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*International Medical Corps Croatia is an independent, nonprofit association established in 2019 that operates in collaboration with International Medical Corps and International Medical Corps UK. We share the same mission, vision and core values, as well as operational resources, for the implementation of program activities, operating out of offices that International Medical Corps established in Split in 1993.*

*Unless otherwise stated, projects and their statistics referred to in this report are the results of combined International Medical Corps Croatia, International Medical Corps and International Medical Corps UK global efforts.*

## TO OUR SUPPORTERS

Since the founding of International Medical Corps in 1984, we have operated in 80 countries worldwide and reached millions with our services and training. Today, we remain steadfast in our mission to save lives, relieve suffering and foster self-reliance for crisis-affected people around the world.



In 2023, International Medical Corps Croatia and our implementing partners responded to the world's most pressing crises, including natural disasters, disease outbreaks and emerging and ongoing conflicts worldwide.

In Ukraine, as the war progressed through its second year, we continued to support civilians and healthcare infrastructure by providing essential healthcare and mental health services, rehabilitating hospitals and offering in-person and virtual training in various fields such as emergency care and infection prevention and control. What began as a team of 30 people in Mariupol in 2022 has now expanded to some 400 humanitarians throughout the country. As the conflict continues, our work ensures the continuity of healthcare for Ukraine's most vulnerable communities.

Following the escalation of conflict in Israel and Gaza in October 2023, we've worked through a trusted partner in Israel to provide support to survivors, and directly in Gaza to provide essential services and healthcare to civilians. In response to the ongoing civil war in Sudan, we're delivering vital health services to those caught up in the world's largest displacement crisis. We're also helping refugees and returnees affected by the crisis there who have fled to other countries, such as the Central African Republic, Chad and South Sudan.

As in previous years, in 2023 our staff responded rapidly to natural disasters around the world while continuing to provide ongoing support to those affected by natural disasters in Afghanistan, Libya, Morocco, Somalia, Syria and Türkiye. In the Middle East and east Africa, we've continued providing healthcare services to refugees and internally displaced people and helped children access clean water and nutrition support in drought-stricken Ethiopia, Somalia and Yemen. Building on our experience as a global first responder, in May this

year we co-organised a side event during the 77th WHO Global Health Assembly to share expertise about strengthening health emergency preparedness for disasters resulting from natural hazards.

We also implemented the project "Reducing Economic Barriers to Accessing Health Services (REBAHS)—Long-Term Primary Healthcare Center Subsidization Protocol (LPSP) II and III" in Lebanon. This is a continuation of the original REBAHS project, which was launched to strengthen the country's primary healthcare sector. Through these ongoing projects, we provided primary healthcare services to more than 1 million people, with more than 2.1 million health consultations and more than 70,000 mental health case-management sessions for refugees and vulnerable Lebanese. Overall, the project supported 66 primary healthcare centres and provided training to 236 staff members.

Since the founding of International Medical Corps 40 years ago, training local people to be their own best first responders has remained at the heart of our mission. From teaching women to screen children for malnutrition in Yemen's remotest villages, to training Ukrainian healthcare workers to safeguard their own—and others'—mental health, we're helping the communities that need it most to build their resilience.

Of course, none of the work we do to help others would be possible without your support. With your generous contributions and our 8,000+ staff members worldwide—more than 96% of whom are local—we provided urgently needed support to nearly 16.5 million people worldwide in 2023.

Together, we will continue to strive for a world where children are not hungry, mothers have all the necessary care during childbirth and families can access care and support.

Thank you for being part of our global humanitarian efforts to help those in need.



**Visnja Cipic**  
Managing Director  
International Medical Corps Croatia



40 YEARS OF  
HEALTH

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PAKISTAN

# WE ARE A GLOBAL FIRST RESPONDER

We deliver emergency healthcare and related services to those affected by conflict, natural disaster and disease. We do this no matter where they are in the world, whatever the conditions may be. At the same time, we train people in their own communities, providing them with the skills they need to recover, build self-reliance and shape their own future, enabling them to become effective first responders themselves.





 International  
Medical Corps

First There, No  
Matter Where



# SPEED SAVES LIVES

Our emergency response teams deploy quickly to help those in great need—often arriving within hours—even in the most remote, challenging environments.



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THE CONGO



GAZA FIELD HOSPITAL

We draw on our experience gained over 40 years of responding to disasters in more than 80 countries on six continents. Our staff includes physicians and nurses trained in emergency medicine, supported by specialists in essential healthcare services that range from women and children's health, to nutrition services, to water, sanitation and hygiene, to mental health and psychosocial support, and to gender-based violence protection services.

We maintain our capacity to respond quickly because, in the initial hours following a disaster, speed saves lives. As conditions ease, we remain and partner with survivors to build a better future for their community. The key to our approach is training—an essential component of all our programs, used to transfer the latest knowledge and skills into local hands, to help build a brighter future. We strengthen local health systems and work with community leaders, hire and train local staff, develop partnerships and constantly evaluate progress to ensure quality outcomes.

With a staff that numbers more than 9,000 worldwide, 96% of whom are recruited locally, our strategy ensures that the knowledge and tools required to prepare for—and respond to—future emergencies are culturally compatible and remain available in the community. We work to ensure that if disaster strikes again, residents can be their own first responders.

## OUR PROGRAMS

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In 2023, our teams worldwide faced humanitarian crises head-on, from flooding in Libya to conflict in Yemen. In the face of these challenges, we delivered critical services and training to underserved communities in hard-to-reach areas, often under dangerous conditions.



### EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND PREPAREDNESS

In September 2023, we were among the first on the ground responding to a 6.8 magnitude earthquake in Morocco and then to the devastating flooding in Libya just two days later. We sent emergency mobile medical teams and procured medicines, equipment and supplies to save lives and relieve suffering.



### HEALTH SERVICES SUPPORT

Conflict in Sudan caused 2023's largest displacement crisis; about half the population now requires humanitarian assistance. With less than 30% of the country's health facilities functional, we supported local health services and mobile health and nutrition teams to provide vital care.



### FAMILY AND COMMUNITY HEALTH

In Lebanon, where an ongoing economic crisis has made healthcare inaccessible to many, we increased the capacity of primary healthcare services by providing training and support. Simultaneously, we expanded community health initiatives and reduced families' economic barriers to accessing healthcare.



### **WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S HEALTH AND PROTECTION**

The continued conflict and two catastrophic earthquakes in February have led to immense humanitarian needs in Syria, especially for displaced and vulnerable families. Between April 2023 and May 2024, our teams delivered healthcare and protection services to nearly 70,000 women and children.



### **NUTRITION AND FOOD SECURITY**

Amid the violence and political instability that plague the Central African Republic, we provided vital food and nutrition assistance to Sudanese asylum seekers, returnees and vulnerable members of the host community.



### **WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE**

In Somalia, only half of the population has access to clean, safe water. As part of our efforts to help people affected by conflict, natural disasters and disease, we rehabilitated WASH facilities and distributed more than 8,000 kits containing hygiene and water treatment supplies between September 2022 and August 2024.



### **MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT (MHPSS)**

Within Ukraine and among refugees in Poland, years of conflict, displacement and uncertainty have had a devastating impact on people's mental health. Our MHPSS specialists provided various types of support, ranging from psychological first aid to case management services.

40 YEARS OF

# TRAINING





# TRAINING FOR LASTING IMPACT

Training is the foundation of our work, providing people with the support they need to move from relief to self-reliance. For example, we provide in-person trauma-care and mass-casualty management training to thousands of healthcare professionals in countries plagued by conflict.



## LOCALLY, IN 2023, WE TRAINED



# 107,202

people through 5,611 training sessions covering a range of health-related issues.



# 3,042

people in the basics of administering psychological first aid.



# 1,743

people to participate in community-based WASH and health committees.



# 2,589

people in child protection topics, including case management.





UKRAINE

### UKRAINE

Currently, 9 million people in Ukraine are living with non-communicable diseases (NCDs). Two million people live with diabetes, while approximately 22% of the population lives with high blood pressure. Many residents who lived in areas affected by conflict have not received ongoing, sufficient medical care, so doctors who are treating patients in newly liberated areas are facing a rise in heart attacks and strokes caused by NCDs.

In response, International Medical Corps has partnered with the Family Doctor's Association of Southern Ukraine and professors from the Odesa National Medical University to provide training for family doctors and general practitioners in Kherson and Mykolaiv, helping them to better address NCDs in their practices. The training sessions covered such topics as hypertension, diabetes, high cholesterol, the effects of obesity, beneficial lifestyle changes and how to improve nutrition.

In addition, International Medical Corps has continued to partner with the Harvard Humanitarian Initiative to provide trauma-care training to Ukrainian nurses, doctors and other first responders, so far reaching almost 6,000 people with in-person classes. Last year, universities across Ukraine sent faculty to our training courses, helping to strengthen their skills and teaching them to conduct the courses themselves—ensuring that first responders in Ukraine are better prepared to handle trauma and emergency care in their own communities.

## TRAINING



SOMALIA

### 📍 SOMALIA

**In Somalia, armed conflict and attacks on groups of civilians are far too common. After such mass-casualty events, hospitals can be overrun with patients—and chaos.**

To address this, the World Health Organization developed mass-casualty management (MCM) standards and a training course for hospital emergency units. In addition, it developed a Basic Emergency Care (BEC) course for health workers who are challenged by the need to provide lifesaving care with limited resources. In October, International Medical Corps provided both MCM and BEC training to Somali health workers, and helped hospitals in the country create MCM plans, enabling them to be ready for surges in demand caused by the fighting.

 *EGYPT, JORDAN AND  
THE WEST BANK*

We provided training in Jordan and Egypt to our staff members to prepare them to deploy with our field hospitals in Gaza.

We also provided training to medical professionals in Egypt to help them treat trauma victims brought there from Gaza. In the West Bank, we trained International Medical Corps staff and Palestinian health workers to become instructors, and provided training to local health workers who are treating an increasing number of trauma patients there.







40 YEARS OF  
**RESILIENCE**

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In 2023, International Medical Corps responded directly to the needs of nearly 16.5 million people in 30 countries on five continents.



UKRAINE

# AMONG THE RESULTS OF THE WORK OF INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL CORPS, INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL CORPS UK AND INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL CORPS CROATIA:



## 16.5 MILLION

### DIRECT BENEFICIARIES

Of these, nearly 3 MILLION were children under 5. Our work also reached more than 55 MILLION others who benefited indirectly from our programs and work.



## 107,202

### PARTICIPANTS TRAINED

This included clinical and non-clinical health staff, government and non-government staff, community health workers and volunteers.



## 9.3 MILLION

### PRIMARY HEALTH CONSULTATIONS

Of these, more than 2 MILLION were for children under 5.



## 1,392

### HEALTH FACILITIES SUPPORTED

In 2023, we provided vital assistance to 954 primary health facilities and 113 hospitals, and enabled 323 mobile clinics to reach people in underserved and remote areas.



## 141,004

### CHILDREN VACCINATED AGAINST MEASLES

Vaccinating children protects future generations from the dangers of measles and builds more resilient immune systems.





## **WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S HEALTH**

### **The key to our future**

Ensured that 102,006 births were assisted by a trained birth attendant.

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## **NUTRITION**

### **The foundation of life**

Provided 2,375,098 people with critical nutrition support and treated 282,385 children for acute and severe malnutrition.

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## **WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE**

### **The essence of good health**

Helped more than 2.8 million people with water, sanitation and hygiene needs, and supported the delivery of 127,734,898 liters of clean, safe water.

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## **MENTAL HEALTH CARE AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT**

### **The invisible wounds**

Provided services to 1,138,993 people through hundreds of facilities, mobile teams and other means of delivery.

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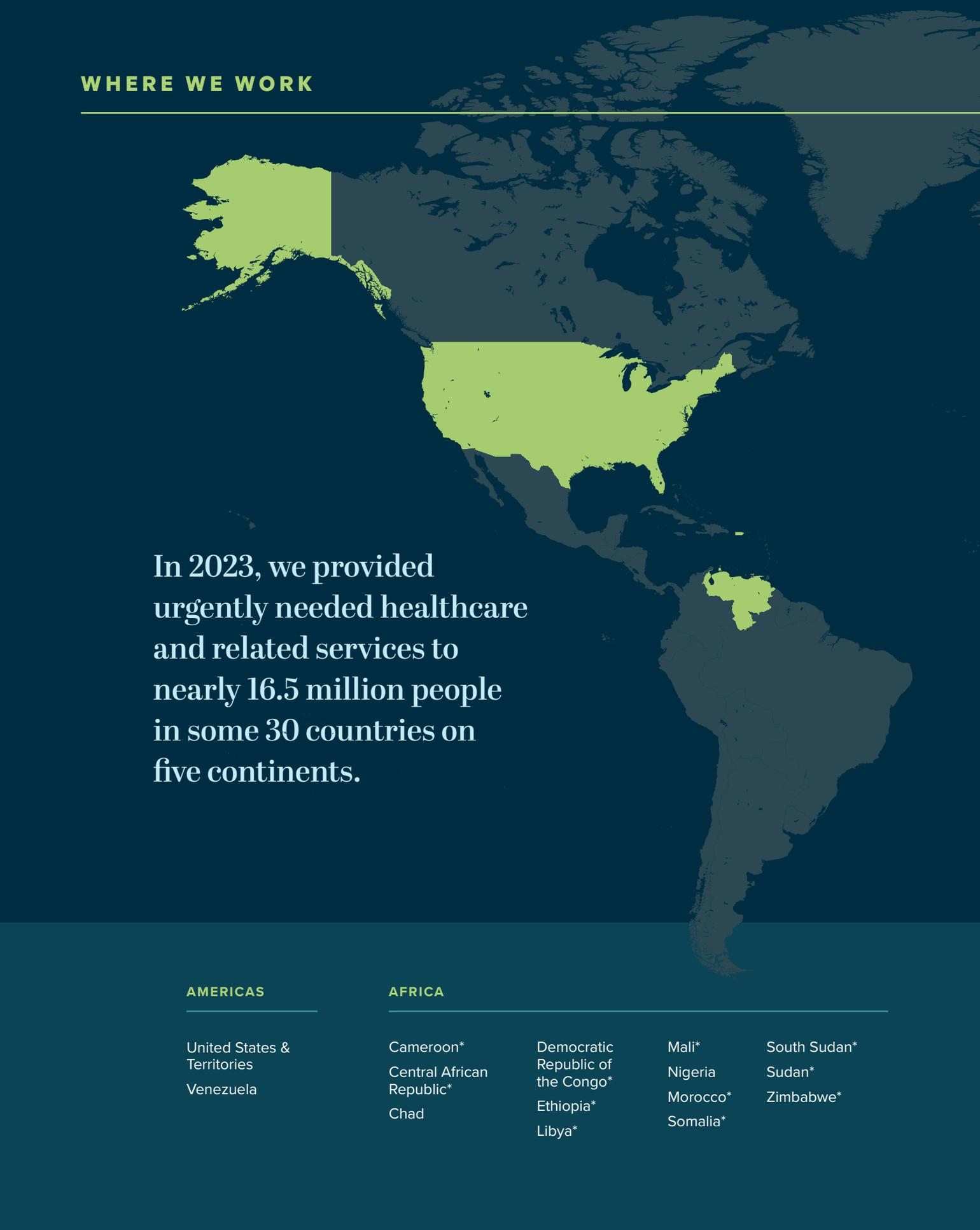
## **GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE**

### **A violation of fundamental human rights**

Offered protection and support to 1,748,080 people living with the threat—or reality—of gender-based violence.

## WHERE WE WORK

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In 2023, we provided urgently needed healthcare and related services to nearly 16.5 million people in some 30 countries on five continents.

### AMERICAS

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United States & Territories  
Venezuela

### AFRICA

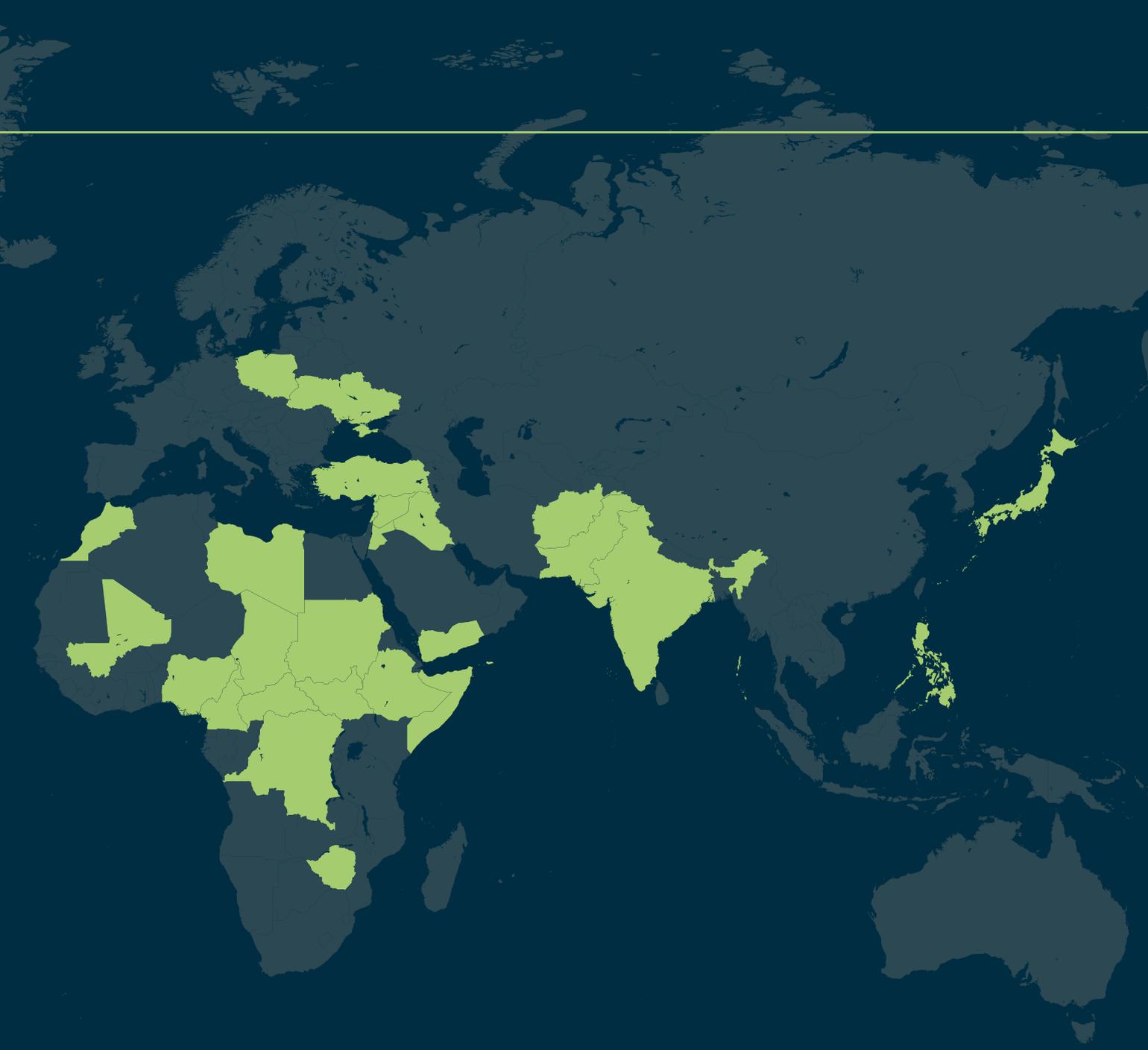
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Central African Republic\*  
Chad

Democratic Republic of the Congo\*  
Ethiopia\*  
Libya\*

Mali\*  
Nigeria  
Morocco\*  
Somalia\*

South Sudan\*  
Sudan\*  
Zimbabwe\*



#### EUROPE

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Poland\*  
Ukraine\*

#### MIDDLE EAST

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Gaza  
Iraq  
Jordan\*  
Lebanon\*  
Syria\*  
Türkiye  
Yemen\*

#### ASIA

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Afghanistan  
India  
Japan  
Pakistan  
Philippines

*\*Countries where International Medical Corps Croatia programmes were funded in 2023.*

A photograph of a field of green plants, possibly a vegetable garden, with a large white arrow pointing upwards in the background. The text is overlaid on the image.

40 YEARS OF

SELF-  
RELIANCE

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## PARTNERSHIPS

### STRENGTHENING HUMANITARIAN RESPONSES TO INFECTIOUS DISEASE OUTBREAKS

International Medical Corps is leading the Local Engagement and Response Network (LEARN) program, working in partnership with Africa Humanitarian Action, Brigham Women's Hospital/ Harvard Humanitarian Initiative, the International Council of Voluntary Agencies and Veterinaires Sans Frontieres International.

Over the next five years, the program—funded by the United States Agency for International Development's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance—will collaborate with 80 local and national organizations across 14 countries to build preparedness for infectious disease outbreaks and expand the capacity to respond to humanitarian crises. The collaboration will strengthen local networks of first responders and support their engagement and participation in regional and international coordination as valued, frontline responders and stakeholders.





## DG ECHO PARTNERSHIP

International Medical Corps Croatia is proud to partner with Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (DG ECHO) to support communities around the world affected by adversity. In December 2023, building upon the Humanitarian Partnership Certificate secured in the previous year, and with a goal of expanding the opportunities for partnering with DG ECHO, International Medical Corps Croatia's Programmatic Partnership Certificate application was approved.

## LEADERSHIP

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International Medical Corps Croatia is an independent, non-profit association that operates in collaboration with International Medical Corps and International Medical Corps UK, sharing the same mission, vision and core values, as well as operational resources, for the implementation of program activities.

International Medical Corps Croatia maintains an independent governance structure and decision-making in relation to the programs for which it is directly responsible.

### INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL CORPS-CROATIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Member, General Assembly

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▲ Global Ambassador Kevin Curry provides nutrition education to residents at a senior citizens center in Puerto Rico.

#### GLOBAL AMBASSADORS

**Kevin Curry**  
Influencer, Activist

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Model, Activist

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Actress, Activist

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Actress, Activist

**Stacy Twilley**  
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# FINANCIALS

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## INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL CORPS CROATIA ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT FY 2023

The following is International Medical Corps Croatia's Statement of Activities for the year ended December 31, 2023. Ernst & Young-audited financial statements are available on International Medical Corps Croatia's website.

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REVENUE	€
Contracts and grant support.....	32,869,529
Donated supplies and services.....	454,646
Revenue from citizens and households.....	471
<b>Other revenue.....</b>	<b>8,521</b>
<b>Total revenue.....</b>	<b>33,333,167</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	
<b>Program services</b>	
Africa.....	10,856,929
Middle East.....	19,400,066
<b>Total program services.....</b>	<b>30,256,995</b>
<b>Supporting services</b>	
Management and general.....	2,849,038
Fundraising.....	1
<b>Total support services.....</b>	<b>2,849,038</b>
<b>Total expenditures.....</b>	<b>33,106,033</b>
Revenue surplus current year.....	227,133
Revenue surplus brought fw.....	1,560,870
<b>Total revenue surplus.....</b>	<b>1,788,003</b>



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## HOW YOU CAN HELP

# Give hope, give health.

There are many ways you can help International Medical Corps Croatia provide lifesaving care and help communities gain self-reliance after a disaster.

[INTERNATIONALMEDICALCORPS.HR/DONATE](https://INTERNATIONALMEDICALCORPS.HR/DONATE)

## WAYS TO GIVE

Become a monthly donor

Make a one-time gift via check, credit card,  
wire transfer or online

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