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Scouts support communities in times of crisis by mobilising volunteers, providing emergency assistance, and helping rebuild resilient communities. From a young age, Scouts are equipped with practical skills, leadership competencies, and a strong sense of service, enabling them to act quickly and effectively in times of crisis. This foundation allows Scouts to stand in solidarity with affected communities, providing timely, locally driven humanitarian support when it is needed most.

The Challenge

The [United Nations Annual Report 2025](#) notes that deadly conflicts continued to inflict massive suffering and displacement in 2024, highlighting that the humanitarian burden remains extreme across multiple regions. Communities around the world are increasingly affected by crises such as armed conflicts, natural disasters, and humanitarian emergencies, which disrupt social systems, weaken local capacities, and leave vulnerable populations, especially children and youth, without adequate support. In many contexts, communities lack the preparedness, trained volunteers, and local structures needed to respond effectively and recover sustainably. The funding priority “Scouts Responding to Crises: Preparedness, Response, and Resilience” seeks to address these gaps by strengthening community-based capacities, equipping young people and leaders with the skills to respond to emergencies, and supporting initiatives that help communities recover and build long-term resilience.

The Solution

The Scout Movement equips its members with vital skills, including leadership, project management, first aid, and civil defense, enabling them to respond effectively during crises. Scouts excel at mobilising communities, conducting needs assessments, and organising community actions, making them major actors and stakeholders in emergencies considering their preparedness and competencies. Beyond immediate response, Scouts offer long-term solutions to crises, focusing on preparedness, psychosocial support, peacebuilding, and community rebuilding.

Through their dedication, Scouts build resilient communities and empower young people to become the leaders of tomorrow. By leveraging local knowledge and global networks, Scouts promote a culture of peace, solidarity, and sustainability in crisis-affected areas.

Activities

Preparedness

- **Emergency coordination and assessment:** Scouts organise dedicated emergency response teams that coordinate with national authorities and humanitarian actors to assess situations, mobilise volunteers, and support crisis management
- **Disaster Preparedness and Response:** Mobilise trained youth volunteers to provide first aid, emergency assistance, evacuation support, and relief distribution.

Emergency Response

- **Shelter setup and support:** Assist in preparing and organising shelters, receiving displaced families, and monitoring their immediate needs.
- **Food preparation and distribution:** Support the preparation and distribution of meals for families residing in shelters and affected communities.
- **Data collection and needs monitoring:** Work with field teams to collect information on displaced families and identify priority humanitarian needs.
- **Child-friendly spaces:** Establish safe spaces in shelters where children can participate in recreational and educational activities.

- **Psychosocial and recreational activities:** Organise games, learning activities, and psychosocial support sessions to improve children's emotional well-being.

Recovery and Resilience

- **Community engagement:** Conduct group activities and awareness sessions to support families coping with displacement and strengthen community cohesion.
- **Disaster preparedness and response:** Mobilise trained youth volunteers to provide first aid, emergency assistance, evacuation support, and relief distribution.
- **Youth leadership and community resilience:** Empower young people to lead community actions, support recovery efforts, and contribute to rebuilding resilient communities.

Beneficiaries

- **Communities affected by the crises or disasters:** individuals and families directly impacted by emergencies in need of support for preparedness, immediate relief, and recovery initiatives.
- **People impacted:** affected citizens within the targeted communities, moreover, internally displaced families living in shelters, including children & vulnerable community members, who will receive humanitarian assistance, psychosocial support, and community support activities.

"I was fortunate to have a unique and distinguished scouting experience, particularly because it followed the tragedy of the Al-Haouz earthquake and the September 8th disaster.

The intervention of the NSO to mitigate the severity of the tragedy was a journey of recovery and a refuge for many young people from various regions affected by the disaster."

~ Abdelsamad Bos
Morocco

"Through this project, I learned that youth are not just beneficiaries during disasters, but we can be first responders in our communities. The skills we gained in first aid and fire safety have given us confidence to act quickly and help others before external assistance arrives."

~ Mary Ngonyani
Tanzania

Impact

As a result of the Scout Movement's engagement in humanitarian action and response, more realistic initiatives were designed and developed to support the affected people, youth and leaders from the communities. This includes supporting and collaborating with local authorities and humanitarian actors to identify urgent needs and deliver timely assistance. This community-based engagement ensures that responses are made immediately and consider the needs of each crisis, making interventions more effective and sustainable. At the same time, initiatives empower young people and community leaders to take an active role in recovery efforts, strengthening coordination, building trust between stakeholders, and reinforcing the resilience of communities facing crisis.

Why Partner with World Scouting?

World Scouting, through National Scout Organizations, have a strong network of trained Scout volunteers and deep community presence across 176 countries. This allows for rapid mobilisation to support humanitarian response, manage shelters, deliver assistance, and provide psychosocial support to affected families. Leveraging the global Scouting network can mobilise resources to impacted countries and generate funds and storytelling through campaigns across regional and global communications channels. By partnering with World Scouting, organisations can leverage this trusted grassroots network to efficiently reach vulnerable communities and strengthen coordinated humanitarian action. Partner with World Scouting to deliver timely, community-based humanitarian support where it is needed most.

Tamer Naif Harz, a Scout leader from Gaza, Palestine, received specialised emergency and disaster response training during severe war conditions.

He applied the skills he learned by training members of his Scout group and benefited from food assistance to support his family amid widespread famine caused by the ongoing conflict. They also used these survival skills to support their community members in building tents, water harvesting, safe cooking, & other essentials.



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