



## Volunteering Development Award 2019

In recognition of the value of volunteers in advancing humanitarian efforts, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies will present 2 awards to National Societies at the IFRC General Assembly. The categories include:

- a) Use of innovation in engaging and mobilising volunteers, including new forms of volunteering
- b) Volunteer management in emergencies and fragile environments

In communities around the world, volunteers give their time and skills to make a difference to the lives of the world's most vulnerable people in the name of the Red Cross and Red Crescent in diverse ways. Aligned with Strategy 2020 and as part of the Fundamental Principles, in promoting greater volunteerism to address current and emerging humanitarian challenges, National Societies are invited to make nominations for the 2019 Volunteering Development Award.

National Societies nominated for the award will have demonstrated the following criteria below across all categories; (Applications will be awarded points against each of the criterion, to the maximum value listed in brackets):

- Impact of initiatives delivered directly by volunteers in achieving tangible results for vulnerable communities. (40 points)
- Special features that encourage diversity in the volunteer force (ie. youth, senior citizens, gender, ethnicity, disability, etc) (20 points).

Additionally, National Societies will need to demonstrate the following criteria specific to each award;

**a) Use of innovation in engaging and mobilising volunteers, including new forms of volunteering;** Demonstration of innovation to the local context of the National Society (30 Points). *(Please note, 'innovation' does not need to be IT related nor represent innovation on a global scale, but it must be innovative in the context that the National Society is operating in. It should also deliver better support for communities and help the National Society ensure stronger volunteer engagement)*

- The degree to which the innovation strengthens support for volunteers and opens up new channels of volunteering or new forms of volunteering for people to participate in (10 points)



**b) Volunteer management in emergencies and fragile environments;**

- Efforts to ensure the safety, protection and support needs of volunteers operating in these contexts eg. Psychosocial support, Insurance, operational systems, safety and security, etc. (30 points)
- Demonstration of the Fundamental principles by all, including leaders, staff and volunteers (10 points)

National Societies interested in participating should complete the attached form in full and return it to the IFRC Policy, Strategy and Knowledge Development department in Geneva ([volunteering@ifrc.org](mailto:volunteering@ifrc.org)) **by 30 September 2019** at the latest.

# IFRC Volunteering Development Award

Please complete and return this form to [volunteering@ifrc.org](mailto:volunteering@ifrc.org) by 30 September 2019.

1) Name of National Society	
2) Name and position of contact person and contact details	
3) Award to which this application relates (please select one)*	a) Use of innovation in engaging and mobilising volunteers, including new forms of volunteering b) Volunteer management in emergencies and fragile environments

4) Describe the impact that your proposal has made to the community and in the National Society by providing a maximum of 3 specific examples? **(800 words maximum)**

5) In what specific ways have volunteers been engaged? How have vulnerable people and partners contributed to the activity, service, etc?  
**(1000 words maximum)**

6) How has the proposal encouraged diversity in the volunteer force (ie. migrants, youth, senior citizens, gender, disability, etc.?) And how has the National Society enabled these groups to contribute meaningfully?  
**(500 words maximum)**

<p>7) How will you share inspiring practices and learning with other National Societies if you win an award? <b>(100 words maximum)</b></p>	
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**\* If entering more than one award, please fill out a separate form for each category of award.** A more detailed outline of each of award themes can be found below:

**a) Use of innovation in engaging and mobilising volunteers, including new forms of volunteering;**

The world is experiencing rapid, seismic and unprecedented new challenges and trends, including migration, urbanization, technology, the private sector, competitiveness of the sector, changing community needs and shifting funding models and levels. All of these and more are having significant impacts on the ways that people engage with humanitarian causes and organisations. Now, more than ever it is critical that National Societies are exploring new approaches to address these emerging challenges and to encourage new constituencies to volunteer.

**b) Volunteer management in emergencies and fragile environments;**

The global share of humanitarian assistance that is focused on addressing emergencies, crises and work in fragile environments is rapidly increasing. The work of volunteers in these environments is more critical than perhaps ever before, but our volunteers face significant challenges and trauma to their physical and emotional wellbeing. This award seeks to recognize those National Societies who have been able to deliver significant results for communities whilst ensuring effective support and care for our volunteers.