

Snapshot



2017 Mid-Year Report



The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) Disaster Law Programme (DLP) assists National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies to support their authorities in developing and applying state-of-the-art disaster-related legislation, policies, and procedures. We do this in order to make communities safer, to ensure timely and effective humanitarian relief, and to improve the protection of the most vulnerable when faced with a crisis.

By harnessing their unique auxiliary role, National Societies working with our programme have successfully strengthened new disaster laws and policies in 30 countries since 2007.



Key Figures

627	13	10	32	7	7	12	8
persons trained by IFRC in auxiliary role, disaster law and legislative advocacy	laws and policy documents that include provisions influenced by NS with support from the IFRC	NS with better defined auxiliary roles in draft or new national law and policies	NS engaged in legislative advocacy activities	NS engaged in peer support through IFRC network	countries supported to improve the implementation of their law and policies	of inter-governmental and academic fora actively engaged on IFRC legislative advocacy issues	legislative, advocacy research projects completed

IFRC Disaster Law Programme's areas of expertise:



Modern legal frameworks that have integrated disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation into disaster risk management and sectoral laws and policies, in line with key international and regional commitments.



Procedures for international disaster relief that put domestic authorities in the driver's seat, reduce barriers, costs and quality problems, and uphold humanitarian principles.



Integrated legal frameworks for disaster risk management that adequately address domestic preparedness and response, including institutional and procedural arrangements.



Influence the development, adoption and implementation of law and policy connected to IFRC and National Societies' knowledge, experience and mission, in order to create positive social and institutional changes.

IFRC Disaster Law Programme's areas of activity:



Inclusion of gender, diversity and protection issues; to ensure that dignity, access, participation and safety for all is adequately provided for in domestic legislation, policies and procedures



Contextual, well planned approaches to regulatory issues in post-disaster settings, addressing the complex legal issues that may arise in the aftermath of a disaster with regard to security of tenure and housing, land and property rights.



Strengthen public awareness and communities' level of understanding on rights, roles and responsibilities under disaster-related legislation, policies and procedures to increase their resilience to disasters.



Recognizing the critical role of National Societies, as auxiliaries to their public authorities in the humanitarian field with a unique community outreach, to ensure community voices and engagement with the national level policy development and planning processes.

Disaster Law Resources and Key Tools



Introduction to the Guidelines
for the facilitation and implementation of disaster relief and initial recovery assistance

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The checklist on law and disaster risk reduction
Pilot version, March 2010

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Rapid tenure assessment Guidelines for post-disaster response planning
Pilot version

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Model Act for the Facilitation and Regulation of International Disaster Relief and Initial Recovery Assistance
Pilot Version (November 2011)

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The Handbook on Law and Disaster Risk Reduction

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Minimum standard commitments to gender and diversity in emergency programming
Pilot Version

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<http://www.ifrc.org/en/what-we-do/disaster-law/>

