

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE IN THE RED CROSS & RED CRESCENT MOVEMENT

WHY DOES AUSTRIAN RED CROSS ENGAGE IN WASH?

Globally providing emergency relief for disaster victims has been a key activity of the Red Cross/Red Crescent movement for more than 80 years. Austrian RC (AutRC) was hereby one of the first to train and deploy water and sanitation emergency response units (ERU).

However, since access to safe water and improved sanitation is a chronic global need for more than one billion people, AutRC puts emphasis also on long-term development activities with a focus on sustainability and disaster preparedness.

With long-standing experience in water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), AutRC focusses on:

- Development, positioning and deployment of disaster response tools
- Long-term integrated development projects, focussing on water, sanitation and hygiene



SERVICE CENTER WASH AUSTRIAN RED CROSS

SERVICES OFFERED

Based on long-term practical experience and state-of-the-art know-how, the Service Center WASH offers consultancy services for:

- Assistance in participatory project planning and design as well as technical quality assurance of project proposals
- Technical support and back-stopping in project implementation
- Project assessment, monitoring and evaluation
- WASH capacity development within Austrian RC and its RC/RC partners
- Network management, communication strategies and knowledge dissemination
- Contribution to the sector-specific dialogue (e.g. through workshops)
- WASH advocacy and public relations
- Research and development for new WASH tools or approaches
- Further development of disaster response tools
- Emergency deployments

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Technical Consultancy and Capacity Development
for Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Services
from Disaster Relief to Development Cooperation



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DISASTER RESPONSE AND RECOVERY

In coordination with the international Red Cross movement, Austrian Red Cross (AutRC) deploys staff and volunteers to large scale disasters/crises all around the world to:

- Assess WASH needs
- Coordinate RC emergency WASH interventions with other actors and sectors
- Produce and distribute safe water
- Provide sanitation facilities, in particular for excreta disposal
- Provide hygiene material (via cash or in-kind)
- Promote good hygiene behaviour
- Monitor quality of excreta treatment to reduce environmental impact
- Rehabilitate and/or upgrade communal and household WASH infrastructure
- Train local RC staff & volunteers in WASH activities

Disasters with AutRC emergency WASH support (since 2003):

- **Cyclone, flood or tsunami:** Haiti, Indonesia, Myanmar, Pakistan, Philippines, Slovenia, South Sudan, Sudan
- **Drought & food crisis:** Ethiopia
- **Earthquake:** China, Haiti, Iran, Nepal, Pakistan
- **Population movement:** Bangladesh, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Greece, Lebanon, Tanzania, Uganda

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AUSTRIAN RED CROSS LONG-TERM WASH PROJECTS

AutRC supports WASH activities of partner RC societies in integrated community development programs:

- Planning and implementing communal WASH infrastructure (e.g. wells, pumps, gravity schemes, tap-stands, animal troughs, irrigation systems, school latrines, ...)
- Setting up and supporting O&M committees for sustainability
- Water safety planning for better health
- Stimulating and supporting household level WASH improvements (e.g. latrines, household water treatment)
- Promoting good hygiene behaviour
- Linking up with and advocating to local WASH authorities for fair and reliable service delivery

Countries with previous AutRC supported long-term WASH programs include: Ethiopia, Eritrea, Kenya, Laos, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, South Sudan, Sudan, Timor-Leste, Uganda



RED CROSS WASH CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

AutRC contributes to RC WASH capacity development by:

- Training of Austrian and international RC staff & volunteers in standard RC emergency WASH modules
- Tailoring of emergency WASH preparations to local needs (e.g. localizing equipment packages, training curricula and standard operating procedures)
- Collaborating with universities in development of new approaches (e.g. remote sensing or faecal sludge quality monitoring in emergency scenarios)
- Organizing crowd-tasking events for humanitarian mapping (e.g. www.missingmaps.org)

