



*RedR Australia's vision is a world in which competent and committed personnel are available and responding to humanitarian needs before, during, and after, conflict and crises.*

## RedR Australia Annual Report FY19

### Chair's Report

Meeting the needs across the shifting humanitarian landscape, this year has highlighted the value of our mission to build resilience and relieve suffering in times of international humanitarian crisis and conflict.

Building on our much valued role as a United Nations Standby Partner, this year our available deployment skill profiles increased, demonstrating our capability to provide the technical expertise needed to fill gaps in humanitarian responses across the globe.

Our partnership with the Australian Government strengthened with the delivery of the Australia Assists program. Now in its second year, we continue to attract technical specialists to enable swift response efforts across the disaster cycle. FY19 saw 125 deployments to 27 countries, with an increased focus on disaster risk reduction, preparedness, and recovery in the Pacific and Asia.

RedR Australia's training excellence both at home and abroad is a testament to the calibre of an experienced team who equip participants with the practical skills and knowledge to work effectively in humanitarian crises.

Finally, thank you to my fellow Board members for their ongoing support and guidance during this year, and to our partners within the UN, the Australian and UK Governments, corporate partners, university and innovation partners, and the public, as we work together to provide much needed high calibre support to where it's needed most for those facing crisis and conflict.

### CEO's Report

This year, RedR Australia strengthened its commitment to supporting some of the world's biggest humanitarian crises, including deploying our 51st technical specialist to the Rohingya crisis in Cox's Bazar.

Through our partnerships with the Australian Government and the UK's Department for International Development (DFID), we continued to enhance our commitment to humanitarian action across all phases of the response cycle, helping communities to plan, prepare and recover from emergencies and conflict. Disability and gender inclusion remained core to our efforts, as we responded to demand for technical disability, gender and protection specialists.

This year saw us take a longer-termed lens to our approach to the Middle East, demonstrating the level of depth and foresight in our capability, moving beyond the emergency response phase and into longer-term planning, enhancing and protecting the rights of vulnerable communities.

Our support to the Pacific also scaled up this year, with 38 deployments to eight countries. These deployments were characterised by their contribution to lasting change, raising technical standards in the region, and reducing duplication by improving cross-agency harmonisation. Emergency preparedness and disaster risk reduction strengthened national preparedness to offset natural disasters in the Pacific.

Our efforts have been made possible through the support from our UN partners, host organisations, the Australian Government, DFID, corporate, innovation and university partners, supporters, and the public. Together, we will continue to support response efforts which increase resilience in communities, and promote the rights of affected communities.



Elizabeth Taylor AO,  
Chair



Kirsten Sayers,  
CEO

# Global Deployment Capability

## Rohingya Crisis

Efforts scaled up in FY19 across both Bangladesh and Myanmar, representing RedR Australia's largest response to any single humanitarian crisis, with recognition for deployee contributions to emergency preparedness, protection, humanitarian coordination and longer-term stability. Precarious terrain and overcrowded living conditions in the disaster-prone settlements of Cox's Bazar also necessitated technical disaster risk reduction, construction, landslide risk and site planning skillsets.

## Pacific

Pacific deployments have been characterised by their contribution to lasting change by raising technical standards in the region, and reducing duplication by improving cross-agency harmonisation. Program stakeholders have welcomed support throughout the whole humanitarian cycle – emergency preparedness, response, recovery and stabilisation. This has included deploying a team of six election specialists in support of the 2019 Solomon Islands Election. Together they mentored more than 350 Election Commission staff, enabled the country's first ever pre-poll to take place, supported stability throughout the election period, and reinforced Australia's role as a good development partner.

## Middle East

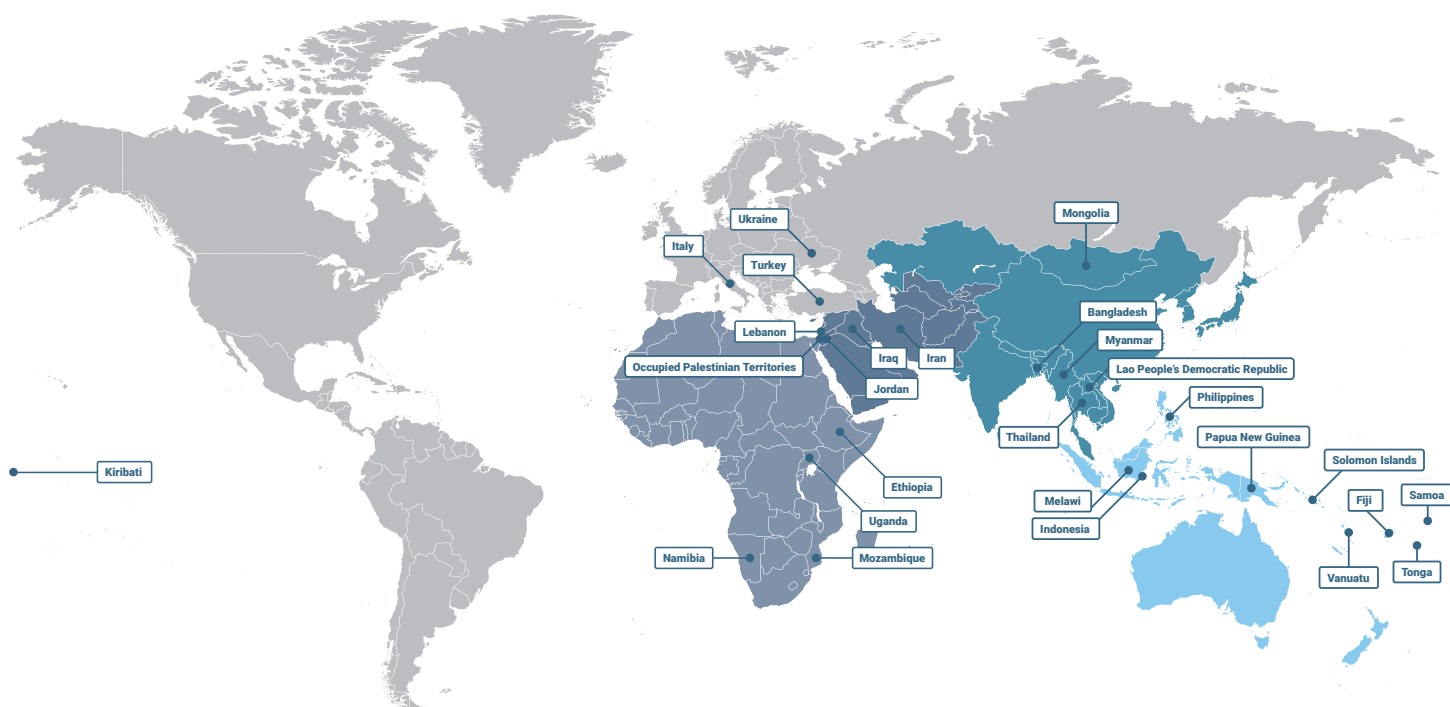
A number of specialists provided critical support to accelerate the trajectory of response and recovery efforts for the Syria crisis. Focusing on longer-term peacebuilding and stabilisation efforts, this included the provision of civil-military and humanitarian affairs expertise, and support of coordinated regional approaches. The deployees brought new systems, innovative technologies and tools that guide best practice and bring lifesaving assistance to Syrian and Palestine refugees, including a transition strategy for emergency WASH infrastructure and legal protocols to prevent violence against children at school.

## Africa

Throughout FY19, RedR Australia provided humanitarian assistance to communities suffering or threatened by protracted violence, climate change-induced food insecurity, Ebola outbreaks, and devastation caused by Cyclone Idai. Against this backdrop, through Australia Assists, response efforts in Ethiopia, Uganda, Namibia, Mozambique and Malawi helped save lives, alleviate suffering and enhance the dignity of affected communities.

From its roster of more than 700 members across 79 skill profiles, RedR Australia deployed 125 technical specialists to 27 countries in FY19.

## Where We Work



## Skill Profiles

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|-------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Response Coordination         | Gender Inclusion     | Risk Reduction and Resilience | MEAL and Reporting         |
| Response Management           | Disability Inclusion | Elections                     | Health/Nutrition           |
| Engineering                   | Protection           | Information Management        | Education                  |
| Shelter                       | Logistics            | Communications                | Information and Technology |
| WASH                          | Preparedness         | Stabilisation and Recovery    | Safety                     |
| Security Cluster Coordination |                      |                               |                            |

RedR Australia is a partner to both the Australian and UK Governments, as well as a Standby Partner to eleven UN offices, agencies, funds, related organisations and other entities, supplying skilled personnel and temporary surge capacity support during global emergencies, including to the refugee crises in Cox's Bazar and the Middle East.

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## UN Partners



## Government Partnerships



## Corporate Partners



## The Australia Assists Program

Australia Assists is a flexible, agile and responsive civilian deployment capability that is directly helping Australia to deliver on its foreign policy, soft power and humanitarian objectives.

Australia Assists has proven to offer considerable breadth, with Australian-funded technical specialists consistently on the ground throughout FY19 to support some of the world's most complex and protracted emergencies — including the Rohingya crisis, Syrian crisis, Ambae volcano emergency, and drought and refugee crises in East Africa.

Australia Assists is making a distinct contribution to gender, protection and social inclusion, with an unprecedented 15 specialists in FY19 directly focused on strengthening these priority areas across national governments, regional agencies and UN partners. The Program is also increasingly making inroads with regard to advancing Australia's Women, Peace and Security (WPS) agenda, via deployments that complement the WPS priorities of partners in Asia and the Pacific.



Shelter Officers Marina Drazba and Regan Potangaroa with UNHCR Head of Field and Technical Unit Frédéric Cussigh in Cox's Bazar.  
Photo credit: Patrick Shepherd, RedR Australia



# Global Impact of RedR's Training in FY19

In FY19, RedR Australia facilitated a range of globally recognised humanitarian training courses, strengthening deployee, government and international agencies' response efforts in a humanitarian crises.

32 training courses spanned across Australia, Indonesia, Philippines, Fiji, Hawaii and Brunei, improving disaster and emergency preparedness throughout the regions. This included supporting the 11th ASEAN Emergency Response and Assessment Team (ERAT) Induction training, attended by emergency responders from all 10 ASEAN member states.

The impact of RedR Australia's training services remains evident in the high calibre of its roster members, and helps ensure the right people have the right skills to respond to humanitarian conflict and crises across the world.

## Learning and Impact

Throughout FY19, RedR Australia's Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning (MEAL) system generated evidence and learning from an increasingly diverse and challenging set of humanitarian contexts. Final products included:

- Formal review of RedR Australia's contribution to:
  - Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Risk Management in the Pacific — From the Perspectives of Pacific Partners;
  - Gender and Protection in Humanitarian Action (global);
  - Papua New Guinea Highlands Earthquake Response;
  - Syrian Crisis.
- Evaluation of program support to the Solomon Islands National General Election.
- Joint After Action Review of the UN Standby Partnership's response to Tropical Cyclone Idai in Southern Africa, co-led by RedR Australia.
- Analysis of the long-term impact of RedR Australia's core humanitarian training.
- Tracking of RedR Australia's progress against the Gender Equality and Disability Inclusion Strategies (2018-2024).

These products are available via the Impact and Learning section on the RedR Australia website.

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AFTER ACTION REVIEW  
TROPICAL CYCLONE  
IDAI RESPONSE



Gender-Based Violence Interagency Coordinator Kate Bean with women participating in a GBV and sexual and reproductive health information session in Rakhine State, Myanmar. **Photo supplied.**

**COVER PHOTO:** Gender and Protection Specialist Anggie Burchill with her UN Women colleagues during her deployment in PNG. **Photo supplied.**