

2017 : A YEAR IN CRISIS

In 2017 the world faced a series of devastating humanitarian emergencies, not least here in the UK - making it one of the most demanding years for the British Red Cross since WWII. Here's a look back at 2017 in numbers

9m – people in the UK reported as always or often lonely

200 – tonnes of donated clothes, blankets, toiletries and essential items by members of the public following the Grenfell Tower Fire

24.1m – people facing food shortages in East Africa (across Ethiopia, Somalia, Kenya and South Sudan)

11,741 – destitute asylum seekers helped by the British Red Cross in the UK

70 – percentage of Yemen population urgently in need of humanitarian assistance as conflict escalates and cholera epidemic spreads

41m – people affected by the South Asian Floods

7.3 – magnitude of the Iran/Iraq earthquake killing more than 400 people and injuring more than 7,000

7,228 – people helped by the Red Cross in Anguilla following Hurricane Irma

600,000 – people crossing into Bangladesh in less than two months as they flee a surge of violence in Myanmar

631 – British Red Cross volunteers deployed to Grenfell

17m – people affected in the Lake Chad crisis. 2017's Silent Emergency across Chad, Cameroon, Niger and Nigeria

-13 – temperature recorded in Shropshire on the coldest night of the year





1,621 – people signed up to be British Red Cross Community Reserve Volunteers - a new initiative aimed at creating a taskforce of people willing to use their kindness to help others, when a major crisis hits their local community

35,147 – hygiene kits distributed by the Red Cross to people fleeing Myanmar for Bangladesh

22 – IronMen competitions competed by a British Red Cross community fundraiser

250,000 – people receiving face-to-face first aid learning by the British Red Cross in the UK

1,233,955 – volunteer hours clocked up in British Red Cross shops across the UK

£25m – amount raised across three UK appeals

£10.6m – amount raised to support people overseas (including those communities in the Caribbean affected by hurricanes Maria and Irma, the ongoing food crisis in East Africa and the Syria Crisis Appeal, amongst others)

147 – years the British Red Cross has been operating in the UK

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The British Red Cross helps millions of people in the UK and around the world to prepare for, respond to and recover from emergencies, disasters and conflicts. Our volunteers and staff help people in crisis to live independently by providing support at home, mobility aids and transport. We also teach first aid skills. We are part of the global Red Cross and Red Crescent humanitarian network. We refuse to ignore people in crisis.