

The 32<sup>nd</sup> International Conference  
of the Red Cross and Red Crescent:

# The safety and security of humanitarian volunteers



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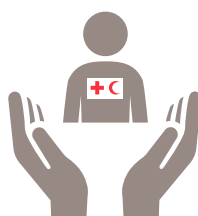
32<sup>nd</sup> International Conference of  
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**V**olunteers, **17 million of them**, are the core of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. **More than 1 million operate in extremely unsettled situations, in complex emergencies or in circumstances of protracted conflict.** Natural disasters and health emergencies are becoming more frequent and severe, and volunteers are more necessary – to help ensure access for vulnerable people to essential services – than ever. They deserve more recognition and support, and the need for that has never been more urgent. Their safety and security, including their psychosocial and mental well-being, are matters of pressing concern.



**What conclusions did the 32<sup>nd</sup> International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent reach on the subject of the safety and security of humanitarian volunteers?**



It adopted Resolution 5, “The safety and security of humanitarian volunteers”.

**Some of the actions to be taken in the next four years, following the 32<sup>nd</sup> International Conference, are listed below.**

## BY STATES



Create as safe an environment as possible for volunteers, for instance by taking measures at the national level to ensure their protection.

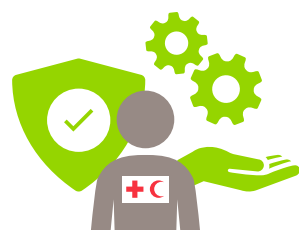


Develop and/or maintain national systems for **collecting and disseminating detailed data** pertaining to the safety and security of volunteers.



Include National Societies on **National Disaster Coordinating Committee.**

Invest in volunteers by ensuring that they have sufficient **protection**, as well as **psychosocial support** and **insurance.**

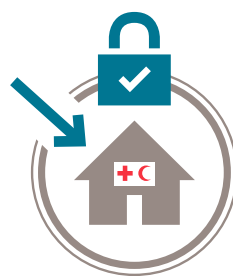


Recognize the contribution of volunteers.

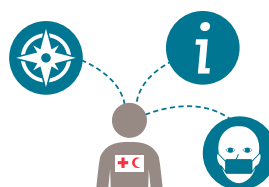
## BY THE MOVEMENT



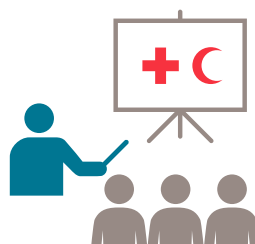
Work with States and others concerned to create and maintain an enabling environment for volunteering, for instance by **promoting supportive legislation and policies.**



Review potential threats to volunteers and work continually to **strengthen access, acceptance and security** for National Societies.

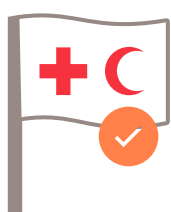


Provide volunteers – in a timely manner – with **the best safety-related information and guidance, and with protective equipment**, psychosocial support and insurance.



**Train volunteers in safety procedures and protocols** and in the application of the Movement's Fundamental Principles.

## BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS



**Respect** the Red cross and Red Crescent **emblems**



**Respect humanitarian volunteers** and make them feel **welcome.**



**Support the local Red Cross and Red Crescent** in protecting their volunteers.