



**Responding to some of
the world's worst crises,
saving lives and paving the
way for long term recovery**

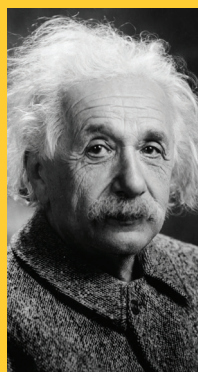
The IRC has never been more needed by those we serve, or more challenged by the circumstances in which we work. We are responding to larger, longer lasting and more complex crises.

More than eighty years after Albert Einstein helped establish the International Rescue Committee in 1933, the IRC is responding to the most challenging humanitarian crises of our time – including in Europe. The world's more than 68 million displaced people, the most since World War II, require more than "aid as usual." Their growing and increasingly complex needs mandate a transformation in the global humanitarian response. The IRC is both there on the ground responding to the crisis, and contributing innovative research and ideas to rethink the global humanitarian response.

The IRC helps people whose lives and livelihoods are shattered by conflict and disaster to survive, recover and gain control of their future.

The IRC's experience offers a unique perspective on conditions for refugees and the challenges and opportunities available. The IRC is the only non-government organisation (NGO) in the world that is, simultaneously, a major international humanitarian aid agency and a refugee resettlement agency, serving people when they first flee their homes and when they rebuild new lives.

In Europe the IRC implements programmes that transform lives; informs, shapes and influences how the EU and governments respond to the refugee crisis; raises awareness and mobilises funds to support refugees around the world; and engages with those who can help us reach our goals.



“ Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile.”

Albert Einstein

ALBERT EINSTEIN



Jessica Wanless/IRC

From the frontline: Starting life in the world's biggest refugee camp

This baby boy was born in an IRC healthcare centre in the world's biggest refugee camp: Kutupalong in Bangladesh, home to 700,000 Rohingya Muslims who fled persecution and violence in Myanmar. Every day, 60 babies are born in the camp. The IRC is supporting mothers and their babies by providing them with vital childbirth services and care. Many women living in the camp have experienced extreme trauma and are survivors of rape. The IRC provides counselling and psychosocial support to help them rebuild their lives.

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Where we work

The IRC supports people wherever they are, whether or not they are in the headlines.

In 2018, our work reached people in over 40 countries, from Myanmar to Mali, from Syria to Seattle.

Our strategy

Programmes that rebuild lives

The foundation of successful, high-impact programmes is a body of evidence detailing how those programmes improve the lives of those we serve. That is why the IRC has pledged to be the first NGO to ensure that every programme is either based on world-class appropriate evidence, or is contributing to the creation of that evidence base.

More and faster rescue and relief

The impact of our programmes depends on speed as well as quality of delivery. Within 72 hours of a disaster, we pledge to deliver services such as health care, clean water and cash support. That means new ways of working, preparing communities in advance of a disaster striking, and new partnerships with the private sector. And we are expanding our emergency teams in order to respond to as many as four simultaneous emergencies.

Big steps forward

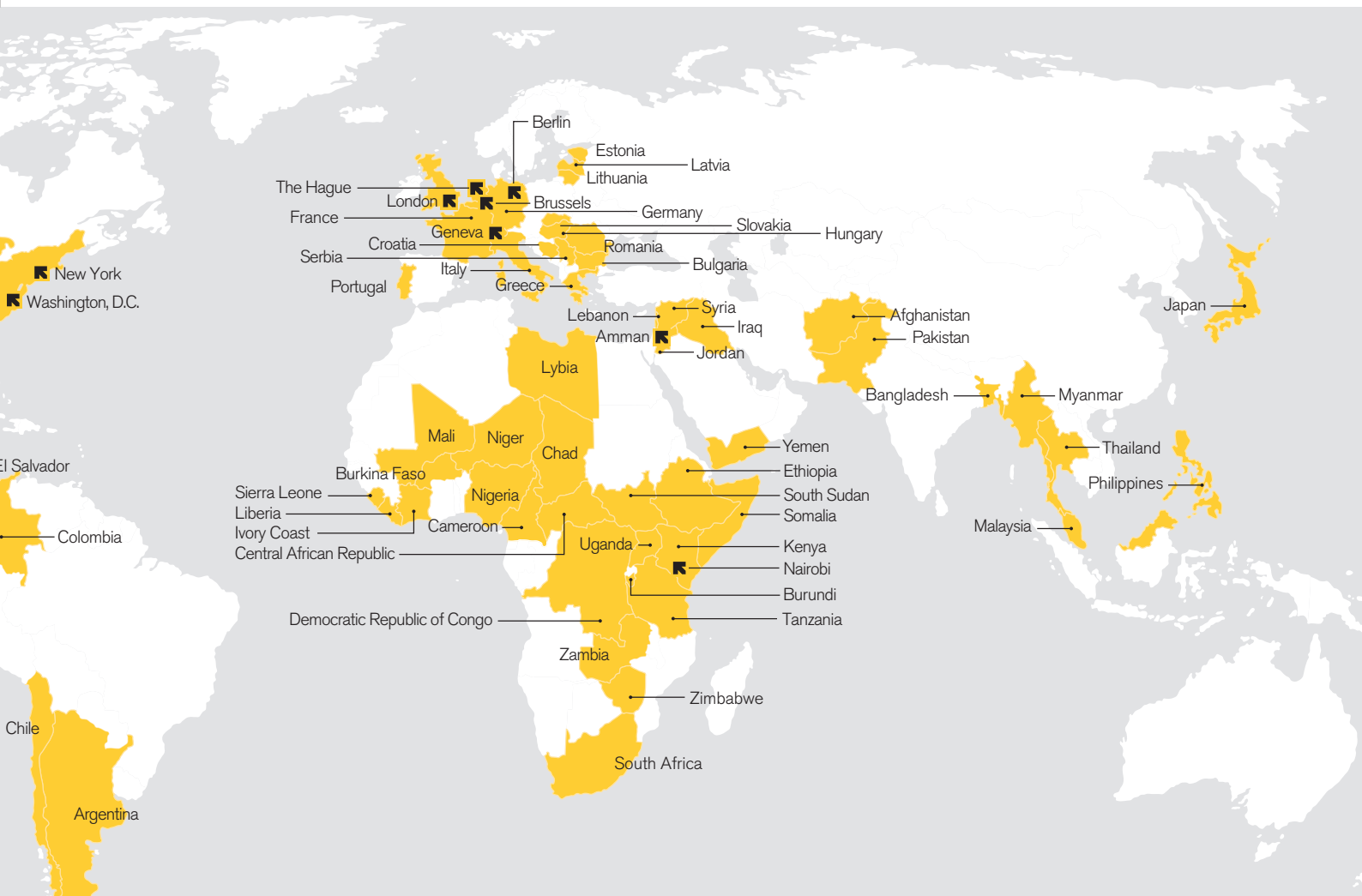
IRC staff work every day to build better programmes. But we also know that some of the major changes in the lives of our beneficiaries will come from big leaps - not just small steps - forward, such as research that pioneers changes in products and processes that improve lives. We will address critical questions such as: how to deliver vaccinations at scale in war zones; how to tackle the upsurge in domestic and sexual violence that accompanies war; how to deliver cash into emergency settings quickly and cheaply, reaching the most vulnerable, including women and children.

A call for collaboration

If you care about the plight of millions of fellow human beings and want to do something about it, we hope you will join us - whether as a supporter, a partner, a volunteer or a donor. We are determined to work in an open, collaborative way with the public, private and non-profit sectors to meet the daunting challenges we face.

The ultimate beneficiaries of our strategy will be the most vulnerable among us. Our strategy aims to honour their courage and resilience by expanding our impact and reach, ultimately enabling tens of millions of men, women and children to reclaim control of their lives.

We hope you will **join us on our journey.**





The IRC helps to ensure people have access to **health, education, safety, economic well-being**, and the **power** needed to make important decisions to improve their lives.

In Europe the IRC is advocating for:

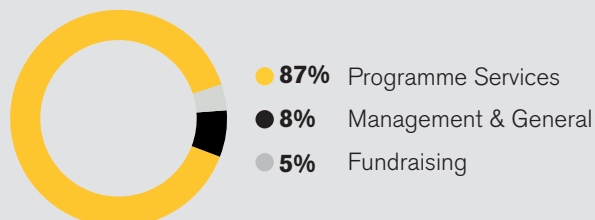
- Innovative programmes that **protect and empower women and girls**.
- Supporting crisis-affected refugees to have access to **livelihoods and cash**.
- A better humanitarian system that is fit for purpose and that **recognises the increasingly protracted nature of conflict and crises**.
- Ensuring refugees and displaced people are not left behind in the **drive towards the Sustainable Development Goals**.
- **Better humanitarian access** in Yemen and Syria.

In 2018 the IRC and our international programme partners:

- Provided 1.6 million children with schooling and other education opportunities.
- Supported 15,645 existing businesses and 4,738 new businesses
- Reached 1.2 million people through our efforts to raise awareness about human rights, protection and gender-based violence.
- Trained 23,852 people on child protection, gender-based violence and protection principles and service delivery.
- Provided support through safe spaces to 107,182 children and 274,676 women and girls.
- Supported 16,177 schools, education centres, vocational training centres and safe healing and learning spaces.

Our efficiency

We are committed to using your donations as effectively as possible. Find out more at Rescue-UK.org.



TOP LEFT: A child is examined by an IRC health team in Kayah State, Myanmar. The main problems in these isolated villages are malnutrition, malaria and diarrhoea.

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COVER: Fatima, who volunteers at an IRC supported healthcare centre, sits with her daughter in Kutupalong Refugee Camp, Bangladesh.

Timothy Nesmith/IRC



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