

Protracted Crises and Complex Emergencies

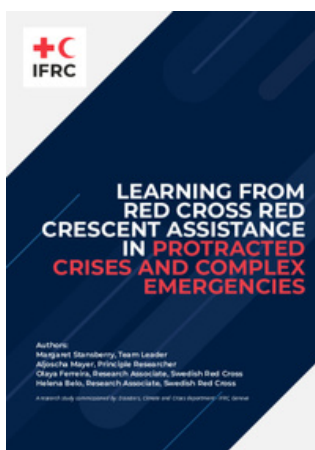


Research Study

Learning from Red Cross Red Crescent Assistance in Protracted Crises and Complex Emergencies

Countries worldwide are experiencing a rising number of protracted and complex emergencies, leading to severe humanitarian crises that demand extensive and long-term responses. National Societies and IFRC have accumulated a wealth of experience in responding to humanitarian needs in protracted crises, fragile contexts, and complex emergencies.

The IFRC secretariat commissioned a research study in 2023 to improve its institutional understanding of protracted crises and complex emergencies (PCCEs).



The overall objective of this research study, which was presented at a global workshop in January 2024, is to identify ways in which the IFRC and its members can further enhance and improve the delivery of relevant services, ensuring that support is effective, timely, relevant and efficient.

This study that comprised more than **70 key informant interviews across a broad range of stakeholders and 38 operations in 17 countries**, represents a critical step in our collective journey towards enhancing the provision of relevant services in the challenging contexts of protracted crises and complex emergencies.

What comes next?

- ✓ The **findings and recommendations** from the study and the workshop will guide the IFRC in its efforts to adapt its work and processes to deliver impactful and sustained assistance to people in need, based on the mandate and focus of the respective National Societies.
- ✓ The **IFRC recognizes the importance of prioritizing this topic** by developing a way forward for the next years in line with Movement policies and frameworks.
- ✓ To oversee and guide the next steps, a **Working Group and an Advisory Group have been established**. These bodies will accompany and provide oversight as we move forward, ensuring that our actions are aligned with our strategic goals and the needs of those we serve.

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IFRC global workshop

Protracted Crises, Complex Emergencies and Fragile Contexts

From January 23 to 25, 2024, this first global workshop on Protracted Crisis and Complex Emergencies brought together 20 National Societies, colleagues from all five regions, IFRC-Secretariat and ICRC, with the aim to: **Enhance common understandings of protracted crises and complex emergencies**, providing participants with a comprehensive understanding of the causes, dynamics, impacts and exploring effective response strategies



Over 3 days, the participants worked tirelessly on identifying common challenges, sharing best practices, and envisioning concrete next steps to improve effectiveness and accountability of the RCRC Movement in Protracted Crisis and Complex Emergencies.

Also, the [research study](#) was presented at the global workshop and findings and related discussion points were raised within a broad range of stakeholders.

- ✓ Overall the discussions throughout the workshop revolved around recognizing protracted crises as **distinct operational challenges**, the need for adapted approaches and tools, and the value of shared learning and collective action within the humanitarian network.
- ✓ One of the most evident conclusions: while there is no specific solution for protracted crises, there is an immense opportunity for practitioners to **work together to develop strategic, forward-thinking collective approaches**.
- ✓ The workshop discussions further **confirmed the key findings from the research study** and helped prioritize and identify concrete actions that IFRC and its membership should take.
- ✓ The IFRC network will work towards a sharing culture and **learning from experiences** across National Societies to tackle protracted crises more effectively.

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