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# 1 ACRONYMS

Abbreviation	Description
AGA	Annual General Assembly
BIUST	Botswana International University of Science and Technology
BPHI	Botswana Public Health Institute
BRCS	Botswana Red Cross Society
CBR	Community Based Rehabilitation
CPHIA	Conference on Public Health in Africa
DHMT	District Health Management Team
IFRC	International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent
IOM	International Organization of Migration
NGO	Non-Government Organization
NBTS	National Blood Transfusion Service
NS	National Society
NLRCS	Netherlands Red Cross Society
M&E	Monitoring & Evaluation
MoH	Ministry of Health
PAC	Pan Africa Conference
RCCE	Risk Communication and Community Engagement
SG	Secretary General
SLL	Saving Lives and Livelihoods
SAYNET	Southern Africa Youth Network Executives
TWG	Technical Working Group
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund







## 2. INTRODUCTION

The Botswana Red Cross Society, a humanitarian organization dedicated to reducing the vulnerabilities of communities across Botswana, is pleased to present our narrative report for the year 2023. Throughout the year, we have focused on Branch and Youth development, Health and Care, Disaster Risk Management, First Aid, Rehabilitation, and Stimulation for children and youth with disabilities.

This report aims to provide our esteemed stakeholders with a comprehensive overview of our achievements, the challenges we encountered, our invaluable partnerships, and the impactful contributions we have made through our participation in various meetings and committees. It is a testament to our unwavering dedication to improving the lives of those we serve and the communities in which we operate.

## 3. BRANCH AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

### 3.1 Constitution Implementation Plan

The Secretariat successfully executed the Constitution Implementation Plan following the approval of the Revised Constitution in the 2022 Annual General Assembly (AGA).

### 3.2 Constitution Orientation

A total of 182 Members were effectively oriented on the New Constitution through sessions held in the following locations:

Francistown (92 Members) ; Gweta (23 Members); Maun (29 Members); Kang (21 Members) and Gaborone (17 Members).

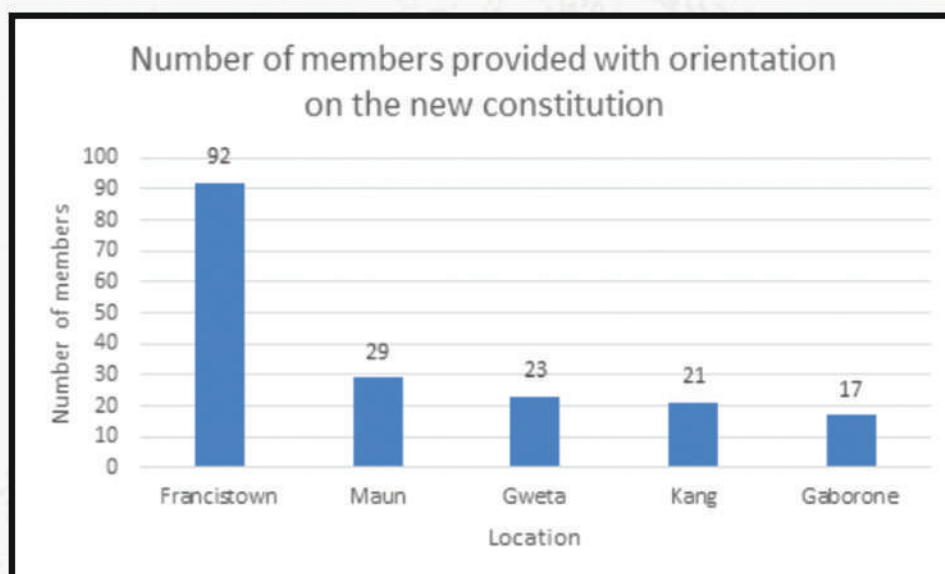


Figure 1: Members who received orientation on the new constitution.

### 3.3 Capacity Building and Engagements

12,000 volunteers and members were capacitated and actively engaged in various program activities.

### 3.4 Youth Development

One Youth member participated in the Regional Youth Leadership Academy in Africa, gathering 30 young leaders from Red Cross/Red Crescent Societies across the continent. The academy took place in Nairobi, Kenya, from 22-28 October.





### 3.5 Participation in Regional and International Meetings

Two Board Members participated in Regional Meetings in Malawi and Zambia.

BRCS Youth President was voted Southern Africa Youth Network Executives (SAYNET) President and Chairperson in Namibia (July 2023) and attended the induction meeting in South Africa.

- BRCS was represented at the Pan Africa Conference (PAC) in Kenya (SG, President, and Youth President).

- BRCS Attendance at the Extraordinary General Assembly in December 2023 in Geneva.

### 3.6 Sub-Branch, Branch, Division Elections

A total of 26 Sub-Branch Elections were conducted, resulting in the successful election of 7 Branches. Further, 2 Divisions (South and North) successfully conducted Elections.

### 3.7 Annual General Meeting

A successful Annual General Meeting was held in Kang in December 2023, during which elections were conducted.

## 4. HEALTH AND CARE

In 2023, the Botswana Red Cross Society (BRCS) made significant strides in delivering health and care services to the community, reaching a total of 377,301 individuals through various impactful initiatives. This coverage was achieved through the diligent efforts of 4290 well-capacitated volunteers, members and staff of Botswana Red Cross Society in collaboration with the Government and other civil society organizations.

### 4.1 National Polio Campaign

BRCS conducted two phases of the National Polio Campaign, reaching 360,370 children under seven years, representing 81.1% of the target population. This campaign aimed to prevent communicable diseases and complement government efforts in poliovirus vaccination.



Caption 1: An under five years child getting Polio Vaccine – Mahalapye (27 March 2023)

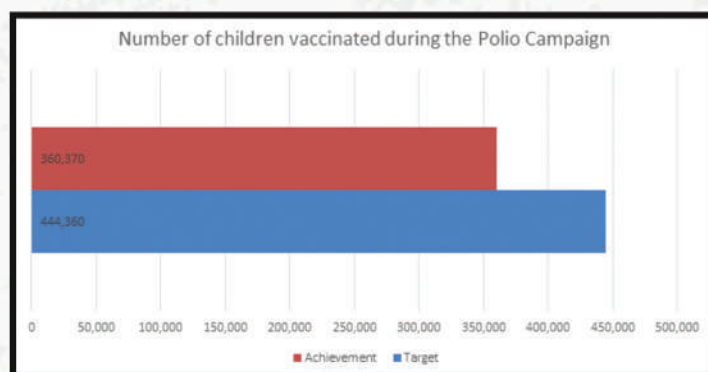


Figure 2: Number of children vaccinated during the Novel Oral Polio Campaign







## 4.2 Emergency Response

Implemented a COVID-19 Emergency response with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) to promote vaccine coverage and equity among migrants, focusing on Gaborone and Francistown. 1760 persons were reached through House to house, pop-up, stationary sites at strategic public sites and workplace vaccine deployment.

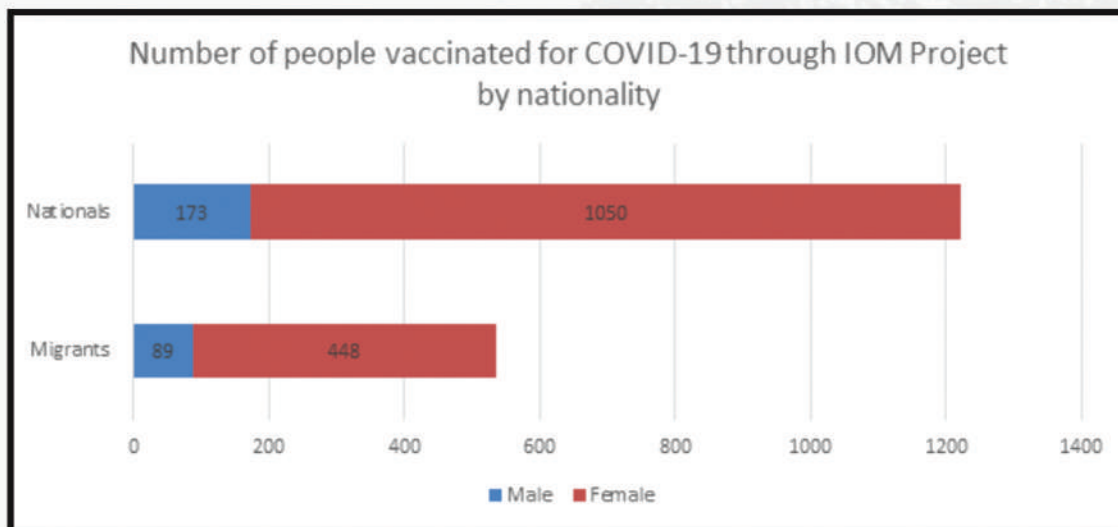


Figure 3: Number of people vaccinated through the IOM COVID-19 vaccination project.

## 4.3 Tobacco Control and Prevention

In 2023, BRCS successfully established a rehabilitation centre in Maun offering crucial mental health psychosocial support services. By collaborating closely with the community, BRCS is committed to fostering a healthier, tobacco-free environment for all. The project reached 7 072 persons through Risk communication and community engagement community campaigns, house-to-house assessment, Provision of mental health and Psychosocial support and Cessation Support.

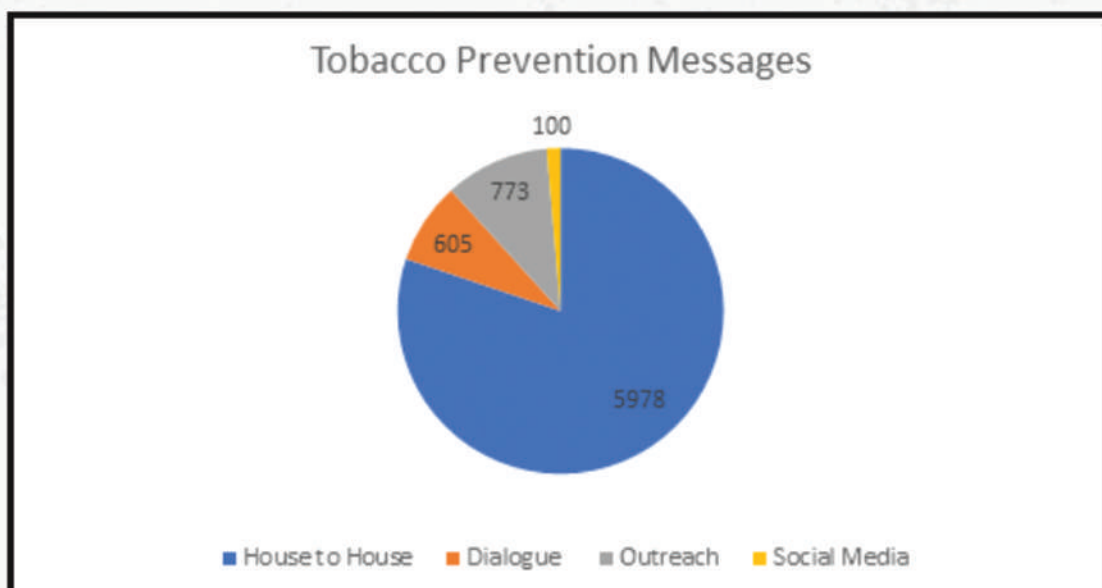


Figure 4: Number of people reached for Tobacco prevention through various strategies.





#### 4.4 Vaccination Support and Risk Communication & Community Engagement Initiatives

BRCS collaborated with the Mastercard Foundation & UNICEF to augment government efforts in increasing vaccination coverage for under five (5) vaccines and COVID-19.

Mastercard Foundation Funded Project: 818 children were vaccinated across three facilities with one or more EPI doses. The total number of EPI doses administered was 2308. The vaccinators also administered Vitamin A supplementation and Albendazole to 6286 children. BRCS supported DHMT with increasing immunization coverages and uptake of high impact interventions during child health days in the month of November 2023. BRCS engaged 3 vaccinators, 3 recorders and 15 social mobilisers.

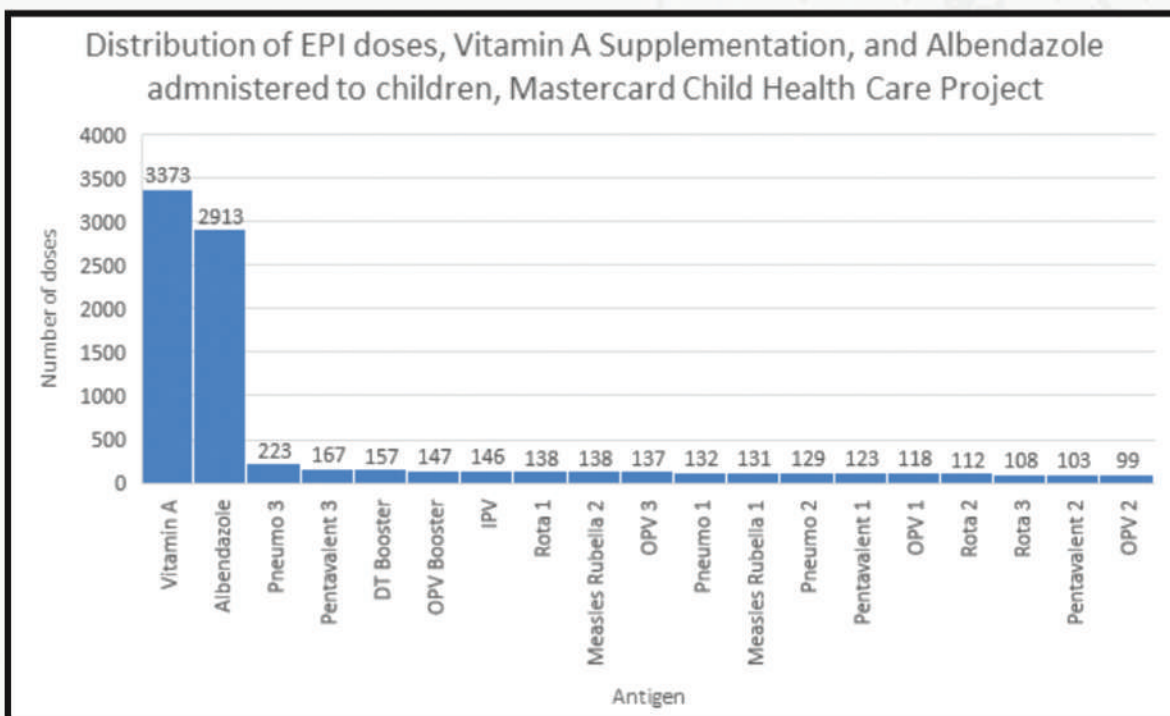


Figure 5 : Number of EPI, Vitamin A and Albendazole doses administered to children in Gaborone and Mogoditshane.

#### UNICEF COVID-19 Integration into Routine Immunization:

Social mobilisers (volunteers) utilize health talks, kgotla meetings and house to house modality to reach people with messages on COVID-19 and routine immunization. The number of children vaccinated in November and December 2023, were 1002 and 894 respectively with 3454 doses administered. The number of people reached with messages on COVID-19 and routine immunization messages is 21081 in 3023 households. 56 volunteers were trained on risk communication and community engagement (RCCE) for RI and Child Health, through the support of Ministry of Health.



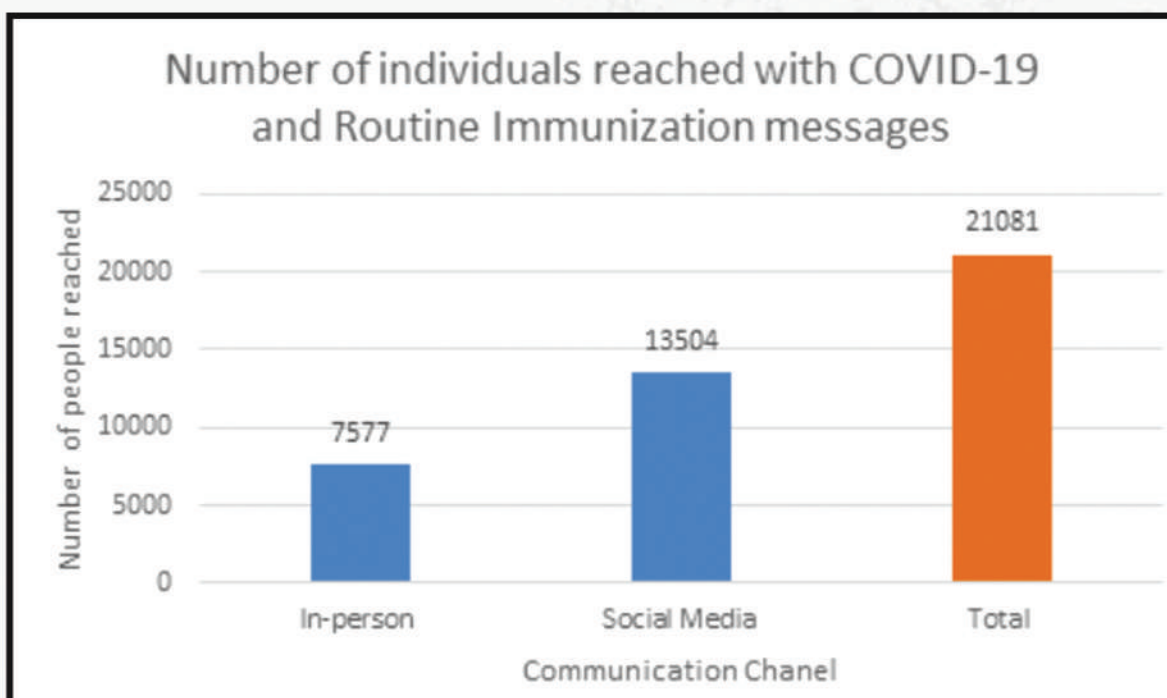


Figure 6 : Number of people reached through in-person and social media engagements with COVID-19 and routine immunization messages

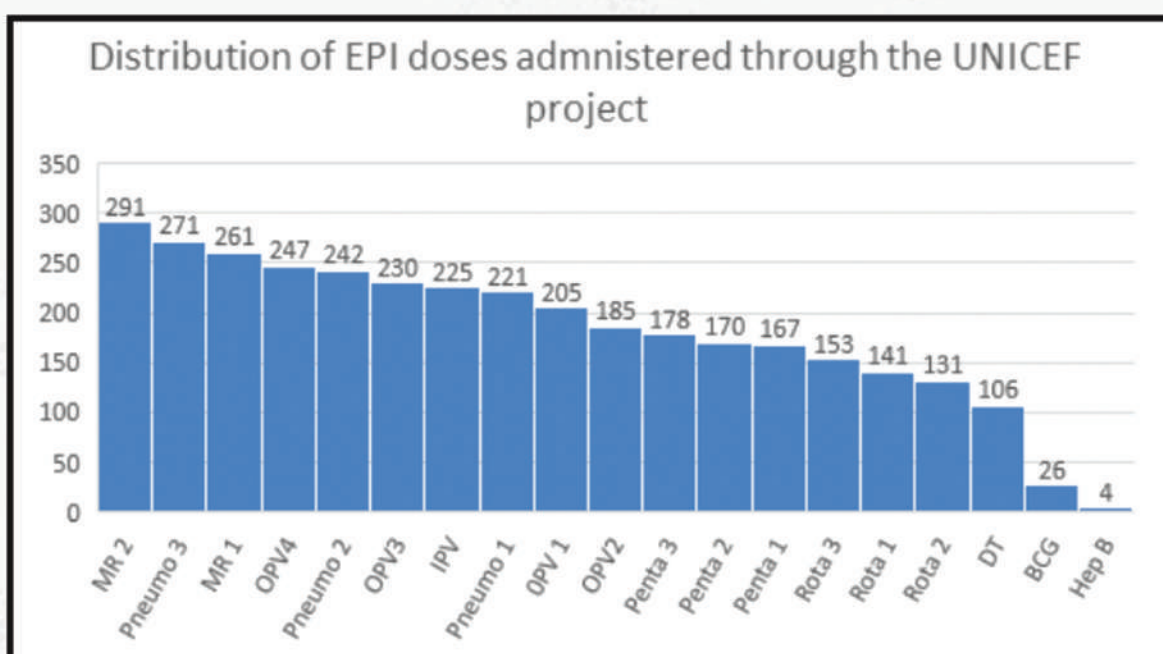


Figure 7 : Number of EPI doses administered to children in Kweneng East and Kweneng West districts.







*Caption 2: BRCS volunteer and nurse in Gakuto village preparing to administer EPI vaccines to under 5 children at the facility.*

#### **4.5 SAVING LIVES AND LIVELIHOODS INITIATIVE – BOTSWANA**

The Botswana Red Cross Society implemented the Saving Lives and Livelihoods Initiative in 10 health districts from inception. The project implementation sites are North-East, Boteti, Ghanzi, Charleshill, Selibe-Phikwe, Bobirwa, Goodhope, Lobatse, Mahalapye, Kgalagadi North and Kweneng West Districts.

During this reporting period a cumulative of 128 733 were reached through communication channels such as in-person engagement, public address, and social media. Social media contributed to a significant amount of people reached in the Project.

194 stakeholders were engaged through 194 volunteers across 10 districts and 64 villages.

Monitoring visits were conducted in Goodhope, Ghanzi, Charleshill, Kweneng West and Kgalagadi North areas to assess the quality of work that was done, the foot print and the gaps in implementations. It was identified that there was a great synergy between the Saving Lives and Livelihood implementing partners, however lack of officers on the ground to supervise volunteers' daily work was a gap.

#### **4.6 UNICEF PROJECT**

The Botswana Red Cross Society in partnership with Ministry of Health and UNICEF, conducted a tertiary school vaccination campaign that focuses on vaccinating tertiary students and young adults of the age category 18-29 for COVID-19 as the vaccine uptake for the demographic had been low.

A total of 24 volunteers were deployed making up 8 vaccination teams (8 vaccinators, 8 recorders and 8 social mobilisers). 5 teams were deployed in Gaborone and 3 teams were deployed in Palapye. Mobilization and vaccination was done at 2 sites in Gaborone being University of Botswana and Rail Park mall. In Palapye and Serowe, the campaign sites were at BIUST, Palapye Technical College, Serowe Institute of Health Science, Serowe College of Education, Serowe Brigades and Lerela Brigade. A total of 5134 people (3094 in Gaborone and 2040 for both Serowe & Palapye) were reached through in-person social mobilization. Mobilisers carried out this exercise at school refectories, the student Centre and within Palapye.







#### 4.7 Community Support Initiatives

Botswana Red Cross Society extended support Gathwane and Mosi Primary schools in the Mabule / Goodhope area and donated multifunctional printers and printing supplies. The donation will benefit 282 students and by extension community members. The event was graced by the esteemed Minister of Health Hon Dr Edwin Dikoloti, community leaders, school management, students and community members.

#### 4.8 Gender-Based Violence Prevention

BRCS further supported government efforts in the prevention of sexual and gender-based violence in Palapye, Chobe, and the North-West Districts, including capacity building for stakeholders and the commemoration of 16 days of activism against gender-based violence. In collaboration with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent (IFRC), the BRCS organized a two-day workshop focused on enhancing the capacity of participants in Protection Gender and Inclusion and Psychological First Aid. This workshop brought together BRCS staff, government representatives, and NGO GBV responder.

More than 3000 people have been reached since the inception of the project through various activities targeting different groups of community members.

#### 4.9 Non-Renumerated Blood Donation Demand Creation

Botswana Red Cross Society participated in 2 Blood Drives conducted in Maun and Kasane, mobilizing 560 people, and 25 pints of blood. In commemorating World Blood Donor Day, the National Society embarked on a 7-day social media campaign media (Facebook and Twitter) under the theme "Give Life, Give Plasma, share life and share often". The objective was to share promotional Messages in creating awareness and demand for the blood donation services provided by NBTS who embarked on a road show from Pilane (Kgatleng District) to Serowe (Central District) commemorating International Blood donor day.

The key achievement for this performance area is the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Health and NBTS. This strategic document will allow for role clarity and pave way for deliberate efforts towards this objective in the future.

## 5. DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT

The Botswana Red Cross Society (BRCS) has made significant progress in disaster risk management and community engagement throughout 2023, reaching various stakeholders and communities through a range of impactful initiatives.

#### 5.1 Workshops and Capacity Building

Successfully conducted 5 workshops in January 2023, with the attendance of 11 district Disaster Risk Management Committees and 106 local government and Central government officials. These workshops aimed to enhance disaster risk management capabilities and coordination at the local and central government levels.

#### 5.2 Community-Based Disaster Management Seminar

The first engagement of the sector in Community engagement and participation was undertaken through a seminar, where over 50 participants across the sector participated.

The community-based disaster risk management (CBDRM) seminar was held in Francistown from





19th to 20th June 2023. The seminar attracted participation of key senior government officials in the disaster risk management sector and over seven (7) media houses. Through this seminar some key action items have since been discussed for further packaging and undertaking, including BRCS-CBDRM strategy and district vulnerability and capacity assessments that will be carried out in 2024.

### 5.3 Participation in Restoring Family Links Workshop

The Disaster Risk Management Office was capacitated on Restoring Family Links in a 5-day workshop in Pretoria, hosted by the ICRC. An action item from this workshop is to procure and connect handsets in partnership with the IFRC and ICRC, for use by immigrants at Francistown Centre for Illegal Immigrants. The project aims to address communication issues faced by immigrants at this facility to ensure that they keep in contact with family members and other loved ones. The project is still at the consultation stage and the National Society is looking to implement this project in 2024.

### 5.4 Food Relief and Nutrition Program

#### Palms For Life Project

Botswana Red Cross Society continued to promote food security and improve livelihoods across the country through distribution of food packages worth BWP766.00 per month for six (6) months to two hundred and fifty (250) households, totaling 1716 people in the Okavango district. The food relief programme implemented with the support from Palms For Life covers nine (9) remote villages being: Qangwa, Xaixai, Chukumuchu, Gani, Tobera, Gudingwa, Tsodilo, Kaputura and Shaikarawe.

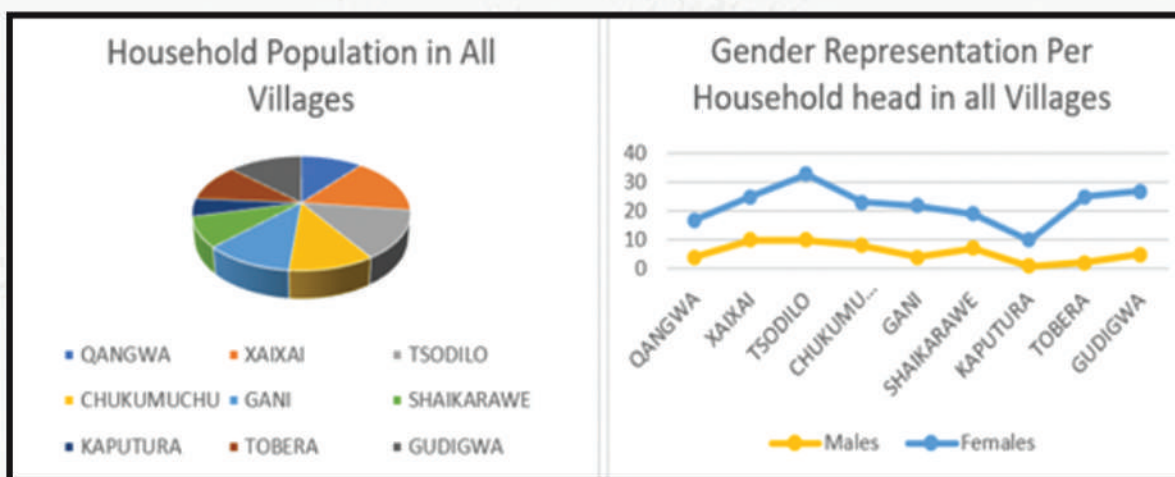


Figure 8: Statistical representation of beneficiaries across all nine villages

The project aimed to improve nutritional needs of pregnant women, lactating mothers, and households with malnourished children or those that are at risk of malnutrition amongst others. The National Society was successful in ensuring food security and improving overall health of beneficiaries as there was notable weight gain among children under 5 years, and this was evident in the Child Welfare Card (CWC). The beneficiaries themselves, also expressed gratitude for how their lives had improved since the inception of this project.





*Caption 3: Post Project Interview with a beneficiary*

## 5.5 Innovation

BRCS Participated in the IFRC Solferino Academy Global Innovation Summit Conference and hosted a session on building active participatory partnerships in the humanitarian sector, showcasing the BRCS/NLRCS Water Management and innovation partnership project. Two employees and 2 volunteers attended the event in Kenya. The event brought together changemakers, thought leaders, and experts from around the world to share inspiring ideas, experiences, and insights. This immersive experience allowed us to investigate the changes we need to make to be more fit for present and future challenges, and the role that innovation plays.

## 5.6 Gweta Community Farm

The Gweta Community Farm continues to contribute towards attaining food security by producing different vegetables for sale in Gweta and extending to Tutume and Maun. The produce at the farm is affordable and is purchased by the local school and hospital at a reasonable price. It also promotes community farming and the beneficiaries are allocated plots to plant, harvest and take home their produce for family consumption, improving the food security of the families.

### 5.6.1 Introduction of Innovation - Night Watering

As part of the water conservation, night watering has been introduced at the Gweta Community Farm as cooler temperatures mean less water lost to evaporation. The National Society utilizes a timer and solar powered battery that automates the drip irrigation system.



*Caption 4: Food Security Officer installing water pipes for irrigation*







### 5.6.2 Composting

As part of the National Society's endeavor to mitigate the effects of climate change and rehabilitate the soil in the Gweta region, we undertook open air composting of the organic waste generated at the farm. The aim is to help in reducing the dependence on chemical fertilizers, recover soil fertility, and improve water retention and the delivery of nutrients to plants. By reducing food waste, composting also helps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change, hence, mitigating the effects of climate change. Two composting structures have since been constructed.

### 5.7 International Benchmarking Visit

Organized a benchmarking visit to the Netherlands Red Cross Society in September 2023, with the participation of 4 BRCS employees and one board member.

These initiatives reflect our commitment to enhancing disaster management capabilities, fostering international partnerships, and engaging with communities to build resilience and promote sustainable development. We are dedicated to continued progress in these areas to better serve our stakeholders and the communities we support.

## 6 FIRST AID TRAININGS

### 6.1 Participation in Conferences and Meetings

In September 2023, our organization actively participated in two prominent gatherings. The Saudi Emergency Medical Services Conference (SEMS) in Saudi Arabia provided a platform for knowledge exchange, networking, and the exploration of the latest advancements in emergency medical services. Additionally, the Africa First Aid meeting in Dakar, Senegal, facilitated discussions on best practices, challenges, and opportunities related to first aid in the African context. Our involvement in these events has enriched our understanding and enabled us to contribute meaningfully to the advancement of emergency medical services.

### 6.2 Promoting of Safety in Mines and Judging Role for Mines First Aid Competition

In our ongoing commitment to promoting safety and first aid excellence in Botswana's mining industry, the Botswana Red Cross Society (BRCS) has taken significant steps to ensure the highest standards of first aid provision and emergency preparedness across all mining operations.

As part of our efforts, BRCS assumed a leadership role in overseeing the judging process of the annual Inter-mines First Aid Competition. This involvement allowed us to not only ensure fair and accurate judging but also to provide valuable technical support to all participating mines. Through this support, we have helped to enhance and optimize the first aid capabilities of the mines, thus contributing to a safer working environment for their employees.

Furthermore, BRCS has actively engaged with the Botswana Chamber of Mines and participated in their quarterly meetings. Our participation in these meetings has been instrumental in contributing to the ongoing improvement of safety standards within Botswana's mining sector. By collaborating closely with industry stakeholders, we have been able to provide valuable insights and expertise, furthering our collective goal of fostering a culture of safety and preparedness within diverse industrial settings.







### 6.3 Training and Capacity Building

Throughout the year, our organization spearheaded comprehensive first aid training initiatives for sub-branches, communities, corporations, government entities, and mining operations. We successfully trained over 600 individuals, equipping them with the knowledge and skills necessary to respond effectively to medical emergencies. This concerted effort has significantly strengthened the overall capacity for providing immediate assistance and care within various sectors.

### 6.4 Support for National and International Events

Our organization played a crucial role in ensuring the safety and well-being of participants during several national and international events. Notable engagements included providing first aid services during the Independence Day celebrations, the US-Africa Business Summit, the Jwaneng Desert Bush Walk, the 73rd Regional Committee for Africa gathering, and the Road Safety Awareness campaigns in partnership with MVA Fund during the Independence Day celebration. By delivering expert first aid services at these events, we demonstrated our unwavering commitment to safeguarding public health and mitigating potential medical crises.

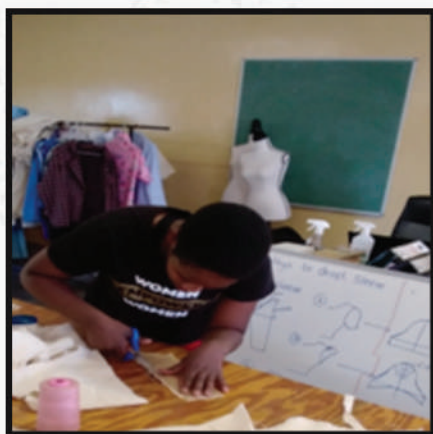
## 7 CENTERS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

Botswana Red Cross Society (BRCS) remains dedicated to providing rehabilitation and stimulation services in three key areas across Botswana; The Sefhare Stimulation Center in Sefhare, the Tshimologo Stimulation Center in Francistown, and the Tlamelong Rehabilitation Center in Tlokweng. Through these initiatives, BRCS aims to empower individuals with disabilities and promote inclusivity within our community.

### 7.1 TLAMELONG REHABILITATION CENTRE

In 2023, Tlamelong Rehabilitation Centre celebrated the graduation of 29 trainees with disabilities, marking a significant milestone in their journey to self-sufficiency. Among them, 12 specialized in textiles, while 17 pursued horticulture, showcasing the diverse skill sets being nurtured at our center. Notably, one of our talented trainees secured a coveted paid internship with Western Apparels, a testament to the real-world impact of our vocational training program. Furthermore, we are proud to announce that all 29 trainees successfully passed the assessment conducted by the Madirelong Testing and Training Centre, attesting to the caliber of skills and knowledge they have acquired under our guidance.

Partnership with Bokomo Botswana for facility maintenance and Embassy of Republic of South Korea for Borehole maintenance and solar installation.



Caption 6: showing one of textile trainee making a sample of sleeves (May 2023)



Caption 7: Republic of South Korean Embassy visit to Tlamelong (Nov 2023)





## CHALLENGE

High number of potential trainees seeking admission in Tlamelong Rehabilitation Centre but our space for accommodation does not allow us to increase our intake.

## 7.2 TSHIMOLOGO STIMULATION CENTRE

In 2023, Tshimologo Stimulation Centre enrolled 34 students, comprising 17 males and 17 females, reflecting a commitment to gender parity within the program. Notably, the center successfully organized a 5-day student excursion to Kasane, providing an enriching experience for the students. Furthermore, the center hosted a graduation ceremony and a festive Christmas party for its learners, celebrating the achievements of 6 graduating students at the end of the year.

## 7.3 SEFHARE STIMULATION CENTRE

Sefhare Stimulation Centre, 38 students were registered, with 24 males and 14 females. Regrettably, 3 students were transferred and 1 student passed away. Despite these challenges, the center received a generous monthly food donation of P4,500.00 from KFC company, enabling the provision of food hampers to all students during the Christmas season. Additionally, the center celebrated the graduation of 20 students and organized a successful student excursion to the Kasane tourist area, providing valuable educational and recreational experiences.

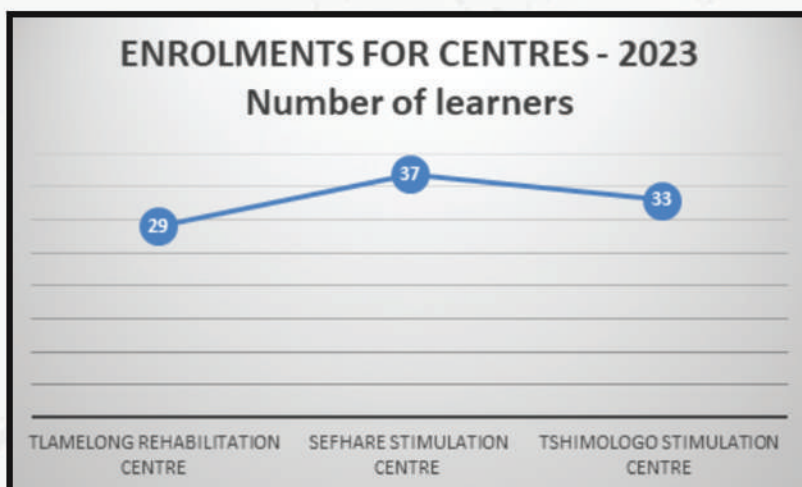


Figure 9: Enrollment for Centers – 2023

# 8 PHYSIOTHERAPY SERVICES

## 8.1 Services in South East, Southern and Boteti Districts

As of December 2023, a total of 349 clinical physiotherapy cases against the annual target of 150 patients were seen, whilst a total of 362 individuals were seen and assessed through CBR against the annual target of 80 persons. The contrast between planned and achieved CBR targets was due to the inclusion of the new catchment of Boteti District.

Due to the financial constraints experienced during the larger part of the first half of 2023, PWDs were not adequately tended to through CBR. However, outpatient activities proceeded unabated and delivered the desired results through a network support maze of Physical Therapy partner resource mobilization





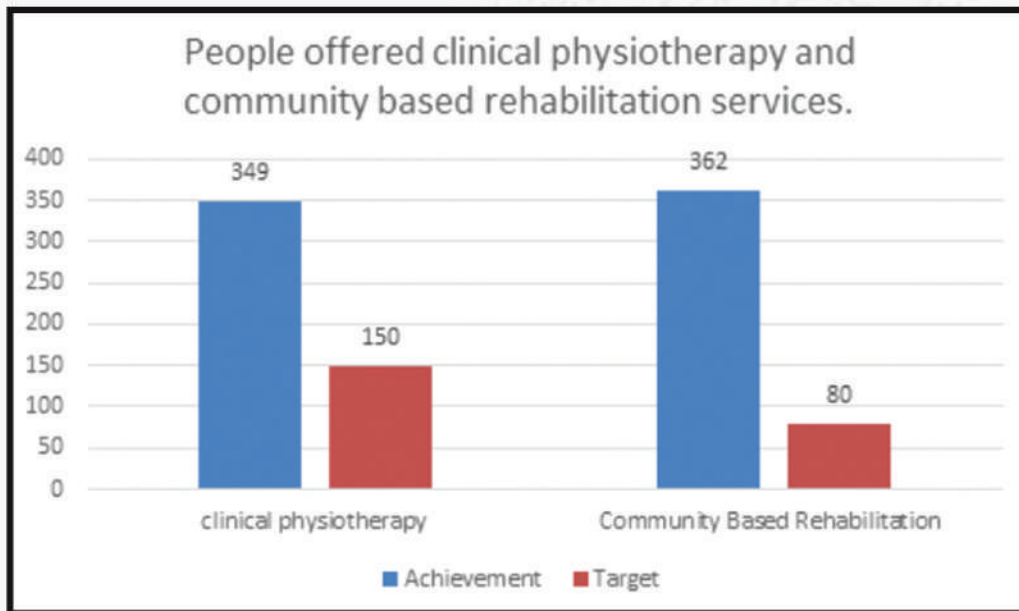


Figure 10 : Number of people offered clinical physiotherapy and CBR in 2023 across Boteti, Sefhare and Tlokweng

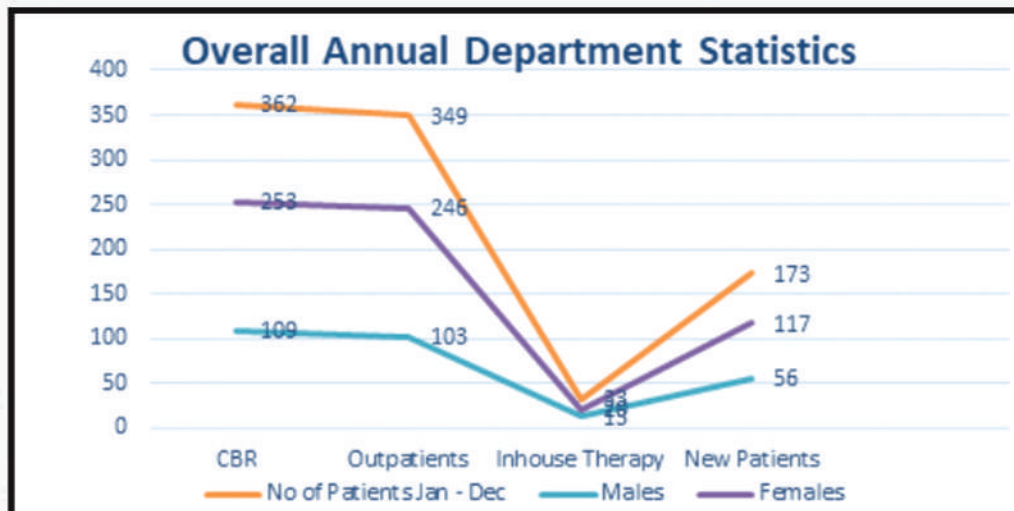


Figure 11 : Numbers reached in Boteti, Sefhare, Tlokweng through rehabilitation and physio services



Caption 8: BRCS & Boteti CBR team visiting a PWD to assess and record measurements for a wheelchair in Motopi, on 13th February 2023





BRCS has another physiotherapy services in Francistown targeting learners in Tshimologo Stimulation Centre, and community in Francistown and surrounding areas.

The total number of villages in the catchment is thirteen (13) and we divided them into two categories as follows. A total of 97 clients were attended to in all these villages with 70 being females and 27 males. North East District comprising of Masunga and Greater Masunga (Masunga, Mapoka, Makaleng, Sekakangwe, Moroka, Ramokgwebana, Jakalasi 1, Tshesebe,

## 9 SAVING LIVES AND LIVELIHOODS INITIATIVE – LEAD IMPLEMENTOR

The Saving Lives and Livelihood (SLL) initiative is a \$1.5 billion partnership between the Mastercard Foundation and the Africa CDC, aimed at ensuring vaccine procurement, delivery, and administration in Africa in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE) are crucial in promoting informed decision-making, positive behaviour change, and trust-building for COVID-19 vaccine uptake. The Botswana Red Cross Society is the lead Implementing Partner (IP) for the RCCE component in Southern Africa. As the lead IP, the BRCS has been mandated to provide administrative and technical support to the ten countries, namely, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Namibia, Zambia, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Eswatini, Mozambique and Angola. The latter four countries did not implement in the first phase.

### Highlights of performance, 2023

- i. September 2023 marked the project's first year of implementation. The region has achieved 80% completion in microplanning, 60% of which were approved and implemented.
- ii. The BRCS supported the implementation of Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE) activities to increase demand and uptake of the COVID-19 vaccine.
- iii. In 2023, the Saving Lives and Livelihood initiative had a total of 3156 new trainees to build their capacity in COVID-19 and RCCE messaging compared to 1556 trainees in 2022. The gender distribution for the 2023 trainings is 48.2% female, and 51.8% male. Cumulatively, since 2022, the initiative has trained 4712 people.
- iv. A total of 3438 people were employed by the Saving Lives and Livelihood initiative in 2023 as new engagements compared to 3007 people employed in the previous year. The highest proportion of the people engaged in 2023 were female at 71.6% compared to 28.4% of male workers. Of the total number of people employed in this year, 1213 were youth.
- v. The Southern Africa region reached 17, 719,937 people in the course of 2023 through various communication channels including print media, radio, television, social media, in-person outreaches and public addresses. Cumulatively, since the inception of the project in the last quarter of 2022, the project has reached 19, 446,851 people with messaging on COVID-19 and its vaccination.
- vi. The Saving Lives and Livelihood Initiative helped to strengthen the BRCS's role as a thought leader and knowledge contributor in pandemic response. This was achieved by:
  - Conducting and completing 3 Knowledge, Attitudes, and Perceptions (KAP) surveys in Malawi, Zimbabwe, and Zambia.
  - Presentation of 4 abstracts at the International Conference on Public Health which was held in Zambia in November 2023 by the Africa CDC.
  - The project's visibility was also enhanced through documenting 21 success stories that were featured in Africa CDC monthly newsletters in 2023.
  - Participation in high-level public health events such as the CPHIA 2022 conference Seventy-third session of the WHO Regional Committee for Africa, in August 2022 where the SLL's work was showcased.





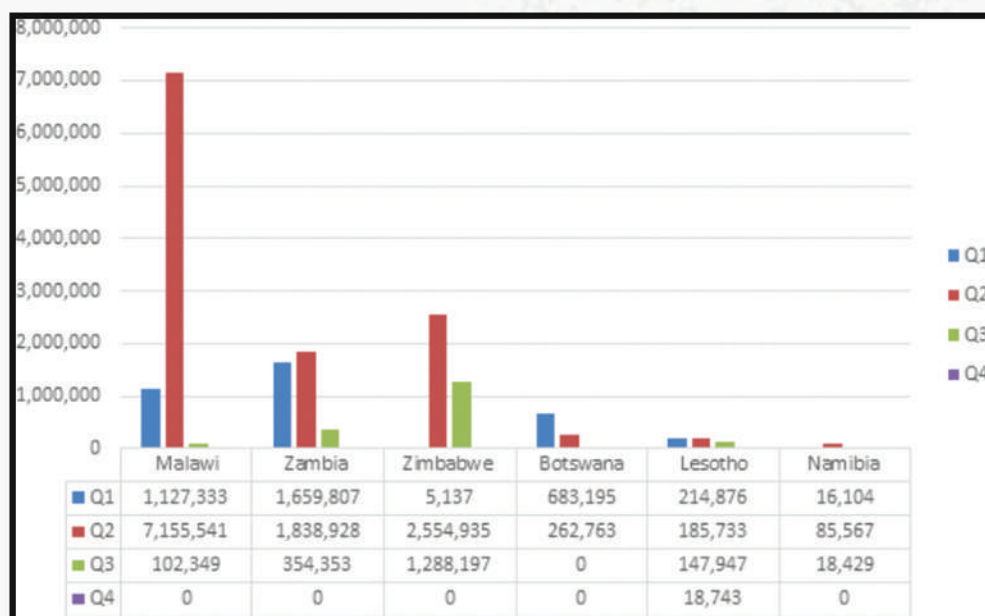


Figure 12 : Number of people reached by implementing member states per quarter through various communication channels in 2023.

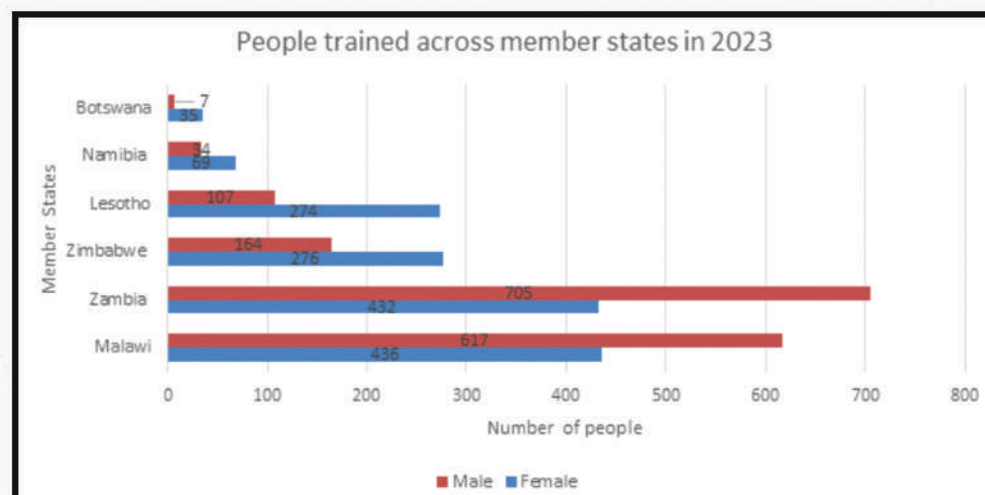


Figure 13: Number of people trained on RCCE approaches and the COVID-19 vaccine through the SLL project.

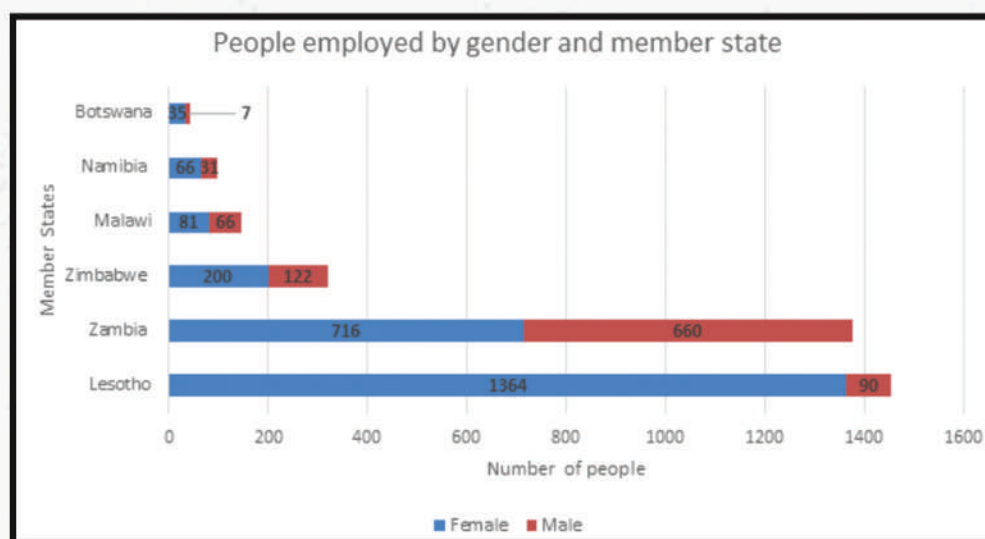


Figure 14: Number of people employed by the SLL project in 2023.







## 10 PARTNERSHIPS

Partnerships are essential to the success of the Botswana Red Cross Society, as they bring multitude of benefits that significantly enhance our ability to fulfil our auxiliary role to Government of Botswana and our humanitarian mission in Botswana.

Below are some of the partners that BRCS closely worked with in 2023;

- Ministry for State President, National Disaster Management Office (NDMO)
- Ministry of Health (different departments, including National Blood Transfusion Service)
- Ministry of Youth Empowerment, Sports and Culture Development (MYSC)
- International Federation for Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)
- International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)
- UNICEF
- International Organisation of Migration (IOM)
- Mastercard Foundation
- Africa CDC
- Motor Vehicle Accident Fund
- Independent Electoral Commission (IEC)
- Palms For Life
- Netherlands Red Cross Society
- Embassy of Republic of South Korea
- District Commissioners, DMSAC & Gender committees,
- Schools (both Private and Public)
- Village Development Committees
- Business Community (Bokomo Botswana, KFC, Woolworths)

## 11 POLICY AND STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETINGS

Meeting /Workshop	Key areas of Interest for BRCS highlighted during Meeting
Malaria Strategy Review and Strategic Planning	Role of communities in Malaria Prevention, LINNs distribution and Community based testing and contact tracing.
Malaria RCCE strategic planning	Opportunity for funding to support MoH with demand creation and health promotion activities towards Malaria Elimination.
Multi hazard RCCE strategy	Community involvement RCCE for different hazards Prioritization marginalized populations Remote area dwellers People with disabilities Migrant populations
Botswana Public Health Institute (BPHI)	Enables BRCS to contribute to public health response through policy formulation, implementation towards effective response to health emergencies.
Integrated primary health care revitalization- Monitoring and evaluation	Highlighting the BRCS CHW engagement model, Tools Inclusion of BRCS strategic priorities in the IPHC M&E framework. This enables BRCS to integrate the tools in our projects since our priorities are embedded in them.
Integrated health services community health worker handbook TWG	Practical field experiences to facilitate practicality of the document
Disaster Management and Disability committees	Influence decision making for the benefit of vulnerable people







## 12 CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the Botswana Red Cross Society's annual narrative report serves as a testament to the unwavering commitment and tireless efforts of our organization and its dedicated stakeholders in advancing our humanitarian mission. Throughout the past year, we have witnessed the profound impact of our collective initiatives on the lives of individuals and communities across Botswana.

The collaborative support of our stakeholders, including government entities, non-governmental organizations, corporate partners, volunteers, and the communities themselves, has been instrumental in driving positive change and fostering resilience in the face of adversity. Together, we have implemented a wide range of programs and interventions, spanning disaster response, health promotion, capacity building, and community empowerment, all aimed at alleviating suffering and enhancing well-being.











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