 million of MMK for Resource Mobilization.



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Fundraising items



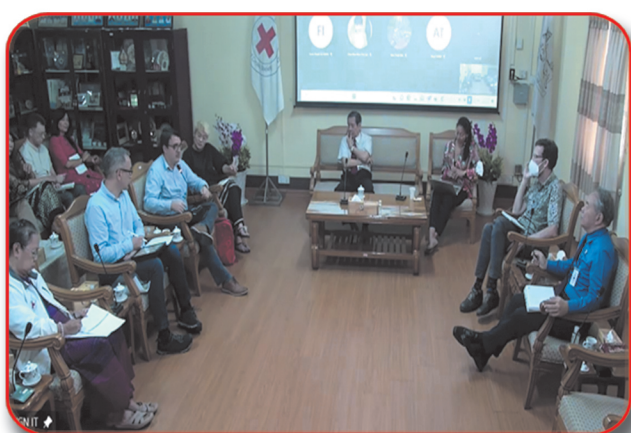


## Partnership Relations for Better Coordination and Cooperation

MRCS facilitated 51 official agreements, including MoUs and MoCs, with the National Societies and partners, along with subsequent project and program agreements, and also facilitated 19 exchange letters, such as appreciation letters, condolence letters, and congratulation letters.

MRCS facilitated overseas trips for its leadership, staff, and volunteers to conveniently participate in 57 workshops and training sessions, and assisted to get partner visas- 73 instances for 61 delegates alongside travel permits. MRCS was able to send 50 persons, including the leadership, to these events, with a total of 77 times.

MRCS organized a Partnership Review Talk with Norwegian Red Cross to reflect, discuss, and influence MRCS priorities, achievements, and strategic direction, that sought ways to better support MRCS humanitarian actions and identify areas where it more effectively contributed and supported MRCS.

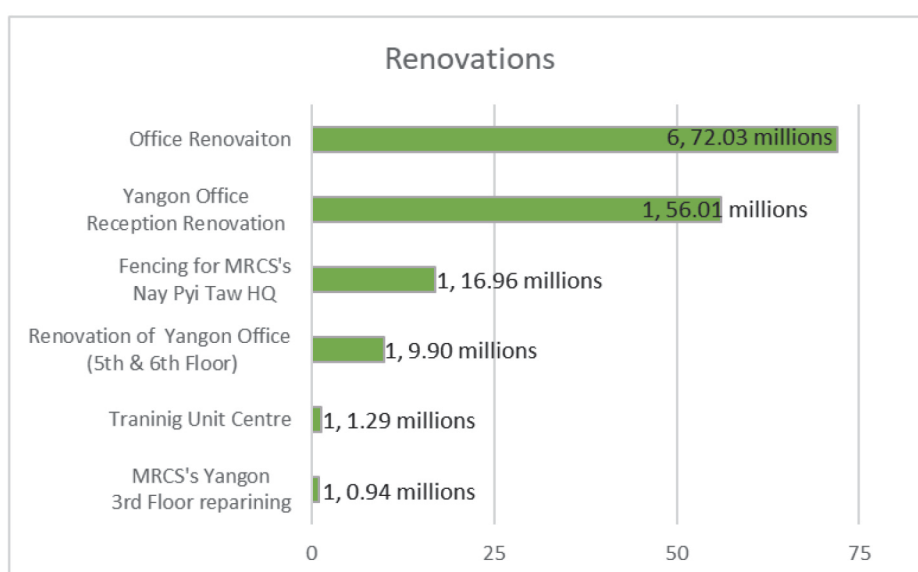


## New Construction of Buildings for the Development of National Society

The MRCS spent a total of 110 million of MMK for the construction of the new Red Cross Buildings of RC structured construction (30'x 30' x 12') in two townships in (southern) Shan state.

## Renovations of Branch Building and Facilities

MRCS renovated 11 old buildings with more than 157.15 million of MMK in Magway, (southern) Shan, Kayin, Kayah, Rakhine, Yangon and Nay Pyi Taw. Nine Red Cross branch offices were renovated while maintenance of parts of the MRCS offices and the training Unit Centre in Yangon and fencing of the HQ in Naypyitaw were done.

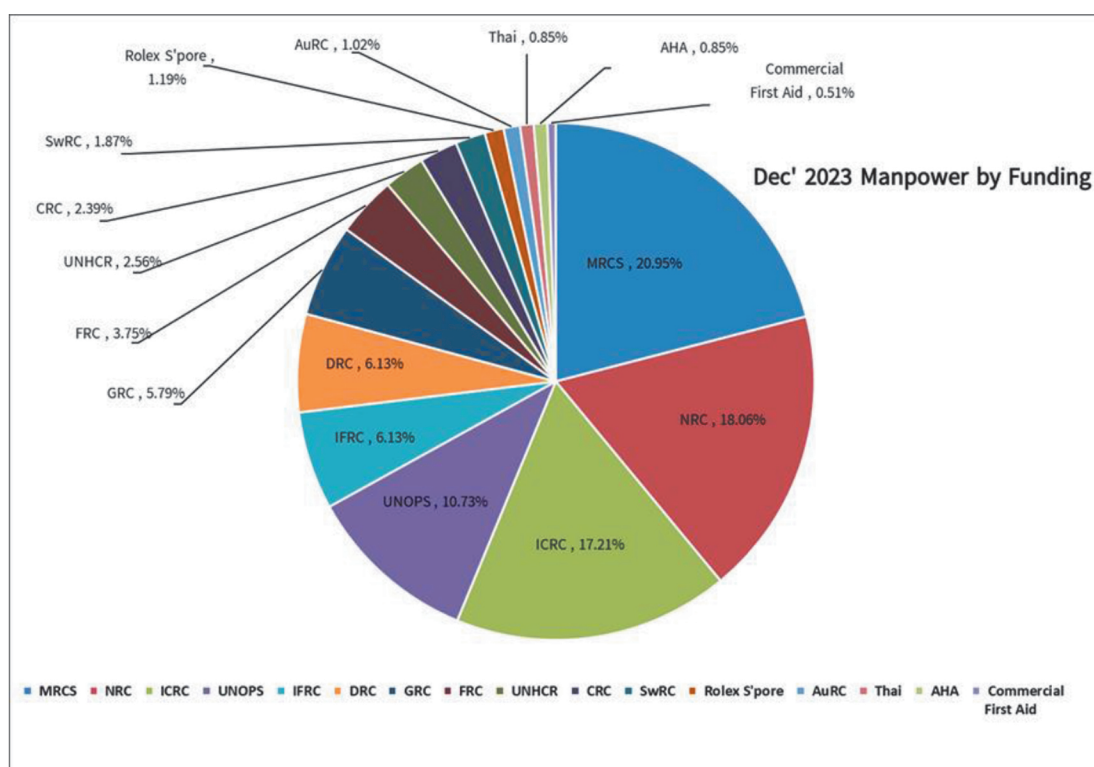




## Human Resource (Staff) Information in 2023

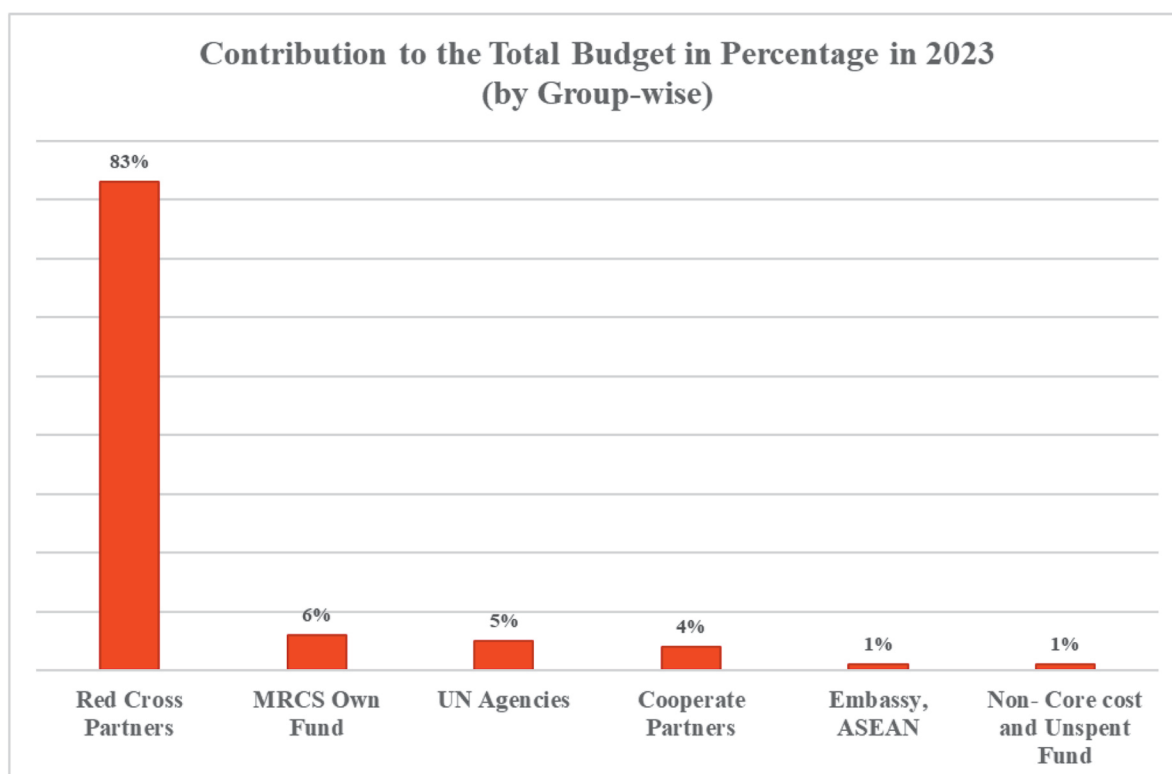
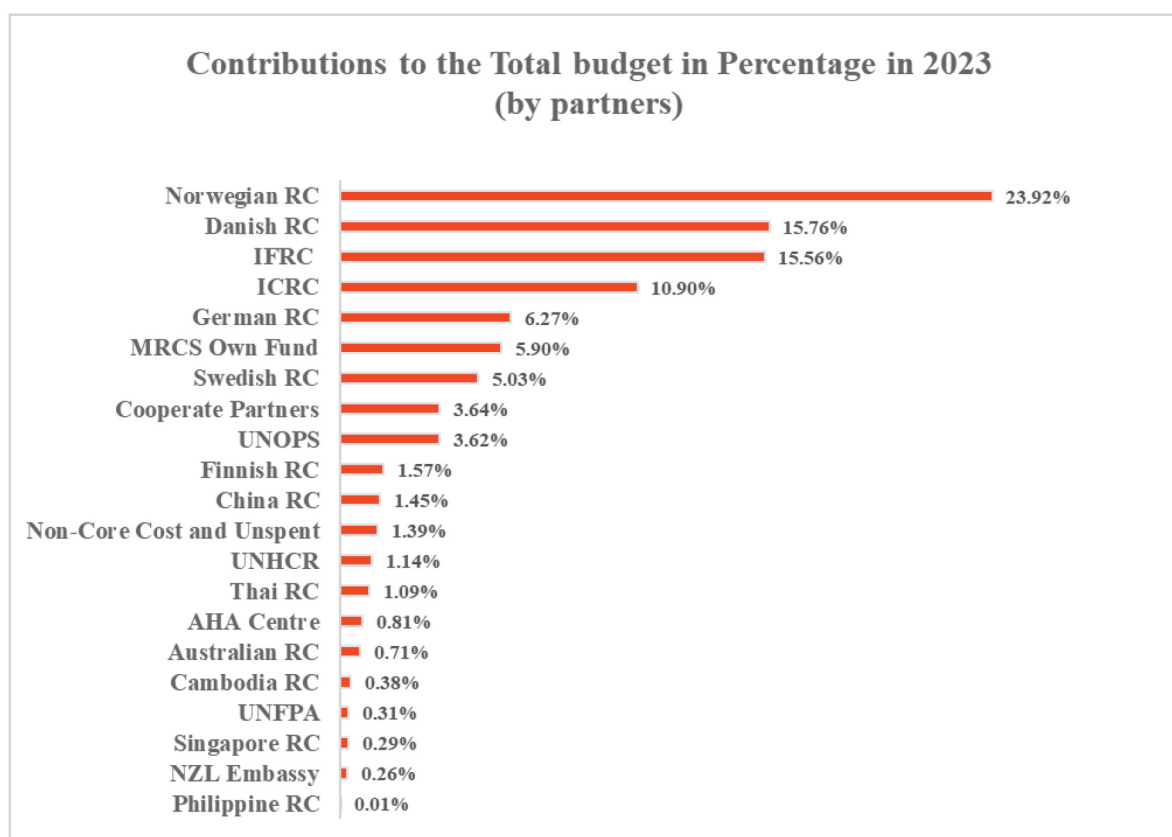
This year, MRCS appointed 587 staff (with 45% women staff) in general. The percentage of field office staff was 57%. See the table below in detail.

		Number		
		Male	Female	Total
1	Staff in Total (as of Dec 2023)	320	267	587
2	Staff in Nay Pyi Taw HQ and Yangon Office (as of Dec 2023)	126	129	255
3	Staff at field offices (as of Dec 2023)	194	138	332
4	Staff who resigned in 2023	140	146	286



## Financial Overview

MRCS implemented many projects and programs by different partners this year; during 2023, the budget was contributed from 21 partners, including its 'Own Fund'. Their contribution and utilization rates are shown in the following charts.



The MRCS thanked all the Donors, a total of 42 partners, for their Generous Support for vulnerable and affected Communities across the Country in 2023.

### Red Cross Partners



### UN Agencies



### The Embassies and ASEAN



### Cooperate, Partners





## International and Local Trips of Executive Members

There was a total of 181 trips of the Executive members, with 85% of the local trips for supervision and monitoring across the whole country.



Meeting with Ms. Christine Cipolla, ICRC Regional Director, Geneva





**President of MRCS together with H.E. Ms. Samdech Kittipritthbindit  
Bun Rany Hun Sen (President of Cambodia Red Cross)**





7<sup>th</sup> AP Dialogue Platform on Anticipatory Humanitarian Action (13-15 June 2023, Kathmandu, Nepal)



Movement Induction Course in Malaysia (11-15 May 2023)



SEA Leadership Meeting in Cambodia  
(20-22 Sep 2023)



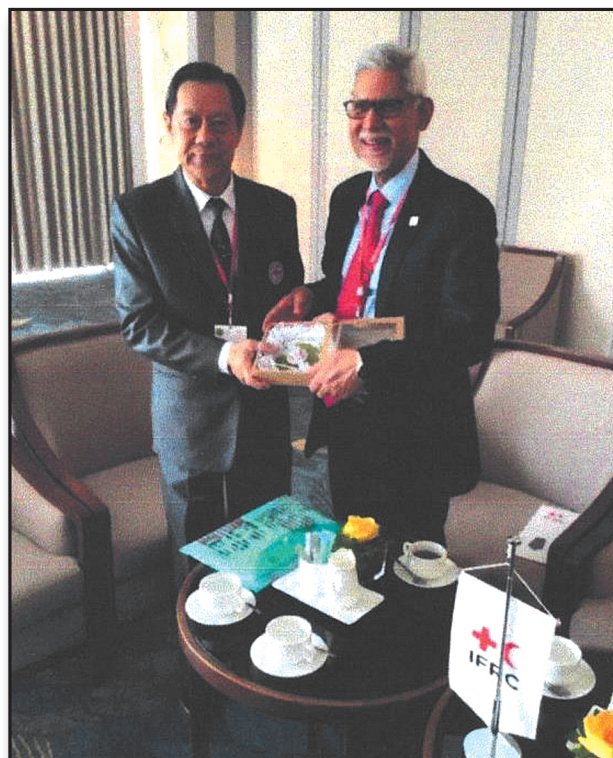
11<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Conference, Asia Pacific Youth  
Network Meeting and Asia Pacific National  
Society Youth Forum in Hanoi, Vietnam

**MRCs causes more positive impact  
by the supervision and monitoring trips of its Leadership.**





**Panelists in the General Assembly of Norwegian Red Cross in Oslo (5-8 Oct 2023)**



**Meeting with Mr. Jagan Chapagain,  
Secretary General, IFRC**

### Local Trips



**Distribution of foods and NFIs to affected communities due to cyclone Mocha**



**Distribution of NFIs to affected communities due to flood in Bago**





Attending a meeting with State MRCS EC committee in Shan (eastern)



Supervision on Warehouse in Sittwe



Distribution of NFIs to affected communities due to flood in Bago



Distribution of NFIs to affected communities due to flood in Bago



Opening the Youth Leadership Training



Assessing damages due to cyclone Mocha in Rakhine





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