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International Rescue Committee UK Annual Report 2014



The International Rescue Committee responds to the world's worst humanitarian crises and helps people to survive, recover and gain control of their future.



Front cover: Children attend classes in a new school constructed as part of an IRC development project to serve villages in Myanmar's Chin state. The villages are among the poorest in Myanmar, with some 70 percent of the people living in extreme poverty.

Inside cover: A mother and her child at an IRC-led discussion on Ebola prevention in Barkedu, Liberia.

The IRC in 2014

Responding to emergencies across the globe and helping victims of conflict and natural disaster survive, recover and gain control of their future

In 2014, vicious warfare drove millions of people from their homes in the Middle East, Africa and Asia. Meanwhile, the deadly Ebola virus killed thousands in West Africa. The IRC responded by delivering vital aid to these crisis areas without delay, knowing that rapid assistance saves lives. Every day, the IRC works to restore hope and dignity to 17.6 million people in over 40 countries and 23 U.S. cities.

In 2014, the IRC and its partner organisations:



17.6 million

Helped 17.6 million people whose lives and livelihoods were shattered by conflict and disaster to survive, recover and gain control of their future



16.1 million

Provided 16.1 million people with primary and reproductive health care



364,000

Vaccinated over 364,000 children under the age of one against disease



3.3 million

Gave 3.3 million people access to clean drinking water and sanitation

Offices

IRC Programmes

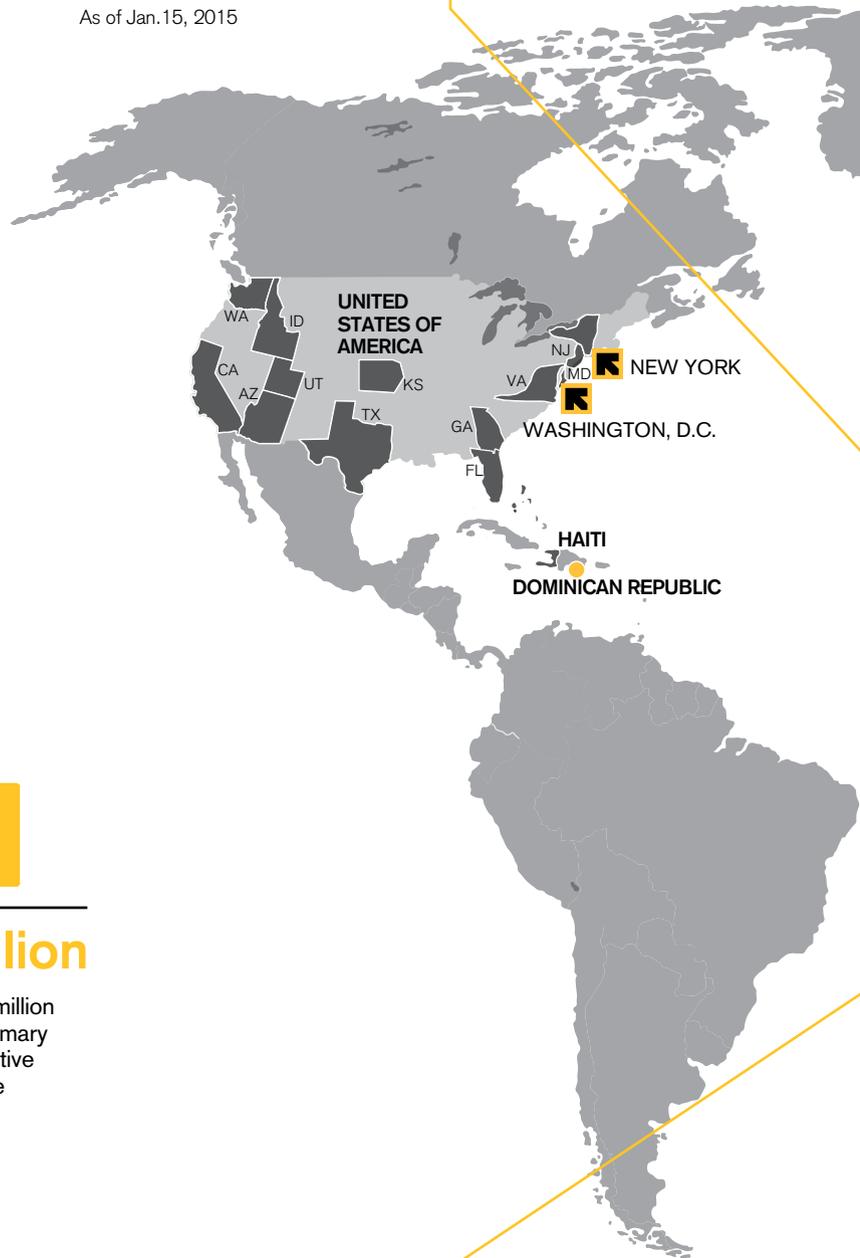
IRC Partnerships

The IRC maintains formal partnership agreements with local nongovernmental organisations.

Surge Protection Project

The IRC manages the Surge Protection Project, which helps the United Nations protect refugees during a crisis. Surge Protection Project staff members are deployed in these countries.

As of Jan. 15, 2015



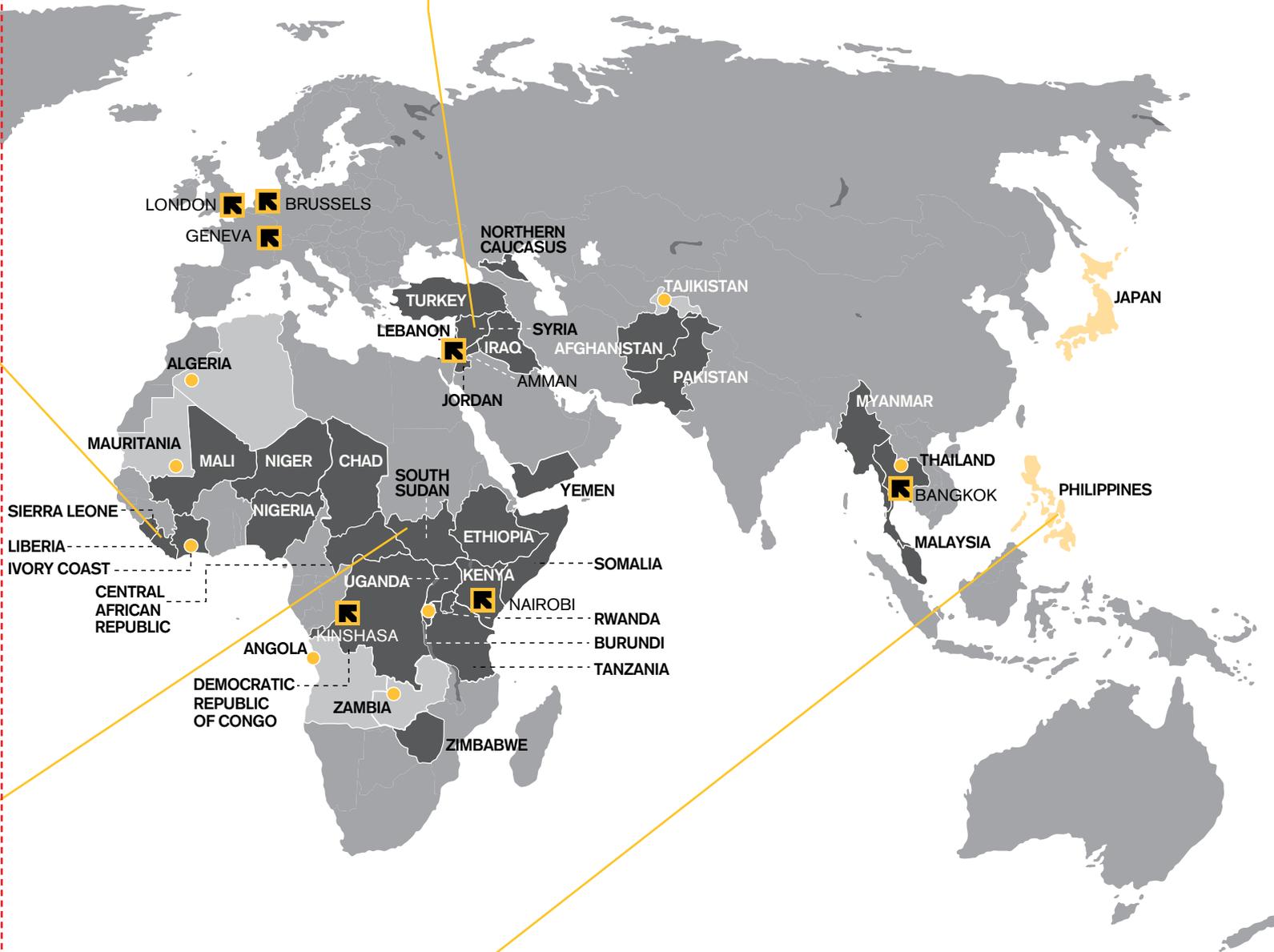
West Africa

West Africa is struggling to stop what has become the largest Ebola outbreak ever recorded. The deadly disease has killed over 10,000 people. In Liberia and Sierra Leone the IRC supports Ebola response efforts on all fronts: treatment, surveillance, aid coordination, and community engagement.



Syria

The four-year-long conflict has displaced 10 million people, many of whom have sought refuge in neighbouring countries. The IRC provides extensive support to refugees and aids hundreds of thousands of people trapped inside the war-torn country.



South Sudan

Conflict between government and militia forces has killed thousands and displaced 2 million people. Sporadic peace talks have failed to end the fighting. The IRC provides health care, water and sanitation, food and nutrition services, and other aid to people in need.



The Philippines

When a powerful typhoon ravaged the Philippines in 2013, the IRC helped local communities rebuild and prepare for the next disaster. After Typhoon Hagupit struck the islands last autumn the emergency preparedness paid off: IRC-supported aid groups were able to provide immediate assistance and save lives.



IRC aid worker Salih Musa comforts a child in the Domiz refugee camp in Iraq. Musa likes to say he's on a mission: to help the youngest victims of the Syrian conflict, especially refugee children who have no one to look after them.

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Left: Many Syrian refugees in Jordan live in makeshift settlements in towns and cities. The IRC helps them access health care with a mobile clinic and meet their basic needs through cash assistance.

Opposite page: IRC President David Miliband with students at the Islamabad Model School. Through the Pakistan Reading Project, the IRC and its partners are working to improve reading education in more than 23,000 schools and train 51,000 teachers over the next five years.

Message from the Chair of the IRC-UK Board

Dear friends and supporters
2014 was a year in which the International Rescue Committee and its dedicated staff faced a world beset by multiple crises. Over 50 million people were forced to flee their homes as a result of conflict and natural disaster, and the gap between the numbers of people in need and the resources available to help them widened further. As we have tried to do across our long history, the IRC rose to the challenge, reaching more people than ever before in their most critical time of need.

From the cities, towns and villages of Liberia and Sierra Leone, where communities have been ravaged by the spread of the deadly Ebola virus, to the Syria region where conflict is now in its fifth year and where the greatest humanitarian crisis of our generation continues to unfold, the IRC was and continues to be there. We are on the frontlines of disasters and conflicts worldwide, helping the most vulnerable to survive, recover and gain control of their futures.

Thanks to the generous support of donors like you, we were able to reach over 17 million people with vital aid, often within 72 hours of the outbreak of a crisis, knowing that rapid assistance saves lives.

As the need for our lifesaving work increases, so too does our need for extra resources. The IRC's budget globally has now reached £382 million, and we are pleased to report that almost one third of that came from UK and European donors.

In June 2014, IRC-UK bid a fond farewell to former Executive Director, Dr Carolyn Makinson, on her retirement. We are delighted that she has since received the honour of Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) from Her Majesty the Queen, in recognition of her work.

Carolyn's successor, Jane Waterman, joined the IRC in September 2014, as Senior Vice President for Europe and Executive Director of IRC-UK. 2015 is an exciting year for the IRC in Europe as Jane,

the Board and IRC's staff take forward the ambitious European arm of a new global strategy, presented overleaf in more detail by David Miliband, IRC President and CEO.

As we embark on this inspiring new journey for the IRC in Europe we hope we can continue to rely on your generous support. It is only thanks to our dedicated donors, and our network of supporters, that we have been able to continue to reach so many millions of vulnerable people in this time of crisis across the globe.

On behalf of our IRC colleagues in Europe, and the Board of IRC-UK, we would like to express our immense gratitude and appreciation for the generosity of all who have helped, in whatever way.



Sir John Holmes



22,000

The IRC and its partners offered legal assistance to nearly 22,000 people through legal centres and mobile teams and trained more than 17,000 people in the principles of human rights



Message from the President

Dear Friends,

I am honoured to present the IRC annual report for 2014, a year in which we provided vital aid to a record 17.6 million vulnerable people around the world, including crucial services for refugees resettling in the United States.

If you are an existing supporter—thank you. Without you, we could not make the difference that we do. If you are a potential new supporter, then please talk to us. We are building the IRC family at a time of momentous challenge around the world, and we are determined to make our efforts this year even more impactful than in the last.

In 2014, our dedicated staff faced a world where crises grew in scale, complexity and danger. Globally, more than 50 million people were forced from their homes by conflict and natural disaster. The humanitarian forecast for this year is that worse is to come.

From Syria to Somalia to Pakistan, IRC teams have shown extraordinary courage and resilience. In Liberia and Sierra Leone, the IRC was on the

frontlines of the effort to contain the deadly Ebola virus, while in South Sudan we provided crucial aid and support to hundreds of thousands of people who have been displaced by civil war and were threatened by famine. In northeast Nigeria and in the Central African Republic, we are one of the few aid organisations providing critical services to communities displaced by brutal sectarian conflict.

The demand for our work has never been greater, so our response to the challenges we face needs to be increasingly efficient and effective—but also creative. That is why over the past year we have conducted a rigorous, thoughtful and in-depth examination of the way we carry out our work around the world, and how to carry it forward. This engaged people at all levels in the organisation, as well as experts from outside.

The result of the review is an ambitious new strategy that will guide our efforts from 2015 through 2020. We aim to set new standards not just for ourselves but for the humanitarian sector—to fulfill our renewed mission statement

of helping people whose lives are shattered by conflict or disaster to survive, recover and gain control of their future.

In a world with more resources than ever before, but experiencing human suffering on a scale difficult to comprehend, we are determined to make measurable improvements in the lives of the people we serve. Every country programme and U.S. resettlement office will measure progress on a key set of humanitarian outcomes. We will ensure that all our programmes are evidence-based or evidence-generating. And we will share our work to ensure that best knowledge and practice is widely adopted.

All this will require us to develop our IT and security infrastructures, and our human resources, as never before. Whether managing grants or mapping dangers to our people, we want to build strong systems that are appropriate for a global organisation.

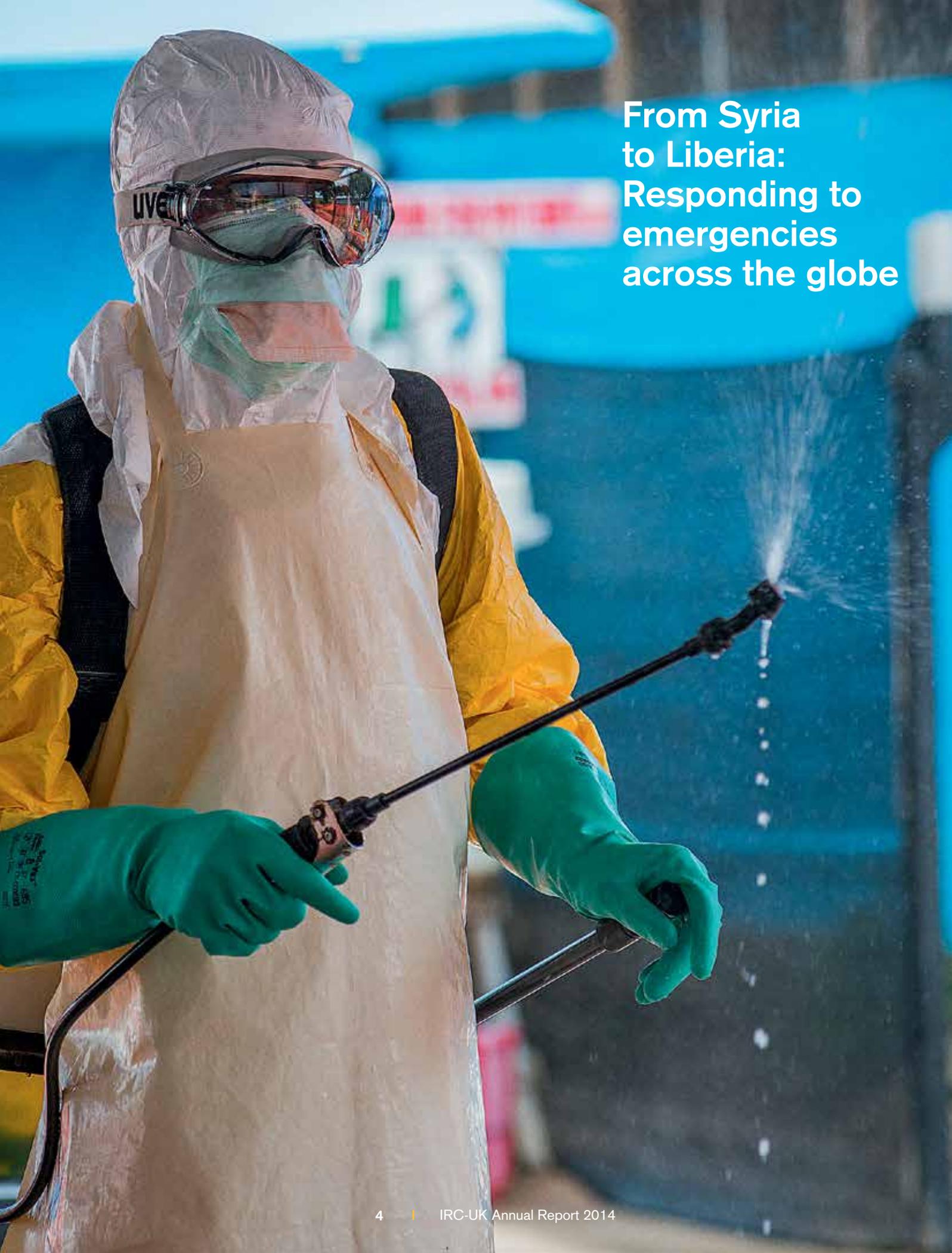
We also know that an important part of the response to the fragmentation of the global humanitarian effort is more systematic efforts at

partnership—with the donor community, with civil society in the places in which we work, and with the private sector. We want to partner with donors to create programmes that will break with the short-termism that undermines sustainable solutions. With local civil society, we want to build acceptance and integration. With the private sector we want to break new ground in defining effective alignment of corporate and social values. The beneficiaries should be the millions of men, women and children left behind in a world in flux.

Thank you for your interest and support as we write the next chapter of the IRC's history.



David Miliband



**From Syria
to Liberia:
Responding to
emergencies
across the globe**



Ebola in West Africa: Communities fight for survival

When Ebola appeared in Lofa County in rural Liberia last spring, the disease proved devastating. Whole families were wiped out as the virus ravaged villages. Hundreds of new cases appeared every week and hospitals and health centres buckled under the strain, leaving the sick to die in their homes or on the sides of roads. By summer, Lofa County was the epicentre of the largest Ebola outbreak ever recorded.

With the Liberian government struggling to respond and international aid just beginning to arrive, the IRC—which has worked in Lofa County for nearly 20 years—turned to the local community to help curb the disease's spread.

In addition to providing medical supplies, protective equipment and training to local health workers, the IRC joined with community leaders to educate people about Ebola and Ebola prevention.

Alpha Tamba, a physician assistant from the village of Gbandu, joined the effort through a local IRC partner organisation, Pentecostal Mission Unlimited–Liberia. Travelling to remote villages, and speaking in the local language, Tamba addressed deadly rumours about Ebola, including that it was being spread by the government or aid groups. Tamba emphasised that people were not powerless to stop Ebola, that measures such as careful hand-washing and avoiding contact with the dead were extremely effective.

Tamba initially encountered resistance. On one occasion he was beaten and driven out of a village. But as more people became sick, his message began to be heard.

Opposite page: IRC outreach workers and clinics have referred hundreds of suspected Ebola cases to the care unit in the village of Foya, Liberia. The work is risky and temperatures inside the suit can reach 155 degrees Fahrenheit.

Above left: A shopkeeper washes his hands in chlorine solution in an Ebola-stricken village in Lofa County, Liberia.

Above right: Alpha Tamba, the IRC's Ebola response coordinator in Lofa County, Liberia.

How the IRC is fighting Ebola in Liberia and Sierra Leone



1,267

IRC-supported health facilities



5,216

Trained health care workers



4,767

Trained community outreach volunteers



4

IRC-run Ebola isolation units

The IRC has been at the forefront of the fight to combat the spread of the deadly Ebola virus since the first cases were diagnosed in Liberia and Sierra Leone in March 2014.

As of Dec. 31, 2014



TAKING ACTION ON EBOLA

The IRC has taken a lead role in advocating for greater international action on the Ebola crisis. In October 2014, the IRC delivered a statement on behalf of 32 international aid agencies urging more funding to address the epidemic. In November, the IRC released a report highlighting the critical leadership role West African communities are playing in mitigating the spread and impact of Ebola. The report was distributed to international policymakers and strongly influenced the global response. The European Union and its member states have provided almost €1.4 billion in funding to respond to the ebola outbreak in West Africa, with over £400 million made available by the UK government's Department for International Development.*

*Figure at March 2015

Back in Gbandu, Tamba was welcomed by family and friends. "I told them, you can't rely on me to save you," he recalls. "Now that you believe that Ebola exists, what can you do to prevent bringing it to our town?"

The villagers met and decided to take action. Women would ensure that traders would not travel to Guinea. Elders would restrict outsiders, other than health workers, from visiting the village. Young men announced they would forswear social activities and avoid bars in nearby towns until the outbreak had passed.

Ebola did not come to Gbandu. And community-based Ebola education and prevention efforts were expanded throughout Lofa County and became critical in efforts across Liberia and Sierra Leone. Since November 2014, Lofa County has not recorded a single Ebola case. Experts credit community effort, along with international assistance and better treatment facilities, for dramatically slowing the epidemic in Liberia and Sierra Leone.

"Community leadership has been key," says Dr. Emmanuel d'Harcourt, IRC senior health director. "People now know they can beat this virus. And while the fight is not over, they believe eradication of Ebola is within sight."

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Opposite page: Emmanuel Boyah, the IRC's health manager in Lofa County, trains local health workers in how to use protective equipment in the treatment of Ebola patients.

Above: IRC aid workers meet with a Syrian refugee who receives cash assistance from the IRC in northern Lebanon.

Above right: The IRC provides debit cards to thousands of Syrian refugees. The cards can be used to withdraw money to pay for rent, food, utilities and other essentials.

Bottom right: A Syrian refugee family uses cash distributed by the IRC to buy medicine.



Cash helps Syrian refugees to survive

Daily survival is a struggle for many of the 1.2 million Syrian refugees who have sought refuge in Lebanon. Since the bitter conflict began over four years ago nearly 4 million Syrians have fled to neighbouring countries. Unlike Jordan, Iraq and Turkey, Lebanon has no refugee camps and Syrian refugees are scattered among 1,200 towns and villages, making them much harder to reach and help.

Many live in informal tent settlements and abandoned warehouses or crowd into small,

expensive apartments or the homes of friends. Most can't afford rent, to buy food and fuel, or pay for schooling for their children.

In response to these conditions, the IRC began providing cash assistance, accessed through reloadable debit cards, to thousands of the most vulnerable refugees. For up to half a year, families receive as much as \$200 a month to spend on necessities of their choice. At the end of this period, they are referred to other IRC programmes for support.

"We left Syria with only the clothes we had on," says Farah, who, following the death of her husband, is now the head of a household of five, all living in a one-room rented apartment in northern Lebanon.

NO CASH ASSISTANCE



Households not receiving cash assistance are more than twice as likely to send their children to work

CASH ASSISTANCE



Households receiving cash assistance have increased access to education, as well as reduced tension within the household



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11,000

The IRC and its partners counselled and provided services to some 11,000 survivors of gender-based violence and reached 1.2 million men, women and children through prevention efforts in their communities

"Debts were accumulating and I didn't know how we were going to survive," she recalls. "The IRC visited us at home and they said they were going to help us—and they have." With cash assistance from the IRC, Farah has been able to keep a roof over her family and send her children to a local school.

Other refugees used the money to buy heaters and fuel. Hassan, a father of two who can no longer work because of health problems, was able to buy his own medicine and take his children to a doctor.

Families receiving cash assistance had more frequent and plentiful meals, and were 50 percent less likely to put their children to work and more likely to send them to school. Tensions were reduced both within the household and, in the wider community, between refugees and Lebanese.

Research conducted in Lebanon by the IRC, in partnership with Yale University and the University of Brasilia, suggests that cash assistance also benefits the communities where refugees settle. It has proven to be an especially effective way to reach isolated urban refugees, who now make up an increasingly large number of the refugee population worldwide.

Indeed, a majority of refugee families said that they would prefer to receive cash to other forms of assistance. Families can decide themselves which of their pressing needs must be met, and the researchers found no evidence that the money was spent on alcohol or tobacco.

While cash cannot compensate for the trauma of being driven from their homes, it can help families to survive and provide for their children.



SPEAKING UP FOR SYRIAN WOMEN

No group has suffered more during the Syrian civil war than women. The IRC has been their constant advocate since the start of the conflict. In a groundbreaking report, "Are We Listening? Acting on Our Commitments to Women and Girls Affected by the Syrian Conflict," the IRC sought to amplify the voices of women and girls in the Syrian region and galvanise the international community to action. As a result of the report, a review is underway to ensure that the international humanitarian community works to safeguard the lives of Syrian women and girls and empower them to be active in their own lives, homes and communities.



HUMANITARIAN ACTION IN A NEW URBAN WORLD

With rapid urbanisation, humanitarian crises are increasingly impacting towns and cities. Half of the world's over 51 million refugees now live in urban areas; with support services traditionally designed for rural and camp contexts, there is an urgent need for new ways of working. The IRC is leading the way in finding solutions and advocating for change in the humanitarian sector's response to urban crises. In 2014 the IRC secured DFID funding for a groundbreaking joint policy and advocacy partnership on urban crises. This partnership was launched at the IRC's Ditchley Park Conference in October 2014, with David Miliband delivering the key note address and senior UN officials and major donors making commitments that will drive forward the urban agenda.

The IRC is acting as a convenor and catalyst for change by bringing together peer organisations and policy-makers at global policy fora. The World Humanitarian Summit (WHS) and Habitat III, in 2016 are the partnerships key advocacy targets. The IRC is the only humanitarian organisation on the WHS Urban Track expert advisory panel, ensuring our policy recommendations are heard at the highest levels of influence.

Humanitarian crisis on the border

Throughout its history, the IRC has come to the aid of refugees and asylum seekers fleeing persecution, war and civil conflict. IRC staff members and volunteers have helped tens of thousands of refugees resettle in the United States and begin new lives free of fear. So when some 60,000 unaccompanied children fleeing violence in Central America crossed the U.S. border last summer, the IRC joined the effort to ensure that they were treated humanely and their rights protected.

In July and August, the IRC launched a fact-finding mission to Texas and Arizona to better understand the root causes of the flight and the problems that were hampering the U.S. government's response. The mission concluded, among other findings, that systemic violence, especially gang violence and violence targeting girls, was driving young people from their home countries. The mission also urged federal authorities to extend services and care for traumatised children while they are

in the U.S., regardless of the outcome of their immigration process.

From the beginning of the crisis, the IRC emphasised that the majority of the children might qualify as refugees and should be guaranteed the right to claim asylum and other protections enshrined in international law. The IRC also helped mobilise public opinion for extending humanitarian protection to children once they are in the U.S. IRC staff members gave written testimony to Congress and IRC supporters flooded legislators' offices with pleas to vote against a proposed rollback of protections for unaccompanied children in the immigration system.

In a message on the eve of the vote, IRC President David Miliband said, "There are legal obligations at stake but there is also a strong moral imperative. We must not send children fleeing violence back into harm's way." The rollbacks were defeated.

Although attention to the plight of the children has faded, the IRC remains committed to their welfare. The IRC recently sent a delegation to Honduras to better understand the causes and potential solutions to the crisis afflicting children there. And it is offering support services to children who have been released from detention into communities in the U.S.

Opposite page: Five generations of a Syrian family now live as refugees in northern Lebanon.

Below: Some 60,000 unaccompanied children and teenagers fleeing violence in Central America crossed the U.S. border last summer. This 19 year old from Honduras, holding her one-year-old daughter, turned herself over to border patrol agents after crossing the Rio Grande from Mexico near McAllen, Texas.





Uprooted by conflict

In 2014, thousands of people were killed and millions displaced by sectarian conflict in South Sudan and the Central African Republic. In both countries, the IRC worked to bring humanitarian aid and protection to the most vulnerable, especially women, girls, children separated from their families, and people seeking refuge in towns and cities.

South Sudan's civil war erupted in December 2013 when a political rivalry between armed groups loyal to President Salva Kiir and those backing his former deputy, Riek Machar, erupted into violence. Horrific attacks against civilians committed by both sides prompted nearly 2 million people to flee their homes. Some 100,000 people are sheltering in overcrowded United Nations compounds. Two IRC staff members were killed during an attack on one such compound last April. The fighting has disrupted planting and harvests, leading to food shortages and hunger.

The IRC has been one of the largest providers of aid in South Sudan since 1989. During the current crisis, the IRC has provided 800,000 people with health care, water and sanitation, and special programmes for women and children. Last summer, the IRC opened 13 clinics in the impoverished north to provide supplemental food and nutrition to the sick and malnourished. IRC aid workers helped open a vital river route to ferry food to people cut off by the fighting. Thanks to successful deliveries of international food aid, the immediate threat of famine was averted.

In neighbouring Central African Republic, widespread fighting, often along religious lines, put an end to a short-lived period of peace and relative stability. By the end of 2014, thousands of civilians had been killed and over 800,000 people were displaced, including an estimated 429,000 people who fled to neighbouring countries.

The IRC continues to work in the country despite the high risk to aid workers, providing essential emergency services while opening five women's centres that offer counselling to women who have been forced to flee the violence.



104,000

The IRC and its partners treated more than 104,000 children under the age of five for acute malnutrition



RAISING THE PROFILE, CALLING FOR ACTION

The IRC drew the attention of international policymakers to the crisis in South Sudan through the release of a major report, "Uprooted by Conflict: South Sudan's Displacement Crisis." The report, based on extensive first-hand field research, documented the unspeakable abuse and violence faced by civilian victims of the conflict. Among the report's recommendations: the need for renewed international diplomacy by the U.S. and regional powers to bring an end to the violence, the need for stepped-up efforts to protect civilians, and the need for South Sudan and international donors to increase their aid efforts. In November 2014, the United Nations renewed its peacekeeping mission in South Sudan and directed the mission to better protect civilians, a key recommendation of the IRC report.



Opposite page left: An IRC health worker treats a patient in Kaga-Bandoro in the Central African Republic.

Opposite page right: The hunger crisis in South Sudan has forced people to eat grass and waterlilies.

Above: Violence and insecurity in the Central African Republic forced over 60,000 people to seek shelter at Bangui M'Poko, the airport outside the nation's capital.

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A brighter future for girls in the Congo

1 million

The IRC and its partners provided schooling and educational opportunities to over 1 million girls and boys, and trained over 23,000 educators

Elise's day starts at 5 a.m., when she gets up to do the housework and prepare breakfast for her three siblings. After escorting them to her neighbour's house, where they stay during the day, she starts her two-hour-long journey on foot to school.

Despite these challenges, Elise is grateful to have the chance to learn, an opportunity denied so many of her peers in the Democratic Republic of Congo—a country beset by years of war and economic decline. An estimated 4 million young girls in Congo will not get an education, and girls who don't are more likely to marry and have children at a young age, reinforcing the cycle of poverty.

Elise has been able to go to school thanks to *Vas y Fille* ("You Go Girl!"), an IRC-supported scholarship programme providing access to education for more than 137,000 girls in five

provinces where enrolment is lowest. The investment is turning out to be one of the most potent ways to fight poverty. School fees alone keep many girls out of the classroom, for when parents must choose which of their children they can afford to educate, boys take precedence.

Belbiche, Elise's classmate, also lost both parents at a very young age. She, too, was forced to drop out of school and work in the fields to support her brothers and sisters. When she managed to sell some produce, amassing a small amount of savings, the money was taken away and used to send her brothers to school. Now thanks to *Vas y Fille*, Belbiche is attending school for the first time.

"Change is possible," maintains Arlette, an IRC community mobiliser who works to promote the value of quality education among local parents. "Parents understand the eventual economic return and benefit of sending girls to school," she says. "They just need to be supported."

"Girls want to be useful in society," Belbiche says. "I hope to become a teacher so I can give other girls this opportunity."

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Belbiche Kakadi, schoolgirl, Congo





Opposite page: Girls attend school thanks to the *Vas y Fille* ("You Go Girl") scholarship programme in Bandundu, Congo.

Left: Belbiche Kakadi, 13 years old, lost both parents when she was 6. Before joining the *Vas y Fille* scholarship programme, she was working in the fields. Now she is attending school.

Below: Mukwala Mufet and her daughter, who is a *Vas y Fille* scholar.

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CREATING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

The IRC is dedicated to increasing access to educational opportunities wherever we work. The IRC trains teachers, constructs classrooms and supports schools that are attended by hundreds of thousands of children in more than 20 countries. In Congo alone, the IRC enables almost 500,000 children to access basic education in safe schools.



Vision Not Victim

The IRC is spearheading Vision Not Victim, a project in eastern Congo that helps vulnerable girls envision a better future for themselves and their country. We invited girls to develop a plan for achieving their life and career ambitions and be photographed as their future selves.

Rosine, age 13, future surgeon

“In the future I want to be a doctor. A while ago, there was a woman in my neighbourhood that had to have a Cesarean section. I wanted to be able to help her and other women like her. That was when I decided I was going to become a surgeon.”

Our Supporters, Donors and Key People

IRC-UK expresses its gratitude to our growing number of supporters who help us restore dignity and hope to those whose lives are profoundly changed by war, violent conflict, oppression and natural disaster.

The commitment of individuals, foundations, corporations, volunteers, governments, nongovernmental organisations and multilateral agencies enables the IRC to respond swiftly in emergencies and help communities to recover. Here we salute the generous donors who supported IRC-UK during the past financial year, which began on 1 October 2013 and ended on 30 September 2014.

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The FT honours the IRC

The Financial Times, one of the world's leading business news organisations, honoured the IRC by choosing it to be its 2014-2015 seasonal appeal charity partner. The prestigious appeal raised over £2 million for the IRC from FT readers, corporate and foundation partners and the British government.

During the appeal, which ran from November 2014 to January 2015, FT journalists visited and wrote about IRC programmes in Syria, South Sudan, and West Africa, as well as the IRC's refugee resettlement programme in the United States. Content included print, video and photography, and appeared in the FT's newspaper, magazine and website.

The appeal also featured generous celebrity supporters including the actor Patrick Stewart and opera singer Danielle de Niese. In an online auction bidders vied for a chance to have lunch with Stewart and win tickets to the Glyndebourne Festival Opera courtesy of de Niese.

"The FT is pleased to be working with the IRC, particularly at a time of immense displacement and disruption for people around the globe. We report from many of the 30 countries where the IRC works... and have an opportunity to shed light on their critical work. The impact of our seasonal appeals reflect the generosity of our readers and the important causes of the charity organisations we work with."

Lionel Barber, FT editor



IRC Voices Nykhor Paul and Jencarlos Canela joined IRC President David Miliband, New York City Mayor Bill De Blasio and other dignitaries to bring in the New Year in Times Square.

Raising a Voice for the IRC

IRC Voices are a group of prominent young artists committed to raising awareness of the needs of refugees and people who have been displaced by conflict, religious persecution and political oppression. In 2014, the IRC welcomed five new Voices: acclaimed jazz saxophonist and composer Joshua Redman, international opera star Danielle de Niese, model Nykhor Paul and actors Piper Perabo and Romola Garai. They join an impressive team of IRC Voices, including Jencarlos Canela, Rashida Jones, John Legend, Morena Baccarin and Sarah Wayne Callies.

Several of the new Voices spent part of the year supporting IRC programmes in troubled parts of the world. De Niese travelled to Tanzania where she promoted youth programmes. Paul, a refugee from Sudan, visited refugee camps in Ethiopia. "It was an unforgettable experience to travel back to Ethiopia with the IRC and reunite with my parents for the first time since I moved to America," she said. As part of the IRC's role as the first official charity partner for the annual New Year's Eve celebrations in New York, Paul joined Canela, IRC President David Miliband and other dignitaries to press the button that dropped the Times Square New Year's Eve Ball.

Our People

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Top: In Myanmar's remote Kayah state, a child is examined by an IRC health team. Malaria and malnutrition are rampant in the region's isolated villages.

Bottom: Last summer, thousands of Yazidi refugees from Iraq took shelter at the bleak Newrooz camp in Syria where the IRC provided medical treatment and other aid.



18,000

The IRC and its partners provided job-related skills training to more than 18,000 people

Financial Report

Statement of financial activities Year to 30 September 2014

	Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted funds £'000	Total 2014 funds £'000	Total 2013 funds £'000
Income and expenditure				
Incoming resources				
Incoming resources from generated funds	482	1,038	1,520	909
Incoming resources from charitable activities	2,434	105,558	107,992	82,722
Total incoming resources	2,916	106,596	109,512	83,631
Resources expended				
Cost of generating funds	833	—	833	637
Charitable activities				
· Saving lives	656	38,706	39,362	29,519
· Protecting the vulnerable	565	33,339	33,904	24,366
· Rebuilding communities	448	26,458	26,906	21,766
· Other	16	917	933	534
Total charitable activities	1,685	99,420	101,105	76,185
Governance costs	52	—	52	62
Total resources expended	2,570	99,420	101,990	76,884
Net incoming resources for the year before transfers				
	346	7,176	7,522	6,747
Transfer between funds	403	(403)	—	—
Net incoming resources for the year	749	6,773	7,522	6,747
Balances brought forward at 1 October 2013	1,103	19,737	20,840	14,093
Balances carried forward at 30 September 2014	1,852	26,510	28,362	20,840

Balance Sheet as at 30 September 2014

	2014 £'000	2014 £'000	2013 £'000	2013 £'000
Fixed assets				
Tangible assets		85		111
Current assets				
Debtors	15,029		15,743	
Cash at bank and in hand	23,722		16,851	
	38,751		32,594	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(10,474)		(11,865)	
Net current assets		28,277		21,729
Total net assets		28,362		20,840

Represented by:

Funds and reserves

Income funds:			
Restricted funds		26,510	19,737
Unrestricted funds			
· Designated funds		65	15
· General fund		1,787	1,088
		28,362	20,840



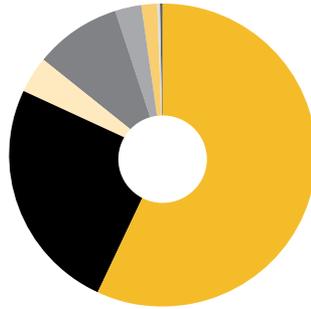
Top: Thanks to an IRC-sponsored business training course, Annie has gained the skills to successfully run a stall at the market in Pipeline, a suburb of Monrovia.

Bottom: Sindh Province, Pakistan. Farmers impacted by devastating floods in Pakistan, rebuild a damaged culvert that brings water to their rice paddies. The "Cash for Work" project has a threefold impact: it provides farmers with needed income, they improve their community's infrastructure, and their salaries help stoke the local economy.



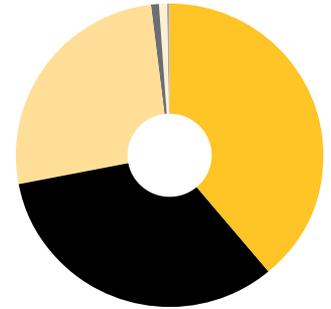
Income

- DFID 57%
- ECHO 25%
- SIDA 4%
- Other statutory donors 9%
- Unrestricted income from grants 3%
- Trusts, foundations and private 1.5%
- Donations and fundraising 0.4%
- Investment 0.1%



Expenditure

- Saving lives 39%
- Protecting the vulnerable 33%
- Rebuilding communities 26%
- Cost of generating funds 0.8%
- Support costs 0.9%
- Governance costs 0.1%



Income 2012	56,544,000
Income 2013	83,631,000
Income 2014	109,512,000

Expenditure 2012	61,992,000
Expenditure 2013	76,884,000
Expenditure 2014	101,990,000

Saving lives

Health (including psychosocial) and environmental health (water, sanitation and shelter) programmes.

Protecting the vulnerable

Child protection, women's protection and empowerment, and protection and rule of law programmes.

Rebuilding communities

Livelihoods (including agriculture), economic development, community development, civil society and education programmes.

Cost of generating funds

Generation of voluntary income and costs of activities for generating funds. Generation of income from charitable activities.

Support costs

Includes the costs of staff and other costs related to the organisation's charitable activities.

Governance costs

Audit and accountancy fees.

Top: A market trader runs her vegetable stall in Pipeline, Monrovia.



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A gift to the IRC in your Will costs you nothing during your lifetime, but will one day make a huge difference to people whose lives have been ripped apart by conflict and disaster.

Contact us for information on all these ways of giving.



Above: A malnourished boy eats fortified peanut paste in an IRC feeding centre in Ganyiel, South Sudan.

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