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EXPERIENCES FROM NATIONAL SOCIETIES

DRC: Mount Nyiragongo Volcano eruption response
Thousands of people had to flee their homes in the Democratic Republic of Congo after the Mount Nyiragongo volcano erupted on Saturday afternoon. Toxic gas and child protection are top priorities. National Societies in Rwanda and DRC are actively engaged in supporting affected communities. Read more

Fukushima: When lightning strikes twice (or even three times)
The Covid-19 pandemic is forcing a critical examination of how communities and local actors prepare for multiple, overlapping crises. The Japanese Red Cross Society shares lessons learned in the framework of its response to the triple disaster of earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear plant meltdown that occurred ten years ago. Read more

Panama: A more effective response is possible
The Panamanian Red Cross is implementing the Preparedness for Effective Response approach, which allowed the National Society to strengthen its response to Hurricane Eta. Read more about their experience in English / Spanish.

Case study: Community-Based surveillance in Indonesia (CP3)
Community members are key to prevent, detect, and respond to infectious diseases effectively. The Indonesia Red Cross has established community-based surveillance in pilot communities to detect and provide an early response to infectious diseases. Read more

The Living with Floods Challenge in Mozambique
The Netherlands Red Cross and the Dutch Coalition for Humanitarian Innovation launched the Living with Floods Challenge in Mozambique to help vulnerable people create a safer community for themselves by anticipating and acting to minimize the impact of floods. Check the initiatives selected.

Epidemics that didn't happen
In this report released in April 2021, Resolve to Save Lives shares inspiring stories of epidemics that didn't happen or whose impact was lessened because of careful planning and swift strategic action. The experience of the Kenya Red Cross is shared in chapter 4: ‘Building community trust: How Kenya controlled a deadly anthrax outbreak.’ Read more

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Webinar: 'Livelihoods Support in Migration and Displacement contexts'
Livelihoods interventions are vital to migrants and IDPs. As all contexts are unique, responses require tailor-made solutions, making interventions' design particularly challenging. Join us to learn more!

RESOURCES

Preparedness dashboards on Go Platform
Remember! The Preparedness section and its four dashboards: Global Summary, Global Performance, Catalogue of Resources, and Operational Learning on Go platform are a cutting-edge tool that allows us to monitor the response capacity of National Societies to crisis and disasters and take actions to improve it, working on their strengths and gaps. Navigate here

COVID-19 Safety Activities for children
The Global Disaster Preparedness Center Kids Activity Kit provides fun activity cards and videos where children can learn how to stay safe during this pandemic and relieve mental stress with a ‘learning through playing’ approach. Access here

Sphere Strategy 2021 – 2025, Global humanitarian standards for local action and preparedness
Sphere establishes, promotes and reviews standards for humanitarian action, which provide an accountable and quality framework for preparedness, resource allocation, response, monitoring and advocacy, before, during and after disasters and crises. Access here

IFRC epidemic preparedness and response package training modules
The Health and Care Unit in the Africa Regional Office has developed a training package that combines both existing and newly developed tools in the RCRC Movement to prepare for and respond to epidemics, with flexibility for adaptation to fit different contexts. Read more

Disaster Law new website
Check the new IFRC Disaster Law website with numerous guidance, checklists, tools, and other resources useful for National Societies to keep communities safe by developing and implementing effective disaster laws, policies, and plans. Access here