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# STRENGTHENING HUMANITARIAN PARTNERSHIPS: ICRC AND NRCS ENGAGE NIGERIA'S VICE PRESIDENT



*Photo Caption: The ICRC Head of Delegation in Nigeria, Ms. Doris El Doueihy, alongside the President of the Nigerian Red Cross Society, Prince Olujemisi Adetayo Adeaga, during a courtesy visit to the Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Senator Kashim Shettima, GCON.*

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), in collaboration with the Nigerian Red Cross Society (NRCS), further strengthened its engagement with key national stakeholders through a high-level courtesy visit to the Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, His Excellency, Senator Kashim Shettima, GCON.

The delegation, led by the ICRC Head of Delegation in Nigeria, Ms. Doris El Doueihy, and accompanied by the President of the Nigerian Red Cross Society, Prince Olujemisi Adetayo Adeaga, used the opportunity to reinforce the long-standing partnership between the Red Cross Movement and the Government of Nigeria.

During the meeting, Ms. El Doueihy presented the ICRC's humanitarian mandate and highlighted the organisation's operational activities across Nigeria, particularly in communities affected by conflict and other humanitarian challenges. She also acknowledged the collaborative efforts and support received from relevant government institutions in advancing the implementation and respect of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) within the country.

The visit underscored the importance of sustained dialogue and cooperation in addressing humanitarian needs and promoting the protection of vulnerable populations. It also reaffirmed the shared commitment of the ICRC, the Nigerian Red Cross Society, and the Government of Nigeria to uphold humanitarian principles and strengthen initiatives that alleviate suffering and preserve human dignity.

As humanitarian needs continue to evolve, strategic partnerships such as these remain vital in ensuring effective humanitarian action and fostering a more resilient and compassionate society.



# BEFORE THE STORM: THE STORY OF TUNGBO'S PREPAREDNESS JOURNEY

In Tungbo community, preparedness became more than a conversation—it became a shared commitment.

Gathered under the shade of familiar meeting spaces, community members came together with one common purpose: to learn, to plan, and to protect one another. The engagement, facilitated by the Nigerian Red Cross Society under the ECHO-HIP project, focused on strengthening disaster preparedness and equipping residents with the knowledge needed to respond effectively when emergencies arise.

Through interactive discussions and practical demonstrations, participants explored critical topics such as understanding early warning systems, implementing safe evacuation procedures, and adopting proper hygiene practices that can help reduce health risks during emergencies. Yet, beyond the lessons and presentations, something even more powerful emerged—a renewed sense of collective responsibility.



Community members openly shared their experiences, concerns, and hopes for a safer future. Their voices shaped the conversation, reinforcing the belief that those most affected by disasters should also play a central role in designing the solutions. Feedback gathered during the engagement will continue to guide project implementation, ensuring that interventions remain both inclusive and accountable.



A key highlight of the event was the emphasis placed on collaboration. Clear roles were defined among the Community-Based Disaster Response Committees (CBDRC), the Nigerian Red Cross Society (NRCS), and the Local Emergency Management Committees (LEMC), strengthening the partnerships necessary for effective disaster response and preparedness at the grassroots level.

The presence of representatives from the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) and the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) further underscored the importance of a coordinated approach to humanitarian action. Their engagement with community members demonstrated a shared commitment to building safer and more resilient communities.

Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) materials were distributed to reinforce key messages and encourage continuous learning long after the day's activities had ended. But perhaps the most valuable takeaway could not be captured on paper—it was the confidence growing within the community itself. Because resilience is not built overnight. It is nurtured through knowledge, strengthened by partnerships, and sustained by communities that choose to stand together in the face of uncertainty.

In Tungbo, preparedness is no longer just about responding to disasters when they occur. It is about empowering people today so that they can protect tomorrow.

# STRENGTHENING THE CHOLERA RESPONSE IN MAIDUGURI

As part of ongoing efforts to combat the cholera outbreak in Maiduguri, supportive supervision visits were conducted across intervention sites to reinforce response activities and provide guidance to frontline teams.

On 19 May 2026, the team visited Gomari community, where the Oral Rehydration Point (ORP) at PHC Gomari was supervised, alongside monitoring of Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE) volunteers carrying out sensitization, active case searches, and referrals. The team also visited the FORI Community referral facility, where Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) materials were donated, and recommendations were provided to strengthen reporting and documentation processes.

The supportive supervision continued on 20 May 2026 with visits to Nana Kashim Shettima PHC and Abbaganaram PHC. IPC materials were distributed to support safe healthcare delivery, while ORP teams received on-site guidance to enhance service quality. RCCE volunteers in Dulimari community were also engaged to assess ongoing response activities and reinforce community-based interventions.

These visits underscored the importance of continuous support, coordination, and capacity strengthening in ensuring an effective cholera response. Through the dedication of frontline workers and community volunteers, critical steps are being taken to protect lives, prevent the spread of disease, and promote healthier communities in Maiduguri.



# ANAMBRA RED CROSS BRINGS SMILES TO VULNERABLE CHILDREN

STORY BY: JOSEPH UGOCHUKWU OBIDIGWE  
ANAMBRA BRANCH COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

To mark the 2026 Children's Day celebration, the management staff of the Nigerian Red Cross Society, Anambra State Branch, organized a special outreach on 28th May 2026 to bring joy and hope to vulnerable children.

The initiative, sponsored by the branch management under the leadership of the Branch Secretary, Engr. Kingsley Okoye, KSM, was attended by the Branch Chairman, Prof. Charity Ifeyinwa Emelie, alongside other management staff members.

The day was filled with laughter, learning, and memorable moments as the children participated in poetry recitations, spelling bee competitions, dancing, and other fun activities. The management team also prepared and served meals, creating an atmosphere of warmth, care, and togetherness.

Beyond the celebrations, the outreach reflected the humanitarian values of the Nigerian Red Cross Society—promoting humanity, compassion, and support for vulnerable members of society. For the children, it was a day of happiness and belonging; for the volunteers, a meaningful reminder that even the simplest acts of kindness can leave lasting impacts.



*Management staff of the Nigerian Red Cross Society, Anambra State Branch, interact with children during the 2026 Children's Day outreach.*



# ICRC SUPPORTS 6,500 FARMERS IN YOBE WITH AGRO-SEEDS TO STRENGTHEN FOOD SECURITY IN MAY 2026



The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) with support from Nigerian Red Cross Society Yobe Branch has distributed agro-seeds to 6,500 farmers in Yobe State as part of its ongoing livelihood support programme for communities affected by armed conflict.

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The distribution, carried out last week in Geidam and Gujba local government areas, targeted households ahead of this year's rainy season farming.

According to the ICRC, the support is aimed at helping communities rebuild their economic activities and improve food security following years of disruption caused by conflict.

Farmers received a range of seeds, including sorghum, millet, sesame, cowpea, okra, and amaranthus. Economic tree seedlings such as papaya and moringa were also distributed to encourage household food production and strengthen long-term livelihoods.

In a related intervention, 100 seed multipliers were provided with groundnut, cowpea, and sorghum seeds. The ICRC said the measure is intended to enhance local seed availability and ensure that communities can sustain agricultural production beyond the current season.

Through livelihood support, the ICRC helps communities affected by armed conflict rebuild their economic activities and improve food security," the organisation stated. The initiative forms part of the ICRC's wider humanitarian response in Nigeria's North-East, where displacement and insecurity have severely impacted agricultural activities and household incomes.

# BRINGING HOPE TO THE HEART OF ITESIWAJU MARKET

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The usual sounds of bargaining traders, moving vehicles, and busy shoppers filled the air at Itesiwaju Garage and Market, opposite the Post Office in Ibadan, on Saturday, 16th May 2026. But amid the bustle of commerce, something extraordinary was happening. For one day, the marketplace became a center of care, compassion, and hope as the Nigerian Red Cross Society, Oyo State Branch, Ibadan North East Division, brought free healthcare services directly to the people.

Many traders who rarely have the opportunity to visit a hospital paused their daily activities to receive medical attention. Elderly residents sat patiently for blood pressure checks. Market women gathered to learn more about their health. Young adults took advantage of free screenings, while healthcare professionals and Red Cross volunteers worked tirelessly to ensure that every beneficiary received the attention they deserved.



*"I have not visited a hospital in over five years. I sincerely appreciate the Red Cross for bringing this outreach to Itesiwaju Market. Today, I was able to check my health status and receive medical attention without worrying about the cost."* — **MRS. AJALA, MARKET WOMAN**

Her words echoed the experience of many others whose busy schedules, financial limitations, or lack of access to healthcare facilities had prevented them from seeking medical attention. For them, the outreach was more than a health intervention—it was a lifeline.

Behind every consultation, every test conducted, and every medication dispensed stood a team of dedicated Red Cross volunteers, healthcare professionals, partners, sponsors, and stakeholders united by a common purpose: serving humanity. As the outreach came to an end, hundreds of community members left with more than medications and test results. They left with greater awareness, renewed confidence in their health, and the reassurance that they had not been forgotten.

Through initiatives like this, the Nigerian Red Cross Society continues to transform its humanitarian principles into action, bringing hope where it is needed most and ensuring that humanity remains at the heart of every service rendered.

Together, we continue to serve humanity.



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**... A Sure Sign of Hope**

# UNITED IN HUMANITY: NIGERIAN RED CROSS MARKS WORLD RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT DAY 2026 IN POWERFUL NATIONWIDE CELEBRATION

From blood donation drives to symbolic unity walks, volunteers across Nigeria demonstrated compassion, solidarity, and service to humanity.



Under the global theme “United in Humanity,” the Nigerian Red Cross Society (NRCS) joined millions around the world to commemorate World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day 2026 with a vibrant series of activities that reflected the strength, unity, and compassion of the Movement.

The commemoration began on a deeply impactful note with a voluntary blood donation drive at the National Headquarters in Abuja, where staff and volunteers selflessly donated blood to support patients and communities in urgent need. This act of humanity set the tone for the celebration, reinforcing the Red Cross commitment to saving lives even before the main event unfolded.



In his address, the President of the Nigerian Red Cross Society described the theme as a timely reminder that humanity must remain at the centre of all action in an increasingly divided world. He emphasized that despite rising conflicts, disasters, and social pressures, Red Cross volunteers continue to stand as a beacon of hope—driven by a simple but powerful principle: helping people because they are human and in need.

He further called on governments, partners, and citizens to deepen their support for humanitarian work, stressing that the protection of human dignity and the preservation of life are shared responsibilities. “In a world facing growing division and uncertainty, our greatest strength remains our shared humanity,” he affirmed.



On the official day, staff, volunteers, and partners took to the streets for a symbolic road walk from the NRCS headquarters to its new Corporate Headquarters. The walk was more than a journey—it was a powerful public expression of solidarity, unity, and shared humanitarian purpose, drawing attention to the values that bind the Movement together across borders and backgrounds.

The celebration continued in an atmosphere of joy and reflection, featuring recreational activities and goodwill messages from key partners, including representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC).

They commended the unwavering dedication of Nigerian Red Cross volunteers, acknowledging their vital role in responding to disasters, health emergencies, and humanitarian crises across the country without discrimination.



# UNITED IN HUMANITY ACROSS OUR BRANCHES

## Branch Highlights: Celebrating World Red Cross Day 2026



# ANAMBRA BRANCH MARKS WORLD RED CROSS DAY 2026 WITH WEEK-LONG HUMANITARIAN IMPACT

The Nigerian Red Cross Society, Anambra State Branch, successfully commemorated World Red Cross Day 2026 under the global theme "United in Humanity", with a series of coordinated humanitarian activities held across its divisions. The celebration commenced on 2nd May 2026 with the Keep Our Communities Clean exercise, where volunteers carried out environmental sanitation across various communities.

This activity reinforced the importance of hygiene, public health, and collective responsibility in building safer and healthier environments. On 4th May 2026, volunteers embarked on an Anniversary Walk for Humanity, a vibrant awareness campaign aimed at promoting the ideals of the Red Cross Movement. The walk increased public visibility of humanitarian work while encouraging greater community participation in service to humanity.



Activities continued on 5th May 2026 with road traffic control operations and road safety awareness campaigns conducted across different divisions. Working in collaboration with relevant stakeholders, volunteers contributed to improving traffic flow and sensitizing road users on safety practices, further strengthening community protection efforts.



The week-long celebration culminated in a grand finale held on 8th May 2026 at the Branch Headquarters, Amawbia. The event brought together volunteers, staff, divisional representatives, partners, and supporters in a unified celebration of service and impact. A key highlight of the event was the recognition and presentation of awards to individuals who demonstrated outstanding dedication and contributions to the growth and success of the Branch.

Overall, the celebration not only reflected the spirit of World Red Cross Day but also reinforced the Branch's unwavering commitment to humanitarian service, community resilience, and the continuous promotion of humanity across Anambra State.



# JUNIOR RED CROSS VOLUNTEERS INSPIRE CLEANER AND SAFER SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

EDO BRANCH

In commemoration of the 2026 World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day themed "United in Humanity," the Nigerian Red Cross Society, Edo State Branch carried out impactful humanitarian activities across Oredo and Ikpoba Okha Divisions in Benin City, promoting cleanliness, health awareness, and community service.

At Ikpoba Okha Division, volunteers under the leadership of the Divisional Coordinator, Pst. Julius Obasuyi, alongside JRC members of the Start Right Education Fountain School Unit, embarked on an environmental sanitation exercise at IVBIYENEVA Primary School. Beyond cleaning the school environment, the team engaged pupils and teachers on the importance of hygiene, humanity, and basic first aid knowledge as essential tools for saving lives and supporting one another in times of emergency.



Similarly, the Oredo Division through the Kleros Montessori School Unit also carried out a sanitation exercise within and around the school environment, fostering a culture of cleanliness, teamwork, and shared responsibility among students and staff.



# UNITY IN ACTION: BAUCHI BRANCH MARKS WORLD RED CROSS DAY WITH FIRST AID, AWARENESS & SOLIDARITY WALK



In commemoration of World Red Cross Day, the Nigerian Red Cross Society Bauchi State Branch took to the streets of Bauchi City in a vibrant display of unity, service, and humanitarian commitment.

Dressed in uniform, volunteers marched proudly through the ancient gates of Bauchi to the Emir's Palace gate, where a first aid simulation was conducted to demonstrate life-saving skills and emergency response readiness. The awareness walk continued through the city, drawing attention to the importance of preparedness and community resilience.



The activities culminated at the Branch office, where the day ended on an engaging and educational note with a first aid quiz, reinforcing knowledge and strengthening the capacity of volunteers.



The celebration reflected the spirit of "United in Humanity," as volunteers continue to transform despair into hope and vulnerability into strength through dedicated service. Appreciation was extended to all volunteers and supporters whose commitment keeps the humanitarian mission alive every day.

# A WEEK OF HUMANITY IN ACTION: IMO BRANCH CELEBRATES WORLD RED CROSS DAY WITH IMPACTFUL ENGAGEMENTS

The Nigerian Red Cross Society Imo State Branch commemorated World Red Cross Day with a series of impactful activities designed to promote awareness, preparedness, and humanitarian service within the community.

The commemoration featured radio sensitization, a public rally, first aid training sessions, simulation exercises, lectures, drama performances, cultural dances, and a novelty football match, all aimed at strengthening community engagement and promoting life-saving knowledge.

The grand finale brought together key stakeholders, including security agencies, emergency responders, and partner organizations, who commended the Nigerian Red Cross Society for its consistent dedication to humanitarian service and community resilience.

The Branch expressed appreciation to its partners, particularly the British Red Cross, for their continued support in strengthening local capacity, while also urging volunteers to remain committed to the Seven Fundamental Principles of the Movement.



*PARTICIPANTS OBSERVE A FIRST AID TRAINING AND SIMULATION EXERCISE DURING THE COMMEMORATION ACTIVITIES, REINFORCING LIFE-SAVING SKILLS AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE CAPACITY WITHIN THE COMMUNITY.*



*STAKEHOLDERS, PARTNERS, AND VOLUNTEERS GATHER AT THE GRAND FINALE OF THE CELEBRATION, REAFFIRMING COMMITMENT TO HUMANITARIAN SERVICE AND STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY RESILIENCE IN IMO STATE.*



*CULTURAL DISPLAY BY SCHOOL UNIT MEMBERS OF THE NIGERIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY DURING THE GRAND FINALE, SHOWCASING RICH HERITAGE, UNITY, AND THE SPIRIT OF HUMANITY AS PART OF THE WORLD RED CROSS DAY CELEBRATIONS.*

# AKWA IBOM BRANCH CELEBRATES WORLD RED CROSS DAY WITH CULTURE, CARE & COMMUNITY IMPACT IN UYO



The Nigerian Red Cross Society Akwa Ibom State Branch marked World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day 2026 with a colourful and impactful celebration in Uyo, bringing together government agencies, partners, volunteers, and school units in a shared display of humanitarian commitment.

The event featured vibrant cultural performances, goodwill messages from stakeholders, and a free medical outreach that provided essential health services to members of the community. These activities not only celebrated the spirit of the Red Cross Movement but also strengthened collaboration among key stakeholders working to improve community wellbeing.

The celebration highlighted the power of collective humanitarian action in building more resilient communities and reaffirmed the Branch's commitment to serving humanity without discrimination.



# KANO BRANCH ENHANCES COMMUNITY HEALTH WITH FREE MEDICAL OUTREACH AND READING GLASSES DISTRIBUTION FOR WORLD RED CROSS DAY 2026

As part of activities marking the 2026 World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day, the Nigerian Red Cross Society (NRCS) Kano State Branch conducted a comprehensive free medical outreach aimed at improving the health and well-being of vulnerable community members.

The outreach offered a wide range of essential health services, including eye screening and vision assessment, Rapid Diagnostic Tests (RDT), genotype testing, hepatitis screening, tuberculosis (TB) screening, diabetes testing, outpatient consultations, and health counselling. These services provided community members with timely access to preventive and diagnostic care, reinforcing the Branch's commitment to accessible healthcare.

A major highlight of the intervention was the distribution of over 100 reading glasses to individuals experiencing challenges with near vision. This simple yet impactful support significantly improved daily functioning for beneficiaries, restoring comfort and confidence in reading and other routine activities.

The outreach recorded strong community participation and reflected the Nigerian Red Cross Society's continued dedication to alleviating suffering and promoting health at the grassroots level, in line with the spirit of "United in Humanity."



# SERVICE TO HUMANITY: OYO STATE CELEBRATES UNITED IN HUMANITY WEEK

Service to humanity took center stage as the Nigerian Red Cross Society, Oyo State Branch, commemorated the 2026 World Red Cross and Red Crescent Week under the theme "United in Humanity." For eight impactful days, volunteers, partners, and community members came together to celebrate 163 years of humanitarian service through outreach, advocacy, worship, learning, and recognition.

The week commenced on May 1st with a free health outreach in Aliwo Community, providing essential healthcare services to residents. The same day, volunteers joined worshippers at the Aliwo Central Mosque, Gate, Ibadan, for a special Jumat service, reinforcing the spirit of unity and service across faiths.

On May 2nd, the streets of Ibadan came alive as Red Cross volunteers embarked on a massive awareness rally from New Garage to Felele, spreading humanitarian messages and increasing public awareness of the Society's mission and activities.

The celebration continued on May 3rd with a thanksgiving service at St. Kizito Catholic Church, Oluyole, where volunteers and members reflected on 163 years of humanity, compassion, and service to vulnerable communities worldwide.



Knowledge and leadership took the spotlight on May 5th during a Leadership Symposium themed "Red Cross Beyond First Aid." Participants were inspired by an enlightening lecture delivered by Dr. Manir Jega, Director of Programmes and Partnerships at the Nigerian Red Cross Society National Headquarters, followed by an engaging panel discussion on the evolving role of Red Cross volunteers in addressing humanitarian challenges.

The week culminated in a grand finale on May 8th at Jogor Event Centre, Ibadan. The event brought together volunteers, dignitaries, and partners in a colourful celebration of humanitarian service. Veteran volunteers who have served the society for more than decades, including Trainer Adebayo Bashir, Trainer Bewaji, and Trainer Oluyemisi Ifesanya, were honoured for their outstanding contributions to the growth of the Society. Adding to the excitement, the Honourable Commissioner for Women Affairs graced the occasion and expressed keen interest in becoming part of the Red Cross family.

From community health interventions to public awareness campaigns, faith-based engagements, leadership development, and volunteer recognition, the 2026 United in Humanity Week showcased the enduring commitment of the Nigerian Red Cross Society, Oyo State Branch, to serving humanity and strengthening communities.

Together, we remain United in Humanity.

# TARABA BRANCH MARKS WORLD RED CROSS DAY WITH YOUTH-LED VISIBILITY WALK IN JALINGO



The Nigerian Red Cross Society Taraba State Branch commemorated World Red Cross Day with a vibrant visibility walk through the streets of Jalingo, led by young Red Cross volunteers.

The walk served as a powerful public display of unity, service, and humanitarian commitment, as volunteers engaged community members while amplifying the message of humanity and the importance of community service.

Through their energy and presence, the young Red Crossers demonstrated the growing role of youth in advancing humanitarian action and strengthening community awareness across the state.

The activity reaffirmed the Branch's dedication to promoting the ideals of the Red Cross Movement and inspiring a new generation of volunteers committed to serving humanity without discrimination.





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Impartiality.  
Neutrality.  
Independence.  
Voluntary Service.  
Unity. Universality.



# RED CROSS HISTORY WORD SEARCH CHALLENGE



Discover the history behind the world's largest humanitarian movement.



The Red Cross Movement was founded by Henry Dunant after witnessing the suffering of wounded soldiers at the Battle of Solferino in 1859. His humanitarian vision led to the establishment of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, which today provides assistance and protection to millions of people around the world.



## INSTRUCTIONS

1



Find all hidden words related to the history of the Red Cross.

2



Words may appear horizontally, vertically, diagonally, forwards, or backwards.

3



Circle or highlight each word when found.

4



Submit your completed puzzle as instructed by the newsletter team.

S	W	I	T	Z	E	R	L	A	N	D	Q	H	T	P	A
Q	E	D	C	R	F	T	G	Y	U	I	O	P	K	L	X
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Z	X	C	V	B	N	M	Q	W	E	R	T	Y	U	I	P
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## WORD BANK

- HENRY DUNANT
- SOLFERINO
- SOLDIERS
- HUMANITY
- INJURED
- SWITZERLAND
- GENEVA
- HUMANITARIAN
- FIRST AID
- PROTECTION



## NEWSLETTER COMPETITION INSTRUCTIONS

- ✓ Carefully solve the Red Cross history themed word search puzzle
- ✉ Send a screenshot of your answer to [commsdept@redcrossnigeria.org](mailto:commsdept@redcrossnigeria.org)
- 🏆 First five people to submit their answers gets a shoutout on our social media handles



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# Cross River Branch Celebrates World Red Cross Day with Climate Action, Youth Engagement & Life-Saving Education



The commemoration featured tree planting exercises aimed at promoting environmental sustainability and climate action, reinforcing the Branch's commitment to protecting both people and the planet. This was complemented by a colourful parade led by Red Cross School Units, whose energy and enthusiasm highlighted the vital role of young volunteers in advancing humanitarian ideals.

In addition, participants benefited from interactive educational sessions on First Aid and Emergency Response, equipping them with essential life-saving skills needed to respond effectively in emergencies within their communities.

The event fostered stronger collaboration among stakeholders, enhanced volunteer engagement, and deepened public awareness on the importance of humanitarian action, climate responsibility, and community resilience. It stood as a powerful reminder that building safer communities requires both knowledge and collective action.



# SOKOTO BRANCH MARKS WORLD RED CROSS DAY WITH WASH OUTREACH & COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN



With support from the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the Nigerian Red Cross Society Sokoto State Branch commemorated World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day 2026 under the global theme "United in Humanity."

Over 100 volunteers took to communities across Sokoto North, Sokoto South, and Wamakko divisions to carry out sanitation and hygiene promotion activities aimed at improving public health and encouraging cleaner, safer environments.

A key highlight of the commemoration was a targeted outreach to Ramin Kurah Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) Camp, where volunteers engaged residents on Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) practices while addressing critical hygiene challenges affecting the camp population.

The Branch also used the opportunity to call for urgent support from relevant stakeholders to improve access to safe water and sanitation facilities within the camp, emphasizing the importance of sustained humanitarian intervention in vulnerable settings.

The activities reflected the Branch's continued commitment to promoting health, dignity, and resilience among communities in need.



# KAIAMA MARKS WORLD RED CROSS DAY WITH FLOOD SIMULATION, CULTURE & COMMUNITY UNITY IN ACTION



In Kaiama community, Bayelsa State, World Red Cross Day 2026 was observed as more than a celebration—it became a powerful demonstration of preparedness, culture, and collective humanitarian action.

Supported by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and funded by European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO), the Nigerian Red Cross Society Bayelsa Branch brought together community members for a flood simulation exercise designed to strengthen emergency readiness and save lives in times of disaster.

The day began with a courtesy visit to His Royal Highness, Chief Jerry O. Burutolu Ekpein II, Amananaowei of Kaiama, who commended the Red Cross Movement and its partners for their continued commitment to supporting vulnerable communities.

The atmosphere soon transformed into a vibrant cultural showcase, featuring songs, traditional dances, and rich displays of Ijaw heritage. Students from Ijaw National Academy Junior Secondary School also delivered an inspiring presentation on the Seven Fundamental Principles of the Red Cross, highlighting the growing role of youth in sustaining humanitarian values.

A key highlight of the event was the flood simulation exercise, which brought together the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), the Federal Fire Service, community volunteers, and local stakeholders. Working side by side, they demonstrated coordinated response actions in flood emergency scenarios, reinforcing the importance of preparedness and collaboration.

A memorable moment of the day was the presence of representatives from ECHO, IFRC, and NRCS dressed in traditional Ijaw attire—a symbolic gesture of unity, respect, and shared humanity.

In Kaiama, World Red Cross Day was not only marked—it was truly lived through action, culture, and compassion.

# EBONYI BRANCH REAFFIRMS COMMITMENT TO HUMANITY, HOPE & SERVICE

Guided by the vision of Henry Dunant, the Nigerian Red Cross Society Ebonyi State Branch continues to stand firmly with vulnerable communities, bringing hope, support, and dignity to those who need it most.

As volunteers, staff, and partners, the Branch remains united in its commitment to humanitarian service, working together to uphold the values of compassion, neutrality, and humanity in all interventions.

The celebration of World Red Cross Day 2026 further reinforced the resolve of the Ebonyi Branch to remain steadfast in serving humanity and strengthening community resilience across the state.



# ADAMAWA BRANCH MARKS WORLD RED CROSS DAY WITH ROAD WALK, DIGNITY KIT DISTRIBUTION & ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

With support from the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the Nigerian Red Cross Society Adamawa State Branch commemorated World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day with a vibrant road walk aimed at sensitizing communities on the Fundamental Principles of the Red Cross Movement.

The awareness walk focused on promoting respect for humanitarian principles and emphasizing the importance of protecting Red Cross volunteers and equipment, especially during periods of election-related tension or violence. Volunteers also engaged members of the public by distributing informational pamphlets to deepen understanding of the Movement's role in communities.

In a parallel intervention supported by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and Mothers' Club, the Branch distributed dignity kits to 50 adolescent girls, reinforcing efforts to promote dignity, health, and well-being among vulnerable groups.

The activities were further complemented by a tree planting exercise, underscoring the Branch's commitment to environmental sustainability and community resilience.

Through these coordinated interventions, the Adamawa Branch demonstrated a holistic approach to humanitarian action—combining awareness, protection, dignity, and environmental responsibility in line with the spirit of "United in Humanity."



# KANO BRANCH DELIVERS LIFE-SAVING IMPACT WITH MEDICAL OUTREACH AT MCH DALA FOR WORLD RED CROSS DAY



The Nigerian Red Cross Society Kano State Branch commemorated World Red Cross Day 2026 with a large-scale medical outreach held at MCH Dala, reinforcing its commitment to accessible healthcare and humanitarian service within the community.

The outreach provided free medical services to over 1,500 beneficiaries, including health screenings, medical consultations, and counselling services. Community members also received health education aimed at promoting preventive care and improving overall well-being.



The event recorded strong community participation and received support from key stakeholders, reflecting the importance of collaborative action in strengthening public health delivery and humanitarian response at the grassroots level.

Through this intervention, the Kano Branch demonstrated the Red Cross commitment to saving lives, alleviating suffering, and ensuring that essential healthcare services reach those who need them most, in line with the spirit of "United in Humanity."



# RIVERS BRANCH STRENGTHENS HUMANITARIAN PARTNERSHIPS WITH COURTESY VISIT TO NAVAL SHIPYARD, PORT HARCOURT FOR WORLD RED CROSS DAY 2026



As part of activities marking World Red Cross Day 2026, the Nigerian Red Cross Society (NRCS) Rivers State Branch, through its Port Harcourt Division, paid a courtesy visit to the Naval Shipyard, Port Harcourt.

The visit formed part of a broader series of commemorative engagements designed to strengthen partnerships, enhance visibility of the Red Cross Movement, and promote collaboration with key stakeholders in humanitarian and emergency response efforts.

During the engagement, discussions focused on the importance of inter-agency cooperation in times of emergencies, disaster response, and community support. The interaction also reinforced the shared commitment of both institutions to saving lives, promoting safety, and supporting vulnerable populations within the state.

The courtesy visit reflected the Rivers State Branch's dedication to building strong relationships with security and emergency response institutions, in line with the global theme "United in Humanity."

Through such engagements, the Branch continues to position itself as a reliable humanitarian partner, working alongside stakeholders to strengthen preparedness, coordination, and effective response to humanitarian needs.

# KADUNA BRANCH EXTENDS HUMANITY BEHIND BARS WITH CORRECTIONAL CENTRE OUTREACH FOR WORLD RED CROSS DAY



To mark World Red Cross Day 2026, the Nigerian Red Cross Society Kaduna State Branch carried out a deeply impactful humanitarian visit to the Correctional Centre, reinforcing the message that humanity has no boundaries and dignity must be upheld in every space.

The visit provided an opportunity for volunteers to engage inmates in meaningful conversations around hygiene, personal well-being, and healthy living practices. Through interactive sensitization sessions, participants were encouraged to prioritize cleanliness, preventive health, and positive behavioural habits that support rehabilitation and reintegration.

In addition to the sensitization activities, the Branch donated essential items to improve daily living conditions within the facility, reflecting the Red Cross commitment to alleviating suffering wherever it is found. The gesture was warmly received and appreciated by both inmates and facility management. A key highlight of the engagement was a joint sanitation exercise carried out by Red Cross volunteers alongside inmates. This shared activity symbolized unity, respect, and equality, breaking barriers and reinforcing the idea that everyone deserves care, dignity, and the opportunity for renewal.

Beyond the activities, the visit created a powerful atmosphere of connection and empathy. Conversations, interactions, and shared moments reflected the core values of the Red Cross Movement—humanity, neutrality, impartiality, and voluntary service.

The Kaduna State Branch described the outreach as more than a visit, but a reaffirmation of its commitment to inclusive humanitarian service. The Branch further expressed its intention to sustain engagements with vulnerable groups, including those in correctional facilities, as part of broader efforts to promote dignity, hope, and positive transformation.

The day concluded with a renewed sense of shared humanity, leaving a lasting message that compassion does not stop at gates or walls—it follows wherever people are in need.

# OBSEQUIES-Gone from Our Sight, Forever in Our Hearts

The 21st of April, 2026, marked a dark morning for the FCT Branch following the announcement of the passing of Dr. Victoria Ekanem. She served as the Disaster Management Coordinator of the Nigerian Red Cross Society, FCT-Abuja Branch, and departed this life after a brief illness.

Dr. Ekanem was more than a professional; she was a pillar of strength, compassion, and unwavering dedication within the humanitarian community. Her work in disaster management was marked by courage, resilience, and a deep commitment to alleviating human suffering. She stood at the forefront of response efforts, offering not just leadership, but hope to countless individuals and communities in times of crisis.

Those who had the privilege of working alongside her remember her as a selfless servant one who gave her time, energy, and heart to the cause of humanity. Her presence inspired confidence, her voice carried wisdom, and her actions reflected the true spirit of the Red Cross mission.

On the 2nd of May, she was buried in her hometown in Akwa Ibom State. Volunteers from the state came out in large numbers and played key roles in ensuring a successful burial, demonstrating unity and the true spirit of volunteering within the Nigerian Red Cross Society.

Her passing leaves a significant void, not only within the Nigerian Red Cross Society but also in the hearts of all who knew her. Yet, her legacy lives on in the lives she touched, the communities she strengthened, and the values she upheld.





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