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QUICK FACTS

Source: The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Geneva

Size: Approximately 375,000 pages

Content Types: Mission reports, project details, operational files, internal circulars and bulletins, and journals. Content has been generated at IFRC headquarters and by local and national groups.

Date Range: 1919–1997

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Newly Digitized Materials: 100% new scanning

Disciplines Supported: Twentieth-century global and regional histories, medical history, social history, environmental history, military and conflict history, disaster studies, international aid and development, international relations, political sciences, social and public policy, public health, human geography, anthropology, economics, international and humanitarian law

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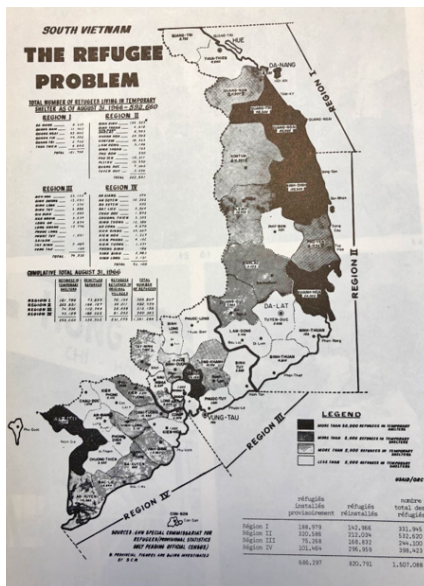
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GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT AND HUMANITARIAN AID: THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT SOCIETIES, 1919–1997



DELIVER GREATER RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

This unique collection covers disaster response and community preparedness in Europe, Asia, Africa, the Pacific, and the Americas the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) network. Records outline relief services to refugees and displaced persons after major conflicts, aid in the wake of natural disasters, public health campaigns and medical services following disease outbreaks and epidemics, and more. Researchers will find unique insights into foreign aid and humanitarian issues, government policies and local responses to environmental and man-made disasters, attitudes and priorities in regional and local development projects, and rare details and perspectives of on-the-ground disasters.



ABOUT THE COLLECTION

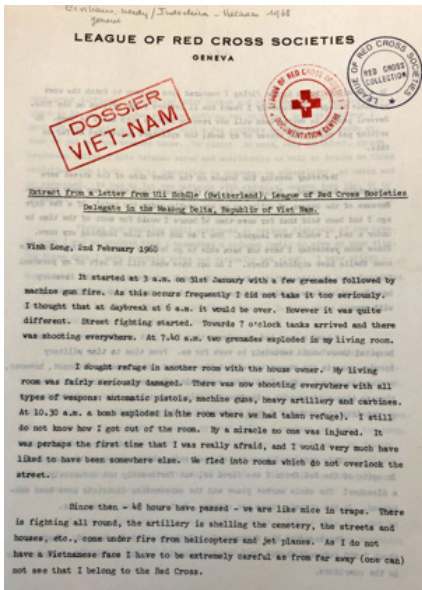
For communities impacted by disasters, textual primary sources are scarce—few can keep records, and those created are often destroyed or lost. Consequently, humanitarian responses and programs are key sources in understanding the impact of highly disruptive events as well as the international, political, and social contexts in which aid responses occurred.

In addition to records detailing relief services and public health campaigns in these communities, researchers will find documentation on the IFRC's conferences, the movement of goods and volunteers, nursing and medical issues, the protection of human rights for prisoners of war, reports on the environment, and calls for disarmament and preparedness for atomic catastrophe. Materials on relief operations also include unique insights from the activities and experiences of individual IFRC representatives and local figures in the Middle East, South Asia, Africa, Central and South America, and Europe.

This collection's focus on the work of Red Cross societies around the world complements existing *Gale Primary Sources* on refugees and public health as well as future collections that will showcase the effects of environmental disasters.

VALUE OF THE COLLECTION

- **Inherently Interdisciplinary:** Records in this collection support studies in history and the humanities, including anthropology and human geography, as well as social sciences, politics, and development studies.
- **Key IO Archive:** This is the central archive of the largest humanitarian network in the world and a well-known international organization, giving researchers perspectives beyond those of Western governments, including on-the-ground experience of disasters and community development.
- **Regional Breadth:** With member national societies in the Middle East, South Asia, East Asia, Africa, Central and South America, the Caribbean, the South Pacific, and Europe, the IFRC files document environmental concerns, development priorities, and international conflicts reaching nearly every part of the world.
- **Supports Teaching & Learning:** Disasters and humanitarian crises are often difficult to research as a limited amount of material exists or survives such events. This collection is valuable for students at all levels, and the arrangement of material—with files focused on specific disasters or themes—lends itself to the creation of case studies and undergraduate teaching.
- **Caters to Current Research Trends:** Red Cross records share unique international insights into the Global South, migration, conflict, environmental impacts, and those affected by disasters who are often among the most vulnerable populations.



ABOUT THE IFRC

The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement is the world's largest volunteer-based humanitarian network and is made up of three independent parts: the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC). The IFRC acts before, during, and after disasters and health emergencies, including floods, earthquakes, epidemics, famines, and more, to help communities prepare and respond to disruptive events. As an international membership organization that unites and supports nearly 200 independent national Red Cross societies through a global secretariat, the IFRC impacts 160 million people a year around the world.

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Periodicals: *Bulletin of the League of Red Cross Societies* and variant titles, 1919–1984

Produced for Red Cross societies or other interested parties, this journal changed title several times, to *Panorama* and others. Variable frequency and formats depending on budget at different periods.

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