Disasters caused by technological and biological hazards are very different from the range of disasters the IFRC and National Societies are used to respond to. Mia explains in this new video that most disasters are unexpected and we cannot always predict when, where or how intensely they will strike. But with time we have learned to prepare for those most likely to occur in our areas. Watch this 3-minute video!
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. Check more about the DRC Red Cross work. 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 their lessons learned after the triple disaster of earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear plant meltdown 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 them to evaluate and improve their response mechanism to Hurricane Eta. Read more in English / Spanish.

Case study: Community-Based surveillance in Indonesia (CP3)
Indonesia is prone to a variety of natural hazards and infectious disease threats. Community members are key to prevent, detect, and respond to infectious diseases effectively. The IFRC and the Indonesia Red Cross have implemented community-based surveillance 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. Read more

Epidemics that didn't happen
In this report, we share inspiring stories of epidemics that didn't happen, or whose impact was lessened, because of careful planning and swift strategic action. As an example, check the Kenya Red Cross experience 'Building community trust: How Kenya controlled a deadly anthrax outbreak.' Read more

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EVENTS

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

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, 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