

Resolution 6: Strengthening legal frameworks for disaster response, risk reduction and first aid

As a part of extending support and partnerships for legal frameworks for disaster response, risk reduction and first aid, the Finnish Red Cross carried out a survey of existing Red Cross capabilities in the Arctic in 2017-18. The publication Red Cross Arctic Disaster Management Study covers a summary and analysis of legal status of the National Societies. Outcomes were presented in Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response (EPPR) working group of the Arctic Council in 2019 which connects all eight Arctic states together.

Red Cross legal status was also discussed at the first Red Cross Arctic Disaster Management seminar in Oulu in 2018 and further on the Arctic table top Exercise in 2019. Similarly, the legal status of Red Cross National Societies has been mapped in the Baltic Sea Region through the BALTPREP -project, that aims to strengthen the role of the Red Cross and improve cooperation with civil protection authorities at the regional level. This co-operation project continues during 2019-2020 with funding from European Commission Civil Protection instrument. Strengthening joint understanding of current state of disaster legislation in the macro-regions like Arctic and Baltic Sea improves the holistic disaster risk management.

In addition, the Finnish Red Cross has supported financially the development and implementation of the IFRC global disaster law programme in 2015-2019 by development co-operation frame funded by the MFA.