



International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
Global First Aid Reference Centre



**GLOBAL FIRST AID
REFERENCE CENTRE - GFARC**

WHO ARE WE?



Founded in **2012**



Centre of excellence

of the International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
(IFRC) hosted by the French Red Cross



Collaborates with **191** National
Societies as well as scientific,
institutional and private partners.

Our objectives are to reduce the number of deaths and the severity of injuries as well as to make people and communities more resilient using first aid.

To achieve this, we work closely with National Societies to facilitate knowledge sharing between them and to promote first aid education at the global level. In order to ensure that first aid techniques are relevant to any country and any situation, we participate in numerous studies undertaken by medical doctors, scientists and researchers.



OUR MISSIONS

- Harmonize first aid and facilitate knowledge sharing
- Promote an evidence-based approach and research in order to provide quality first aid education
- Advocate for first aid
- Support, through evaluation and technical advice, resilience programs adapted to community needs
- Coordinate and lead the global first aid Network
- Develop resources and make economies of scale.



OUR ACHIEVEMENTS AND PROJECTS

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- ✔ **IFRC International first aid and resuscitation guidelines:** based on the regular review of science, these are revised every five years. They provide a reference for all National Societies to update their training tools.
- ✔ **A range of first aid trainings** for different audiences such as children, ageing people, trainers of trainers or related to subjects such as road safety, first aid at work...
- ✔ **Advocacy papers** to provide supportive regulation frameworks for learning and providing first aid.
- ✔ **Surveys** to collect data on accidents, legislation and on the number of people trained around the world...
- ✔ **Tools** to promote the dissemination and teaching of first aid such as videos, online courses...

OUR PROJECTS

- **International recognition:** as part of first aid harmonization and continuous quality improvement, it will be an acknowledgement of first aid education programs which are in accordance with the IFRC scientific recommendations and educational guidance.
- **The international curriculum for trainers:** this tool will facilitate an increase in the number of trainers, as well as harmonize their training worldwide and support National Societies.
- **Research:** focusing on a key education question “What is effective training?” To answer this question, tools to measure effectiveness as well as recommendations for improving education will be developed to increase learner confidence and the likelihood that they will provide first aid.
- **The collaborative platform:** this virtual workspace will facilitate exchanges and will allow sharing of all available tools. It will also lead and mobilize the National Societies’ Network around the first aid topic.

WORLD FIRST AID DAY



Every second Saturday of September



Worldwide

World First Aid Day is THE event of the Global First Aid Reference Centre. Every year, a theme linked to first aid is chosen (eg : road safety, domestic accidents...). This is an opportunity to highlight first aid and to make awareness campaigns mobilizing both the general public and volunteers.

Every year, GFARC provides tools (concept note, quizzes, description of activities to be run, posters, leaflets) to National Societies to optimize their day and the impact of their communication.



EVERY YEAR, MORE THAN 20 MILLION PEOPLE ARE TRAINED IN FIRST AID BY THE RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT NATIONAL SOCIETIES.

Everyone has the power to save lives:
this is what underpins all first aid activities carried out by GFARC and every Red Cross Red Crescent National Society.



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