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# **WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY 2025**

## **HONORING OUR OWN**

Honouring Nigeria's Humanitarians:  
Local Strength, Global Solidarity



# EDITORIAL: World Humanitarian Day 2025

By: Manir H. Jega

On this World Humanitarian Day, August 19, 2025, the Nigerian Red Cross Society (NRCS) joins the global community to recognize the selfless courage of humanitarian workers.

*Delivering  
high impact  
interventions  
at the  
doorsteps of  
vulnerable  
communities*



## **2025 THEME: "STRENGTHENING GLOBAL SOLIDARITY AND EMPOWERING LOCAL COMMUNITIES,"**

This year's theme deeply resonates with our mandate. For over 60 years, the NRCS has been a grassroots organization, built and led by Nigerians, for Nigerians.

This day is a reminder that true humanitarian strength lies in the hands of those who live and serve within their own communities.

## **SPOTLIGHT ON LOCAL HEROES**

In NRCS, the theme of empowering local communities is more than a slogan; it is our operational reality. Our vast network of over 800,000 Community Based volunteers, present in all 774 Local Government Areas, represents the very heart of this effort.

On this day, we honor you. Your commitment ensures that wherever there is a need, the Nigerian Red Cross Society is "On the Side of Humanity".



*Working in  
groups in  
search of  
victims*



# **SAVING LIVES & LIVELIHOODS**

**Partnership with Mastercard  
Foundation, Africa CDC & IFRC to  
support Immunization in Nigeria.**

**Working with**

**National Primary Health Care Development  
Agency**

**&**

**States Primary Health Care Development Agency**

# Reflections: World Humanitarian Day 2025

## NIGERIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY INTERVENTIONS

### In the Eye of the Storm in Borno & Niger States

When the Mokwa and Maiduguri Floods brought unimaginable loss. The local NRCS volunteers were there immediately, delivering emergency relief.



### Combatting Malnutrition with Local Wisdom

NRCS Mothers Club Volunteers teaches women how to produce flour mix "Tom Brown". This flour, made from local grains, soy, and peanuts, helps moderately malnourished children recover

### First Aid for a Safer Nigeria

The NRCS "Safe School Initiative" equipped students with vital first aid skills, empowering a new generation of humanitarians who can make a difference in their own communities.



### Flood Simulation Exercise

Recognising that disasters strike without warning, NRCS partners with key Stakeholders in a flood simulation exercise to enhance stakeholder coordination, and raise public awareness about potential disasters.



## Taraba Branch Conducts PGI Awareness in Flood-Prone Communities



As part of the ongoing Protection Gender Inclusion Education with respect to flood response activities, the NRCS Taraba State Branch carried out community sensitization in flood prone communities of Danyali in Ardokola LGA of Taraba State, Anguwan Ruby and People with Special Needs in Jalingo LGA.

The sensitization focused on protection issues, speaking up during moments of distress and understanding referral pathways most especially during flooding in their communities.

## FCT Branch Collaborates with EHA Clinics for Health Outreach Initiative

Beyond responding to disease outbreaks when they happen, we also want to prevent medical emergencies. This is exactly what we did when our FCT Branch partnered with EHA clinics to conduct a health outreach at Brains and Hammers City Estate, Life Camp Abuja Nigeria.

The outreach featured a range of essential health services including blood pressure checks, hepatitis and malaria testing, HIV screening, deworming of children, and health counseling.



# NRCS Taraba Branch Holds Workshop to Strengthen Volunteer Capacity and Recruitment

Reported by: Faith Ohikuare, Branch Communication Officer, Taraba



The Nigerian Red Cross Society (NRCS) Taraba Branch recently organised a one-day workshop aimed at strengthening volunteer capacity and launching a renewed volunteer recruitment drive across communities in the state.

The training brought together volunteers and branch leaders to build practical skills and strategies for enhancing volunteer engagement, development, and retention within their respective divisions.

This initiative forms part of the broader goal to scale up the effectiveness and sustainability of the Red Cross volunteer network at the community level. By investing in volunteer capacity and expanding membership, NRCS Taraba Branch is reinforcing its commitment to community service, humanitarian action, and resilience-building across the state.





**...A SURE SIGN OF HOPE**



# NRCS PLATEAU BRANCH EMPOWERS VOLUNTEERS WITH SAFER ACCESS KNOWLEDGE FOR FIELD OPERATIONS



Our Plateau State branch has just concluded a Safer Access Dissemination and Sensitization program for its volunteers in Jos South. This initiative aims to enhance the understanding of the practical steps and measures required to effectively implement the Safer Access Framework. The program includes a total of 30 volunteers, comprising 12 males and 18 females.

During the session, Branch Secretary- Mr. Nurudeen Magaji emphasized the importance of active participation among the volunteers.

This training is a crucial step towards strengthening the capacity of the Nigerian Red Cross volunteers to deliver humanitarian assistance while maintaining safety and security in their operations.



Reported by: Nzubechi Akubuako, Branch Communication Officer, Abia

## **ABIA BRANCH PROMOTES HANDWASHING CULTURE IN OHIYA MECHANIC VILLAGE, DONATES TIPPY TAP FOR DAILY USE**

Do you know that in any community, you can reduce the risk of contracting disease by 50% by simply washing your hands with soap and water?

No medicine, no gimmicks-just simple hygiene.

This was what our Umuahia South Division, of Nigerian Red Cross Society, Abia State Branch went to tell the good people of the Prestigious Ohiya Mechanic Village. The idea was to sensitize the mechanic community to ways to practice good personal hygiene and Proper Handwashing techniques.

To encourage the mechanic community the team donated a tippy tap to the mechanics so they could practice what they had been taught.





Reported by: Peter Ochu, Branch Communication Officer, Kaduna

## **Emergency Response: The Kaduna Red Cross Volunteers Provide Lifesaving First Aid After Tankers Collision**

On Monday, August 11, 2025, at approximately 8:30 am, a tragic accident involving two tankers carrying petroleum and gas occurred on the Kaduna to Kano highway. Our Sabon Gari and Zaria Division volunteers responded promptly to the accident scene, providing critical first aid to victims. The NRCS team conveyed the driver, Danjuma, who suffered serious injuries to Muslim Specialist Hospital before being transferred to ABU Teaching Hospital, Shika for further treatment.





## 3,000 Households Reached!

### NRCS and ICRC Distribute Hygiene Kits Across Cholera Hotspot Communities in Adamawa

With support from the International Committee of Red Cross (ICRC), NRCS distributed hygiene kits to 3,000 households in Yola South, Yola North and Jada LGAs-identified cholera hotspot zones!

This initiative aims to promote health and prevent cholera outbreaks in these communities.



## Empowering NYSC Members with Life-Saving Skills in Kwara

Reported by: Taiye Afolayan , Branch Communication Officer, Kwara



Our Kwara Branch recently conducted a sensitization session on first aid practices for the 2025 Batch 'B' Stream 1 Corps Members at Yikpata Camp. The session was led by Trainer Sahban Salman. Trainer Salman delivered a comprehensive presentation on first aid practices, focusing on practical techniques and safety protocols.

# Communities in Anambra Trained on Flood Response Through Red Cross Simulation Exercise



Our Anambra State Branch, in collaboration with key stakeholders, conducted a flood simulation exercise at Inoma community. The exercise brought together participants from Owelle, Ukwalla, and Inoma communities.

The simulation showcased an Early Warning and Early Action display, an evacuation process from a flooded community, a boat capsize scenario with emergency response, and the establishment of a proper camp setup. The purpose was to equip the local communities with practical knowledge on how to prepare ahead of flooding and respond effectively when floods occur.

In attendance was Mr. Abdullah Yusuf, representing the NRCS National Headquarters, as well as Mrs. Ndidiamaka Azoro and Mrs. Idaraobong Ekanem from IFRC. Also present were representatives from State Emergency Mgt Authority, Natl Inland Waterways Authority, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), and traditional/community leaders including the Presidents General, Women Leaders, and Youth Coordinators of the benefiting communities.

The Branch Chairman was represented by Prince Chika Ezedigbo, gave his support, while the Branch Secretary, Engr. Kingsley Okoye, led the management team.

Reported by: Joseph Obidieze ,  
Branch Communication Officer,  
Anambra.



# NRCS ENUGU CONDUCTS FLOOD SIMULATION EXERCISE IN OKPANKU TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE



Reported by: Franklyn Orji , Branch Communication Officer, Enugu

More disaster preparedness news -as our Enugu Branch, in collaboration with NHQ and IFRC officials, conducted a Flood Simulation Exercise at Okpanku community, Aninri LGA. The activity engaged key stakeholders including NEMA, SEMA, Federal Fire Service, FRSC, and community members.

The simulation featured flood alerts, evacuation drills, search and rescue, and first aid with psychosocial support—giving the community hands-on experience in preparedness and resilience.

Strong participation, visible collaboration, and positive feedback underscored the impact of the exercise, reinforcing NRCS role in disaster readiness and humanitarian response.





# SEVERE ACUTE MALNUTRITION

## Taraba Red Cross Provides Emergency Medical Support to IDP Children with Malnutrition

Reported by: Faith Ohikuare , Branch Communication Officer, Taraba



Our Taraba Branch supports 2 children from the Al-Ameen Primary School- IDP camp with emergency medical care at Federal Medical Centre, Jalingo following a referral by the Taraba State Emergency Management Agency. One child, Fatima Saleh, was admitted for severe acute malnutrition with complications and is receiving intensive treatment, while Mohammed Umar, with an eye condition, has been rescheduled for specialist care.

Branch Health Coordinator Zuwaira Mohammed ensured proper care and provided psychological first aid to the mothers. NRCS volunteers continue to support displaced families, ensuring timely medical attention and follow-up.

# Building Capacity:

## "NRCS Conducts Comprehensive Capacity-Building Workshop for Trainers Across Branches"

Reported by: Aisha Joda , Branch Communication Officer, Adamawa



As part of its commitment to strengthening volunteer capacity, the Nigerian Red Cross Society recently held a comprehensive training workshop to equip participants from Adamawa and Yobe branches with the skills and knowledge needed to deliver quality humanitarian services.

Director, Safer Access and Security, Mr Andronicus Adeyemo with support from International Committee of the Red Cross-teaches about the emblem and history of the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement

The sessions refreshed participants on the Fundamental Principles of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, the correct use of the Red Cross emblem, and the Code of Conduct, while also providing in-depth training on the Safer Access Framework, volunteer insurance, financial and administrative procedures, and guidelines for International Committee of the Red Cross and Nigerian Red Cross Society fund support.



Beyond technical modules, the workshop also focused on soft skills essential for effective training delivery—covering presentation skills, verbal and non-verbal communication, group dynamics, and evaluation methods. Participants practiced facilitating discussions, providing feedback, and reflecting on key learning points.

Guided by the facilitator, both branches developed action plans to close existing gaps and strengthen their operations. By the close of the workshop, participants had acquired trainer-level skills, positioning them to cascade the knowledge down to their divisions and multiply impact across communities.



# Saving lives & livelihoods project

## VOICES from the BRANCHES

### MEASLES-RUBELLA IEC PRE-TESTING TO STRENGTHEN IMMUNIZATION MESSAGING IN OYO STATE

The NRCS, in collaboration with National Primary Healthcare Development Agency and Oyo State Primary Healthcare Development Board, conducted a Measles Rubella IEC pre-testing campaign in Egbeda and Akinyele LGAs of Oyo State. Focus Group Discussions with caregivers and Key Informant Interviews with leaders and health workers assessed clarity, cultural appropriateness, and acceptability of campaign messages.



### SHAPING THE MEASLES-RUBELLA (MR) CAMPAIGN IN BAUCHI STATE

NRCS supported the Bauchi State government, we set out to ensure that communities' voices are reflected in the Measles-Rubella vaccination campaign.

A father in Dass pointed at an image and said: "Why are only girls shown here? Our boys also need this vaccine."

A mother in Bauchi added: "We know measles, but what is Rubella? This is the first time we are hearing the name."



### NRCS LEADS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FOR MEASLES-RUBELLA IEC VALIDATION WITH SUPPORT FROM SLL PROGRAM IN BENUE STATE

The Nigerian Red Cross Society, in collaboration with NPHCDA, SPHCB, IFRC, and UNICEF, conducted pre-testing of Measles Rubella SBCC materials in Benue State. Focus Group Discussions were held with men and women caregivers in Wadata and North-Bank communities (Makurdi LGA) and Aliade (Gwer-East LGA), while Key Informant Interviews engaged community leaders, religious leaders, media, and health workers.





# GALLERY

NRCS and Partners Conduct Measles-Rubella IEC Pre-Testing to Strengthen Immunization in Nigeria





# NRCS Welcomes IFRC's New Head of Delegation, Ghulam Muhammad Awan, to Nigeria

Reported by: Chima Nwankwo , Coordinator, Communications & Advocacy.



New IFRC Delegate to Nigeria, Ghulam Muhammad Awan (3<sup>rd</sup> from left) in a group photo with Secretary General Abubakar Kende and Mgt Team, Nigerian Red Cross Society in Abuja, Nigeria

With decades of experience across South Asia and Africa—supporting National Societies, leading humanitarian initiatives at the global level, and strengthening resilience in crisis contexts—Mr. Awan brings with him a strong commitment to sustainability, innovation, and collaboration.

During his introduction to the NRCS leadership team, he emphasized his open-door approach, a collective drive for impact, and a vision for building a self-sustaining Nigerian Red Cross Society.

We look forward to working hand-in-hand to advance humanitarian outcomes for the most vulnerable.

# WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY:

## NRCS Sokoto Calls for Collective Action – The Red Cross Is Everybody's Business

Reported by: Branch Communication Officer, Sokoto



Marked on the 19th of August every year, World Humanitarian Day honors humanitarian workers and raises awareness about the importance of humanitarian assistance worldwide.

To recognize humanitarian workers—both those who risk their lives in conflict, disaster, and crisis zones, and those who provide life-saving assistance every day. To rally global support for people affected by crises—whether from natural disasters, armed conflict, disease outbreaks, or displacement—reminding the world of our shared responsibility to alleviate human suffering.

Sokoto Branch appeared on a live program on Royal FM 101.5. Branch Secretary Mal Nafiu Yusuf emphasized that “the Red Cross is everybody’s business,” urging more people and stakeholders to support humanitarian efforts for the most vulnerable.



# Kaduna Branch Marks World Humanitarian Day

Reported by: Peter Ochu , Branch Communication Officer, Kaduna



The NRCS Kaduna Branch appeared on Kaduna State Media Corporation to mark the 2025 World Humanitarian Day. The theme of the day was “Strengthening Global Solidarity and Empowering Local Communities.” Represented by Mr. Hassan Ahmed, the Branch called for stronger collaboration to overcome humanitarian challenges and reaffirmed its role in championing solidarity and resilience in Kaduna State.

# ROYAL RECOGNITION

**Agboyi Monarchs Bestow  
Chieftaincy Title on NRCS  
for Humanitarian Efforts in  
Lagos State**

Reported by: Olushola Tejuosho, Branch Communication Officer, Lagos



*L-R: Mr. Benson Dave Agbro, Director of Disaster Management and Alhaji Abubakar Ahmed Kende, Secretary General, Nigerian Red Cross Society at their installation as Chiefs of Agboyi Kingdom*



On the occasion of his 5th Coronation Anniversary, His Royal Majesty, Oba Monsuru Abimbola Oladega, the Olu of Agboyi Kingdom, has honoured the Nigerian Red Cross Society for its transformative humanitarian interventions in Agboyi Community over the past four years.

In a colourful ceremony attended by royal fathers, community leaders, residents, Red Cross volunteers, and the media, two distinguished leaders of the Nigerian Red Cross Society received honorary chieftaincy titles:

Alhaji Abubakar Ahmed Kende, Secretary General, installed as Aare Tadese of Agboyi Kingdom  
Mr. Benson Dave Agbro, Director of Disaster Management, installed as Otunba Fiwagboye of Agboyi Kingdom (accompanied by his wife.



Other Red Cross officials in attendance included Branch Secretary Mr. Olakunle Lasisi, Branch Communication Officer Mr. Olushola Tejuosho, Kosofe Divisional Coordinator Mr. Benjamin Aghoro, and former Divisional Chairman Mr. Austin Umude.

Also present was Otunba Karsten Voigt, Country Manager of the British Red Cross, who had previously been honoured as Otunba Soludero of Agboyi Kingdom.



While this royal recognition stands as a symbol of gratitude, it is also a powerful call for greater humanitarian action to alleviate the suffering of the most vulnerable across Nigeria.

As we celebrate this milestone, the Nigerian Red Cross Society reaffirms its commitment to serving humanity anytime, anywhere, guided by the 7 Fundamental Principles of the Red Cross Movement.

Congratulations to our two Humanitarian Heroes!

# NRCS Pategi Division Delivers Relief to Families Affected BY Conflict in Lade Community, Kwara State

Reported by: Taiye Afolayan, Branch Communication Officer, Kwara



Our Pategi Division provides humanitarian support to victims of violence in Lade community, Pategi LGA, Kwara State, Nigeria. The visit offers relief to affected families and underscores NRCS' commitment to alleviating suffering amid rising insecurity in the region.

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- ✓ Strengthened company public image



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