

The World's Largest Humanitarian Network

The American Red Cross extends its humanitarian mission around the world through its work as part of the global Red Cross network – the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and 185 other national Red Cross and Red Crescent societies.

With more than 13 million volunteers, we use our presence in nearly every community to provide urgent humanitarian assistance to the world's hardest-to-reach and most vulnerable populations.



Together with our Red Cross and Red Crescent partners, the American Red Cross has helped reconnect thousands of families separated by disasters or conflict.

How You Can Help

You can help people affected by disasters like floods, fires, tornadoes and hurricanes, as well as countless crises at home and around the world, by making a donation to support American Red Cross Disaster Relief. Your gift enables the Red Cross to prepare for and provide shelter, food, emotional support and other assistance in response to disasters.

Visit Redcross.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS. Contributions may also be sent to your local American Red Cross chapter or to the American Red Cross, P.O. Box 37243, Washington, DC 20013.

The chaos and confusion that accompany war and disaster can separate families when they need each other most. When this happens, the Red Cross joins the search across international borders, offering a unique service that allows families to reconnect.

What We Do

American Red Cross caseworkers at local chapters around the U.S. help families locate missing relatives by working with our partners—the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and Red Cross and Red Crescent organizations in nearly every country around the world.

Once a family member is found, the Red Cross helps them reconnect. Messages can be very brief, but the three short words “I am alive” may be all that is needed to ease the minds of distraught relatives half a world away. Red Cross messages can also be exchanged between families and their loved ones in refugee camps and detention centers to allow them to keep in contact and share family news.

This past year, the American Red Cross helped reconnect more than 4,200 families—bridging years of separation to renew critical links between new communities in the U.S. and their families around the world.

Where We Work

The Restoring Family Links program is truly global in scope. The American Red Cross provides services following natural disasters, such as the 2010 Haiti earthquake, as well as in conflict-affected countries that include:

Afghanistan	Ethiopia
Bosnia	Hungary
Burundi	Liberia
Cambodia	Rwanda
Cuba	Somalia
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Sudan
Eritrea	

We also continue to provide services that reconnect Holocaust Survivors and their families, which includes activities in many countries affected by World War II.

For more information, please visit www.redcross.org/international.