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ON IFGC

Established on November 7, 2016, in Istanbul, the International Federation of Green Crescent (IFGC) was founded through the collaboration of 30 Green Crescent societies from around the world, united by a shared vision of promoting healthy, resilient, and addiction-free communities globally.

The IFGC brings together independent Country Green Crescent organizations under a common platform to foster international solidarity, build institutional capacity, and develop effective strategies against a wide range of addictions, including tobacco, alcohol, drugs, technology, and gambling, tailored to the specific needs and cultural contexts of each country.

Today, members of the IFGC are actively operating in 65 countries across five continents, with the Federation continuing to expand its network as new Country Green Crescents are established. Each member operates as an independent, locally registered organization committed to the IFGC's core principles and goals.

In addition to strengthening national efforts, the IFGC promotes global collaboration by encouraging the active participation of its members in international forums, including those organized by the United Nations and other global institutions.

With its growing network and strong commitment to public health and prevention, the IFGC continues to play a key role in shaping global addiction policy, advocacy, and community resilience.



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Global Reach, Strategic Depth, and Unified Action

This report consolidates the strategic interventions undertaken by the **International Federation of Green Crescent (IFGC)** and its member associations in **2025**. Mobilizing a resilient network across **31 countries out of 65 members are making active contributions in 5 continents**, **102 impactful activities of the IFGC members are highlighted in the report**. It marks a definitive shift from regional coordination to global leadership in addiction prevention.

Elevating the Global Discourse

IFGC solidified its role as a primary civil society stakeholder in international context. Beyond our robust presence at the **68th CND Session** in Vienna, where members led **16 side events** and delivered key interventions, 2025 witnessed a strategic expansion of our advocacy footprint. From the **Women's Forum on Addiction (WFAR)** in New York to the **XXVIII ABEAD Congress** in Brazil and the **Afri-Asia Summit** in Kenya, IFGC members bridged the gap between local realities and global policy frameworks. A historic milestone was achieved in institutional recognition, with the **UN ECOSOC Special Consultative Status** being granted to 3 new members, bringing the total number of accredited organizations to **28**, thereby amplifying our voice at the highest levels of global governance.

Youth Empowerment and Community Awareness

Recognizing youth as agents of change, IFGC expanded its engagement through Erasmus+ mobility projects, connecting young leaders across Türkiye, the Balkans, and Europe. In parallel, widespread community campaigns, ranging from the global Green Crescent Week to the family-focused "Connect to Protect" program in Colombia, mobilized public opinion and fostered healthy lifestyle habits in diverse cultural contexts. Within the framework of **strengthening global prevention, advocacy, and public health responses to addictive behaviours**, the International Federation of Green Crescent (IFGC) and the Turkish Green Crescent Society convened two complementary high-level international initiatives in 2025.

The 6th Youth Advocacy Forum (YAF), held in

Istanbul in November 2025 with the support of IFGC and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), brought together 29 young leaders from 16 countries to enhance youth-led prevention efforts through sport-based approaches. The forum delivered intensive capacity-building activities focused on advocacy, media literacy, and leadership, aiming to empower the next generation of prevention advocates.

Institutional Development & Capacity Building

Our commitment to building lasting infrastructures of care was epitomized by the **8th International Capacity Building Program** in Istanbul, which convened 78 invited participants and 42 speakers from 60 countries. The program was held in English, with simultaneous interpretation in Turkish and French. In addition to the main sessions and parallel sessions, a total of 10 interactive workshops were organized. Subsequently the IFGC Forum was held and it was honored by the participation of **H.E. President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan**. Furthermore, 2025 marked a turning point in network governance with the operationalization of four member-led **Working Groups** (Scientific, Fundraising, Capacity Building, Advocacy). This decentralized leadership model has already yielded tangible results, including independent scientific research applications and cross-border grant coalitions.

Grassroots Resilience & Humanitarian Response

While shaping policies at the top, the network remained deeply rooted in community service. Members executed wide-reaching prevention campaigns, such as the **"Bader" Campaign** in Jordan and **Project OPPA** in Malaysia, while institutionalizing prevention through university partnerships in Botswana and Jordan. In regions facing acute crises, IFGC engagement transcended advocacy; delivering vital humanitarian aid and mobile healthcare to over **11,000 beneficiaries** in conflict zones like **Afghanistan** and disaster-affected areas in **Myanmar**.

This report details how the IFGC, through **International Collaboration, Advocacy, Capacity Building, Youth Empowerment, and Humanitarian Action**, continues to support a unified, evidence-based, and human-centric response to the global challenge of addiction.

Activity Overview Charts

Of the 102 events presented in the report, 10 were coordinated by the IFGC with the participation of Country Green Crescents. The remaining were engaged by IFGC members.

2025 Activities Regional Distribution

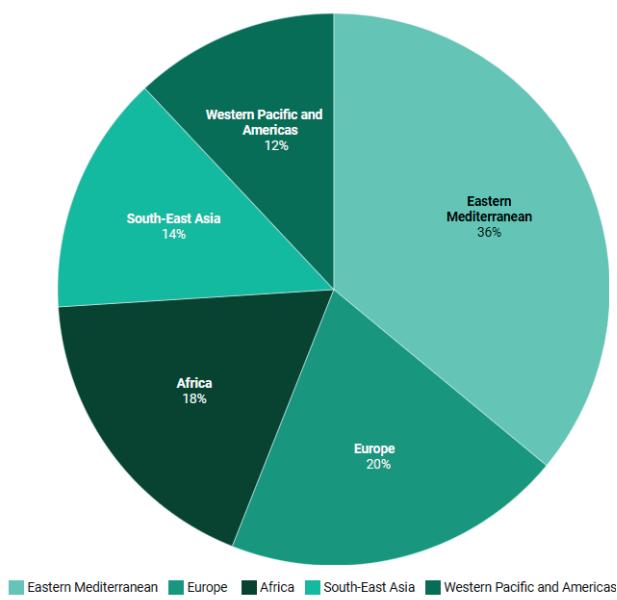


Chart 1 demonstrates the regional distribution of events by IFGC members. The data clearly indicates that Eastern Mediterranean, Europe and Africa drive the highest volume of activities within their respective regions.

2025 Activities Target Group Distribution

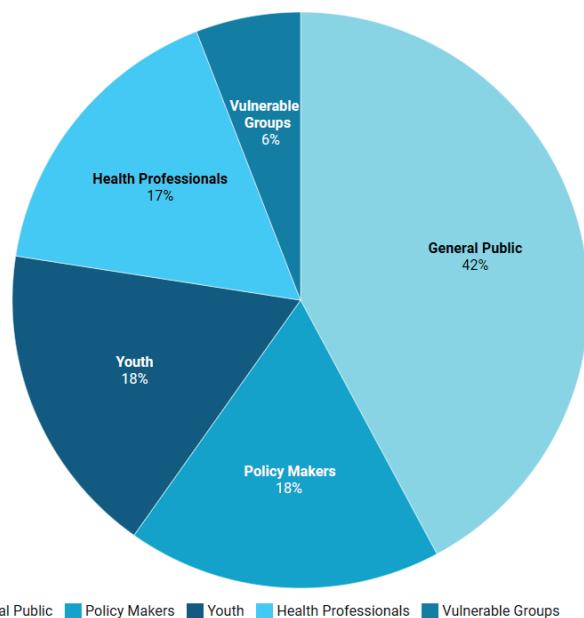


Chart 2 represents IFGC's and IFGC members' comprehensive reach across the social spectrum. Connecting with diverse groups, from disadvantaged communities and youth to policy-makers, ensures that the prevention efforts are inclusive and influential.

2025 Activities Thematic Distribution

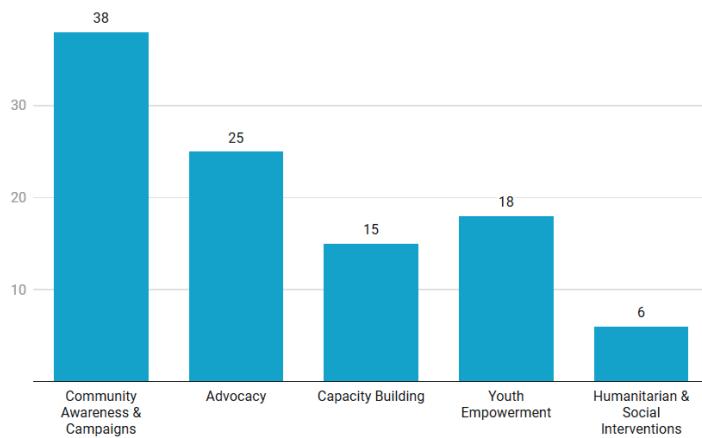


Chart 3 illustrates IFGC's multifaceted approach. By diversifying activities across five key pillars, IFGC ensures a holistic response that balances field interventions with long-term advocacy and institutional strengthening.

8th INTERNATIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM

The 8th International Capacity Building Program, held between April 30 and May 2, 2025, at the historic Sepetçiler Pavilion in Istanbul, served as IFGC's premier platform for institutional strengthening. Designed to harmonize prevention strategies across borders, the program convened 120 participants, including 78 international delegates from 60 countries across North America, Europe, Africa, Asia, and Latin America. This diversity underscored IFGC's unique ability to mobilize a truly global network against addiction.

Technical Excellence & Knowledge Transfer

Moving beyond theory to practical application, the three-day curriculum was delivered by 42 expert speakers and representatives from 21 international organizations, including key stakeholders such as the World Health Organization (WHO), UNODC, IOM, and UN Women. Interactive workshops, led by the Turkish Green Crescent Society's expert departments (YEDAM, Project Management, Education), provided participants with critical competencies in:

- Evidence-based addiction prevention and rehabilitation practices,
- Sustainable project development and fund management,
- Volunteer engagement strategies for civil society.



In addition to its structured training components, the program provided a comprehensive operational framework that combined plenary sessions, parallel thematic discussions, and hands-on workshops across multiple venues within the Sepetçiler Pavilion. Sessions were designed to address prevention, public health, advocacy, and organizational sustainability from a global perspective, while allowing participants

to engage directly with international experts and peer institutions. The integrated format enabled Country Green Crescents to contextualize global policy discussions within their national realities, strengthen cross-regional dialogue, and align their institutional approaches with internationally recognized standards and practices in the field of addiction prevention and public health.



The General Assembly

On the second day of the event, the 5th General Assembly Meeting of IFGC was held. During this meeting, new members were formally introduced, the governance structure was updated, and the Federation's future vision was presented.

The General Assembly made a significant contribution to strengthening international cooperation and reinforcing shared objectives. The closing remarks were delivered by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mehmet Dinç, President of International Federation of Green Crescent, and Dr. Mehmet Güllüoğlu, Secretary General.



The IFGC Forum

A defining moment of the program was the IFGC Forum, held on May 2 at the Atatürk Cultural Center with the honor of H.E. President Recep Tayyip Erdogan. The President's participation signaled the highest level of political commitment to the IFGC's mission. During the forum, representatives from South Africa, Jordan, Brazil, Bulgaria, Thailand, and Australia presented country-level case studies, highlighting how their cooperation with IFGC has transformed their national response to addiction.

By facilitating the exchange of best practices in English, Turkish, and French, the program

successfully reinforced the operational capacity of member societies. It not only broadened their institutional vision but also cemented a shared commitment to advancing public health-oriented advocacy on the global stage.

This program was pivotal in the quality of prevention and rehabilitation services across the IFGC members. By facilitating direct knowledge transfer from global experts to local practitioners, IFGC ensured that its members are equipped not just with theoretical knowledge, but with actionable, high-standard competencies that ensure institutional sustainability and operational excellence.



ADVOCACY EFFORTS

IFGC members solidified their position as key civil society stakeholders on the global stage, particularly through robust engagement at the United Nations. By facilitating critical dialogues and expert-led sessions, our members successfully connected local grassroots realities with established global policy frameworks.

The 68th CND Session: A Global Engagement

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND) serves as the central policy-making body of the United Nations drug control system. Established by the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), it is responsible for monitoring the implementation of international drug control conventions and guiding global strategies against illicit drugs. The annual session in Vienna brings together Member States, UN entities, and intergovernmental organizations to adopt resolutions that shape the future of drug policy. For civil society, the CND represents a critical platform to influence these global norms by providing on-the-ground evidence and technical expertise. For the IFGC and its members, active participation in the CND is vital for aligning national prevention efforts with international standards. It allows the member NGOs to showcase effective, culturally sensitive prevention models while advocating for human-centric and science-based policies. Furthermore, the side events organized during the session act as a catalyst for international cooperation, enabling members to build strategic alliances beyond their borders. Engaging in this multilateral forum ensures that the IFGC not only contributes to the global discourse but also support the member NGOs' capacity to implement global best practices at the local level.

During the 68th CND Session, 175 side events were held online and in person by NGOs, IOs, and member states, such as European Union, UNODC, EUDA, WFAD, ISSDP and African Union. IFGC played a key role, with eight IFGC members participating: Türkiye, Sudan, Tunisia, Jordan, Malaysia (also an exhibition), Nigeria, Lebanon, and Azerbaijan.

IFGC members successfully organized and supported a total of **1 exhibition, 16 side events** through **three different participation formats: 3 in-person events, 8 hybrid events, and 5 online events**, and submitted **2 written statements** addressing the most pressing challenges in global addiction policy.

IFGC Representation:

Keynote Address: IFGC Secretary-General Amb.

Dr. Mehmet Güllüoğlu delivered a keynote address during the session on "Substance Use Disorder and Gambling: Tackling Shared Risks for Better Prevention and Policy." Organized by the Turkish Green Crescent Society, the session emphasized the necessity of strengthening prevention efforts through evidence-based policies. This hybrid event was supported by the Permanent Mission of Türkiye, Yale University, UNODC Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Section, EURAD, and the European Gambling Harm Prevention Network (EGHPN).

Science-Based Agenda

Sara Evli (Turkish Green Crescent Society Federation Management) served as a distinguished speaker in the in-person session "Joining Forces for Drafting the Agenda on Science-Based Drug Prevention," organized by Proyecto Hombre and supported by Turkish Green Crescent Society. Her participation highlighted the IFGC's commitment in a global agenda centered on science-based strategies.

Regional & Thematic Diversity at CND Innovation in Policy

For the first time, the **Malaysian Green Crescent** hosted an interactive exhibition titled "Aligning Drug Policies with the Sustainable Development Goals," allowing participants to discuss the role of drug policies in creating sustainable communities.

Vulnerable Groups

Malaysian Green Crescent also led the online session "Inclusive Approaches for Women and Elderly in Prevention and Recovery," featuring YEDAM Expert Sude Beyaz Tobay as a speaker. This session that present policies tailored to the unique needs of vulnerable demographics, was supported by the Government of Malaysia, Turkish Green Crescent Society, Singapore Anti-Narcotics Association (SANA), and European Treatment Centers for Drug Addiction. Moderated by Dr. Ahmad Fairuz Mohamed, the session addressed the critical treatment gap where women constitute half of amphetamine users globally but represent only one-fifth of treatment recipients. Distinguished speakers, including Dato' Ruslin bin Jusoh (National Anti-Drugs Agency Malaysia) and Dr. Thomas Legl, emphasized the necessity of gender-sensitive protocols. Furthermore, Sude Beyaz Tobay (Turkish Green Crescent Society) and panelists explored the complexities of treating elderly populations, highlighting how poly-medication and chronic health conditions necessitate



tailored therapeutic strategies rather than one-size-fits-all approaches.

Crisis & Migration

The **Sudanese Green Crescent** spearheaded the discussion on "Building Inclusive and Long-Term Policies for Crises Affected Regions and Migration." This online session, featuring YEDAM Psychologist İzel Yıldız, was a prime example of cross-border solidarity, supported by Ghent University Institute for Social Drug Research (ISD), Conectados Pela Vida(Brazil), Turkish Green Crescent Society, IOM, and IFRC. The session convened a panel including Dr. Rudwan Yahya Ibrahim and experts from international bodies such as Guglielmo Schinina (Head of MHPSS section at IOM) and Greisy Massiel Trejo(IFRC). The discussions analyzed how forced displacement, which reached unprecedented levels of over 120 million people in 2024, directly exacerbates vulnerabilities to substance use due to PTSD and disrupted social networks. Also, Dr. Alexandre Kieslich da Silva (Conectados Pela Vida) provided insights on the Venezuelan migration context.

Emerging Threats The Lebanese Green Crescent (StardomAssociation - Al Najm) addressed regional instability through the hybrid session "Regional Dynamics and Search for Solutions: The Urgent Need for Intervention on Khat and Captagon in East Africa and the Middle East". Supported by the Slum Child Foundation, TJADS, Green Crescent Ethiopia, Green Crescent Syria, and UNODC

(Wadih Maloof), the session engaged partners to formulate urgent collaborative responses. The panel, featuring Dr. Wadih Maalof (UNODC) and Dr. Mousa Daoud (Jordan), examined the

distinct challenges of Khat's cultural integration versus Captagon's conflict-driven proliferation. Discussions highlighted how the Syrian crisis has shaped Captagon trafficking routes and the potential for this illicit economy to expand into new regions. Amira Nasreddine (Lebanon Ministry of Social Affairs) and regional partners emphasized the need for unified regulatory frameworks that address these substances not only as security threats but also as public health risks driven by economic vulnerability.

Environmental Nexus

Azerbaijan Green Crescent (Zererli Verdişlere Qarşı İctimai Birliyi) organized a visionary online session titled "Drugs, Environmental Degradation, and Mental Health: A Vicious Cycle". Featuring Turkish Green Crescent Society Deputy President Doruk Malhan, the session explored the vicious cycle between drug production, environmental degradation, and mental health challenges, supported by DFAF, Turkish Green Crescent Society, Nusroto Al-Anashid Association, and the University of Ottawa. This session provided a comprehensive analysis of how drug production fuels deforestation and biodiversity loss, particularly citing examples from the Amazon and Southeast Asia. Speakers including Savalan Mukhtarov and Amy Ronhausen(DFAF) discussed the carbon footprint of indoor cannabis cultivation and the toxic waste generated by synthetic drug manufacturing. Rima Saade Turk (Nusroto) added a regional perspective on the environmental toll of synthetic production in the Middle East, calling for multidimensional responses that prioritize sustainable development and evidence-based prevention.

Global Mentorship

The Nigeria Green Crescent (Green Crescent Health Development Initiative) introduced a scalable “Global Mentorship Model” designed to enhance community capacities, sharing success stories of localized prevention tools in the online session “Transforming Addiction Prevention: A Global Mentorship Model.” This initiative was supported by the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital, African Youths Initiative on Crime Prevention, Yayasan Green Crescent Indonesia, Islamic University in Uganda, and the University of Lagos. The session showcased how the “Mentor-Mentee” program has evolved into dynamic partnerships that drive culturally sensitive innovation. It highlighted the journey from basic training to specialized interventions in critical areas such as trauma healing and youth-centric approaches. By empowering families, teachers, and healthcare professionals with prevention skills, this model was presented as a sustainable strategy to build resilient communities rather than merely preventing addiction.

Cross-Border Cooperation

The **Jordan Anti Drugs Society (TJADS)** showcased regional strategies for strengthening collective action against addiction in the in-person session “Strengthening Regional and International Cooperation”. Hüseyin Hayri Nuroğlu (Turkish Green Crescent Society Board Member) spoke at the event, which was supported by the Turkish Green Crescent Society, the Governments of Jordan and Egypt, WFAD, UTRIP, and DFAF.

Trauma & Equity

Everest Green Crescent Nepal, in collaboration with the Slum Child Foundation, highlighted trauma-informed approaches to promote health

equity and accessibility in prevention services by the hybrid session “Ensuring Prevention Services Are Trauma-Informed and Promote Health Equity”, featuring Pujan Sharma as a speaker.

Youth & Innovation

Pakistan Youth Organization, with the explicit support of Malaysian Green Crescent, showcased innovative prevention and treatment initiatives from a regional perspective in the hybrid session “Innovative Prevention and Treatment Initiatives”, featuring Dr. Ahmad Fairuz Mohamed as speaker.

Tunisian Green Crescent (Madinaty) discussed how personalized support and cultural activities can foster student resilience in the online session “Listening, Awareness and Engagement: Personalized Support and Cultural Activities as Pillars for Student Resilience,” supported by ARTM, ICYF, Rwanda Youth Impact, and ATPS. The event introduced the innovative concept of “Listening Cells” in schools designed to identify vulnerable students and detect early signs of addiction. Speakers Hiba Dridi and Dr. Khaled Sghaier detailed how these units provide a safe space for dialogue, while H.E. Taha Ayhan (ICYF) addressed youth-specific challenges. The discussion emphasized the strategic use of cultural, artistic, and sports activities not just as hobbies, but as structured alternatives to strengthen student self-esteem and resilience against social pressures.

Supporting Different Voices

Turkish Green Crescent Society provided essential technical expertise and strategic backing to ensuring diverse civil society voices were heard. By supporting multiple sessions, Turkish Green Crescent Society enabled other NGOs to navigate the UN platform effectively



covering critical sessions including:
Protecting civil society space: The European experience (with CSFD, hybrid),
Innovations in the Continuity of Care, Solutions over Ideologies (with IFNGO, in-person),
Engaging the Next Generation in Global Drug Prevention (with DFAF, hybrid),
Recovery, and Policy, The Missing Link: Trauma-Informed Guidelines to Transform Substance Use Disorder Practices (with WFAD, hybrid), and
Families as Active Actors in Drug-Related Issues: Transforming Support and Advocacy (with EURAD, in-person).

Moreover, a strategic application titled "Art for Awareness" was submitted to showcase Green Crescent's Cartoon Contest and YEDAM artworks at the UN building.

Written Statements

In addition to side events, IFGC member organizations also contributed to the 68th CND Session through the submission of written statements, ensuring that their perspectives were formally reflected in the official records of the Commission.

Al Najm (Green Crescent Lebanon) submitted a written statement on Captagon, highlighting regional dynamics, public health implications, and the urgent need for coordinated prevention-oriented responses.

The Sudanese Green Crescent Society submitted a written statement on crisis and migration, addressing the impact of forced displacement, trauma, and psychosocial vulnerabilities on substance use risks in crisis-affected contexts.

This robust engagement at the CND served a dual purpose: it positioned IFGC as an important organization on-the-ground expertise for UN policymakers and reinforced the capacity of members to navigate complex diplomatic landscapes. By bridging the gap between policy discussions and grassroots realities, the IFGC members successfully advocated for prevention strategies that are both scientifically grounded and culturally adaptable.

Exploring the Nexus Between Climate Crisis and Addiction

Exploring the Nexus Between Climate Crisis and Addiction **Turkish Green Crescent Society** in Global Climate Platform: Establishing the strategic groundwork for its climate diplomacy initiative, Turkish Green Crescent Society executed a high-impact advocacy campaign at the 29th UN Climate Change Conference (COP29)

in Baku. Hosting a side event in the Blue Zone at the Türkiye Pavilion, titled "Environmental and Social Impacts of the Illicit Drug Industry," Turkish Green Crescent Society partnered with the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change of Türkiye. This pivotal session brought the 'Climate-Health-Addiction' nexus to the global stage for the first time, rigorously examining how the environmental footprint of illicit drug production exacerbates mental health vulnerabilities and social fragility among women and youth.

Beyond the main session, the delegation deepened the discourse through technical engagements. Sedef Erçetin (Turkish Green Crescent Society - International Collaboration) delivered a specialized presentation on integrating mental health into environmental sustainability, while Vice President Sümeyye Ceylan represented Turkish Green Crescent Society at high-level platforms such as the 'Turkish Climate Initiative Forum'. These critical interventions at COP29 successfully positioned the Turkish Green Crescent Society as a proactive stakeholder in global climate action, establishing a robust advocacy contribution that supported the direction for IFGC's climate agenda throughout 2025.

Climate Project: COP29 Legacy Tbilisi Session (June 2, 2025): Green Moon Georgia played a pivotal role in fostering regional dialogue by co-organizing the event "Climate Diplomacy: COP29 Legacy" in Tbilisi. Supported by the State Support Agency for NGOs of Azerbaijan, the gathering brought together approximately 70 participants, including diplomats, NGO leaders, and students. Distinguished attendees included Mr. Samir Abdurahimov, First Counsellor of the Republic of Azerbaijan in Georgia, and Azerbaijani MP Jeyhun Mammadov. The event featured strategic discussions on strengthening regional civil society partnerships in the context of COP29, concluding with a recognition ceremony to honor the contributions of key stakeholders in environmental advocacy.

Istanbul Session (August 1, 2025): Building on this momentum, the Turkish Green Crescent Society hosted the third strategic gathering of the project at the Glass Pavilion in Istanbul, in collaboration with Green Moon Georgia and the Youth Association of Social Union. The event opened with remarks from IFGC Secretary-General Amb. Dr. Mehmet Güllüoğlu, emphasizing the critical intersection of public health and climate action. The session convened Azerbaijani



Consul Kenan Murtuzov, and civil society leaders to discuss the NGO role in climate diplomacy. Notably, Sedef Erçetin (Turkish Green Crescent Society) delivered a technical presentation on the environmental footprint of addictions, positioning the Green Crescent as a proactive actor in international climate platforms. By establishing the nexus between addiction and environmental degradation, IFGC has pioneered a novel advocacy theme that resonates with global climate goals. This initiative not only attracts a new demographic of eco-conscious stakeholders but also demonstrates the IFGC's ability to innovate within the civil society space, framing addiction prevention as an integral

Drugs Society (TJADS) was featured in a one-hour televised interview on Almamlaka News TV. A key representative discussed national challenges and prevention strategies, significantly enhancing public awareness and engagement across the country.

CND Thematic Discussions (October 2025): Dr. Mousa Daoud Al-Tarifi (TJADS) represented the region in Vienna, delivering a critical intervention on the health risks of New Psychoactive Substances (NPS) and the need for science-based counter-narratives.

Strategic Coordination (November 2025): **Croissant Vert Comorien** convened a coordination meeting in Mandza, bringing together key



component of sustainable development and environmental stewardship

Further Engagements

CCPCJ Representation (May 2025): A delegation from TJADS represented Jordan at the 34th Session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ) in Vienna, expanding the advocacy into the realm of crime prevention.

Media Advocacy (May 2025): The Jordan Anti

stakeholders including the **Religious Association for Reproductive Health (RPSR)** and the **Youth Association for Marine Environment (ADM)**. The session established a collaborative framework to integrate public health, addiction prevention, and environmental protection efforts.

These targeted engagements were designed to operationalize global standards at regional and local levels. From establishing crime prevention synergies at the CCPCJ to institutionalizing

prevention within municipal governance in Jordan, these activities demonstrate IFGC members' commitment to transforming international commitments into concrete, localized policy frameworks that deliver tangible community benefits.

Expansion of United Nations ECOSOC Accreditation

The Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) **Special Consultative Status** is a distinct accreditation granted by the United Nations to non-governmental organizations, governed by ECOSOC Resolution 1996/31. This status provides NGOs with the authority to actively engage with ECOSOC, its subsidiary bodies, the Human Rights Council, and, under specific conditions, the General Assembly. It empowers organizations to appoint official representatives to the United Nations Headquarters in New York and offices

in Geneva and Vienna. Furthermore, accredited NGOs gain the privilege to attend public meetings as observers, submit written statements, make oral presentations, and participate in consultations, ensuring their advocacy reaches the highest levels of global governance. Strengthening its institutional footprint within this system, the IFGC members achieved significant growth in 2025. Three additional members, **Conectados Pela Vida (Brazil), Rwanda Youth Impact, and Green Crescent South Africa**, were granted Special Consultative Status. With these new additions, the total number of accredited IFGC members has reached 28. This expansion amplifies the IFGC's capacity to represent its arguments broadly on international platforms. Currently, the ECOSOC accreditation process is actively underway for an additional 13 IFG members, reflecting a continued commitment to global policy engagement.





COMMUNITY AWARENESS & CAMPAIGNS

Mobilizing communities through large-scale campaigns remains the most effective tool for prevention. **IFGC members** executed widespread campaigns to mobilize public opinion, correct misinformation, and promote healthy living environments.

Green Crescent Week: (March 1-7)

A Global Mobilization

A synchronized global awareness drive was executed across **9 countries**, creating a unified voice against addiction through diverse cultural and educational activations:

Austria: Turkish Green Crescent Society Counselling Center (**YEDAM**) experts **Sude Beyaz Tobay** and **Ersin Alparslan** conducted an addiction awareness training for the Turkish community in Austria at a Ramadan event organized by the **Austrian Turks Federation** with the support of **Verein Neubeginn Suchtprävention**. The addiction awareness Iftar, effectively engaging the diaspora community in cultural dialogue.

Zimbabwe: A massive mobilization event "Drug and Substance Abuse in Relationship to Suicide and Teenage Pregnancies" by **Green Crescent Zimbabwe**, supported by local police and rehabilitation centers, engaged over **400 participants** on the critical links between substance abuse, suicide, and adolescent pregnancy.

Malaysia: Pertubuhan Bulan Sabit Hijau Malaysia (**Green Crescent Malaysia**) hosted an online "Art Jam," using creativity to promote mental health themes among youth.

Nepal & Azerbaijan: Everest Green Crescent Nepal as well as Zererli Verdişlere Qarşı İctimai

Birliyi (**Azerbaijan Green Crescent**) utilized visual arts as a prevention tool, holding cartoon exhibitions in student dormitories and public spaces to engage young minds.

Bulgaria: Yeshilay Bulgaria Association conducted brochure distribution campaigns to raise public awareness on addiction risks.

Nigeria: Green Crescent Health Development Initiative conducted a strategic survey with NGOs to map regional addiction activities.

Myanmar: Organized sessions on tobacco and gambling awareness for over 50 participants, specifically aiming to **introduce Myanmar Green Crescent** and its mission to the local community.

Cyprus (TRNC): Cyprus Turkish Green Crescent Society (Kıbrıs Türk Yeşilay Derneği) held interactive seminars with students at the Şehit İlhanlar Dormitory in Lefke.

Synchronizing activities across nine countries created a multiplier effect that significantly amplified IFGC's global brand visibility. This unified mobilization demonstrated the network's operational capacity to execute simultaneous, cohesive messaging, proving that diverse cultural contexts can be rallied under a single, powerful narrative of health and resilience.

Addressing the Spectrum of Addiction

Adopting a risk-specific approach to prevention, IFGC members executed targeted interventions addressing the distinct addiction challenges prevalent in their regions. Ranging from tobacco control and substance abuse mitigation to combating emerging behavioral risks, these initiatives were tailored to maximize local public health impact.

On Tobacco

Niger (May 2025): In a collaboration with the Ministry of Health, **Niger Green Crescent** hosted a "National Conference on Tobacco Control." The event educated over **200 students** on the deceptive tactics of the tobacco industry.

Pakistan (July & August 2025): Green Crescent

Pakistan conducted consecutive workplace awareness sessions at the ENAR Petroleum Refinery. Reaching adult workers aged 25-50,

The **Jordan Anti Drugs Society (TJADS)** demonstrated exceptional engagement with three distinct, impactful initiatives aimed at reshaping public perception: **Targeted Seminars**

(July 22): As a precursor to the national campaign, TJADS held a specialized seminar at the **Al-Mushayrifa Comprehensive Health Center**. Moderated by international experts and featuring **Dr. Mousa Al-Tarifi**, the session utilized scientific evidence to debunk myths surrounding



these sessions focused on tobacco cessation strategies to improve occupational health.

Thailand (August 2025): Thai Green Crescent, in a formal partnership with local government authorities, launched the "Prevention and Campaign Against Cigarette Smoking in Youth." Targeting students across **100 schools**, the two-month initiative focuses on preventing smoking initiation and supporting cessation efforts among adolescents through behavioral change interventions.

On Substances and Drugs

Bangladesh (June 2025): Commemorating the *International Day Against Drug Abuse*, **Bangladesh Green Crescent** organized a comprehensive exhibition and awareness stand in Dhaka. The event brought together peer counselors, clinical psychologists, and social workers to engage the public in meaningful dialogue on prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation.

Tunisia (June 2025): Tunisian Green Crescent (Madinaty) conducted the "Say No to Substances" event for youth aged 10-20. Supported by the state-funded "Avec Nous" grant scheme, the initiative utilized interactive workshops to foster healthy lifestyle choices among vulnerable youth.

cannabis and stimulant use for local community members.

"Misconceptions Correction" Project (August 2025): A strategic grant-supported initiative mobilizing a task force of **58 dedicated agents**. This team is tasked with debunking common drug myths using scientific evidence, representing a shift from general awareness to targeted cognitive correction.

"Bader" (Initiate) Campaign (September 2025): The launch of a nationwide multimedia campaign utilizing weekly videos and myth-busting content to foster a drug-free culture across the country, inviting the public to take an active role in prevention, as in "Misconceptions Correction" Project.

Moving beyond general awareness, these campaigns targeted the cognitive roots of addiction by systematically debunking myths with scientific evidence. This shift towards "cognitive correction" represents a more sophisticated prevention model that empowers communities with the intellectual tools to resist substance use, setting a benchmark for evidence-based advocacy within the network



On Behavioral Addictions

Nepal (December 2025): Addressing emerging digital risks, **Everest Green Crescent Nepal** conducted a specialized session on "Behavioral Addiction" at Shankar Dev Campus in Kathmandu. The training engaged **119 adults** in interactive activities to identify unhealthy usage patterns and promote digital detox strategies.

Lebanon (December 2025): Launching a robust response to digital risks under the "Admanet?" campaign, the **Stardom Association (Al Najm)** conducted a specialized training titled "How to Be Safe Online" at College Akkar. The session reached approximately 500 adult participants, equipping them with practical tools for secure digital engagement. This initiative marks the commencement of a one-year strategic project targeting 10,000 beneficiaries, aimed at strengthening community resilience against online threats and promoting long-term digital well-being in North Lebanon.

Evidence-Based Family Interventions: "Connect to Protect"

Expanding prevention efforts to Latin America, **Green Crescent Colombia** launched the "Connect to Protect" training program in Bogotá in December 2025. Recognizing parental engagement as a primary protective factor, the initiative utilized the Montessori Peace Flower framework to equip parents with tools for strengthening family bonds and monitoring youth development, emphasizing a holistic approach to prevention.

The diversification of awareness campaigns in 2025, extending from digital platforms in Europe to on-the-ground family training in Latin America (Colombia), illustrates IFGC's holistic approach to prevention. By integrating evidence-based models like the Montessori framework into parental engagement strategies, the Federation

is addressing the root causes of risky behaviors. This geographical and methodological expansion validates IFGC's capability to adapt universal prevention principles to diverse cultural contexts, ensuring that "family strengthening" remains at the core of its global resilience strategy.

Communication Management

In 2025, the International Federation of Green Crescent designed and developed official websites for two of its member organizations. The website of [Conectados Pela Vida](#) from Brazil was launched in **November**, while the website of [Green Crescent Malaysia](#) went live in **September**. These initiatives significantly strengthened the digital visibility of the respective organizations, enhanced the integration between their websites and social media channels, and provided a solid foundation for more active, consistent, and effective content management.

The **International Green Crescent Journal** published its fifth issue under the theme "**Transforming Crisis into Recovery**" in December. The issue addresses global challenges related to addiction, migration, crises, conflict, and public health, bringing together expert analyses, interviews, and field-based perspectives from different regions. It features articles and commentaries examining topics such as migration and addiction in Europe, the Captagon crisis in the Middle East, addiction treatment in humanitarian settings, drug use challenges in South Asia, forced migration and addiction risks in Latin America, refugee experiences globally, the links between public health and the Sustainable Development Goals, and the impact of disasters on substance use. Overall, the issue highlights societal resilience and pathways toward recovery and healthier futures.



STRENGTHENING PRACTICE, SERVICES, AND ORGANIZATIONAL FRAMEWORKS

To ensure sustainable outcomes in the global effort to **combat addiction**, **IFGC members** invested heavily in the technical capacity of professionals and institutions, moving beyond awareness to build lasting infrastructures of care.

Online Webinars and TBM Training

Capacity-Building Webinar Series

Throughout 2025, a comprehensive series of online webinars was organized under the coordination of the International Federation of Green Crescent (IFGC) to strengthen the institutional capacities of IFGC members, enhance the competencies of professionals and volunteers working in the field, and disseminate the Turkish Green Crescent Society's evidence-informed good practices at the global level, particularly those developed by Turkish Green Crescent Society Counselling Center (YEDAM), Volunteer Management Department and Program and Project Department. A total of eight thematic webinars were delivered over the year, beginning with the first online event on February 2025 and concluding in December 2025. The programme addressed a broad range of priority areas, including substance, tobacco, and alcohol addiction; recovery-oriented and psychosocial support models; motivational interviewing techniques; working with vulnerable groups; volunteer management and communication strategies; the establishment; management of university youth clubs and project design. Delivered primarily in English and supported by AI-assisted or simultaneous French interpretation to enhance linguistic accessibility, the webinar series reached 196 participants from IFGC members across five continents; Africa, Asia, Europe, North America, and South America. Sessions were designed as interactive learning environments, combining expert presentations by YEDAM clinical psychologists and Turkish Green Crescent Society specialists with case-based discussions, experience sharing, and question-and-answer segments that encouraged active participation. The programme was structured in line with the identified needs, institutional capacities, and priority intervention areas of IFGC members. Evaluation surveys indicated consistently positive outcomes, underscoring the programme's contribution to capacity development, knowledge exchange, and the global dissemination of practical, culturally

adaptable, and evidence-informed approaches to addiction prevention, treatment, recovery, and volunteer engagement.

TBM Practitioner Training

Within the framework of the Turkish Green Crescent Society's Addiction Prevention Training Program (TBM), the Country Green Crescents TBM Practitioner Training was organized by Turkish Green Crescent Society Education Management Department in cooperation with the International Federation of Green Crescent (IFGC) on 4-5 October 2025. Conducted online via Zoom and delivered in English, the two-day training targeted field professionals from 65 IFGC member countries. As a result of the programme, 83 participants successfully completed the required attendance and assessment criteria and were awarded the title of "TBM Practitioner," contributing to the strengthening of international prevention capacities within IFGC members. The programme combined theoretical and practical components, covering key topics such as prevention approaches under the TBM framework, behavioural and chemical addictions, addictions in a changing world, adult education principles, and effective presentation techniques. The training included parallel breakout sessions, interactive applications, and participant-led presentations. Evaluation results demonstrated a 95% average satisfaction score across all programme components, including content, trainers, learning environment, and organization.

Training for Healthcare Professionals

Members delivered specialized training programs to equip professionals with evidence-based methodologies:

Indonesia (July 2025): Yayasan Green Crescent Indonesia played a critical role in the "Capacity Building Program for Rehabilitation Officers." In collaboration with the Banten Provincial National Narcotics Agency, they delivered the **Universal Treatment Curriculum (UTC-5)**. The intensive five-day training equipped **25 professionals**, from hospitals and NGOs, with advanced competencies in intake, screening, assessment, and treatment planning.

Bangladesh (July 2025): Addressing the need for skilled support staff, **Health & Economy (Bangladesh Green Crescent)** conducted a "Basic Psycho-Social Counseling" training. The session upskilled **16 professionals** in engagement strategies and ethical considerations for



addiction recovery.

Focusing on specialized clinical training, such as UTC curriculums and ADHD management, directly addressed the workforce deficit in addiction care. These activities were essential for developing the expertise, ensuring that IFGC members can deliver clinical services that meet international quality standards, thereby increasing their credibility and effectiveness as service providers

Healthcare Worker Support

Brazil (July 2025): Recognizing the mental toll on frontline workers, **Conectados Pela Vida** organized a specialized meditation and mindfulness workshop for the staff of **PUC Hospital**.

Led by holistic well-being experts, the four-hour session provided healthcare professionals with practical tools to manage stress and emotional regulation in a high-pressure environment.

Supporting the mental well-being of frontline workers is essential for sustaining the entire care

ecosystem. By caring for the caregivers, this initiative addressed a critical blind spot in public health, ensuring that the workforce remains resilient and capable of delivering high-quality care under pressure.

Thailand: The **Thai Green Crescent** is currently structuring a comprehensive "Capacity Development of Civil Society Network Organizations in Preventing and Solving Drug Problems in the Five Southern Border Provinces" project aimed at **400 participants** across 5 southern border provinces to enhance civil society networks.

IFGC Working Groups

In 2025, the IFGC established four specialized working groups to leverage the diverse expertise of its members and foster collaboration.

Scientific Working Group: Chaired by **Alexandre Kieslich da Silva** (Green Crescent Brazil/ Conectados Pela Vida), this group prioritized the generation of scientific resources. Mobilizing



their qualified research teams, members from Brazil, Indonesia, Malaysia, Nepal, and Nigeria submitted independent applications for the **Hetzler Foundation Research Fund**, demonstrating the network's growing research capacity.

Fundraising and Project Management Working Group: Led by **Dr. Mousa Daoud** (Green Crescent Jordan/The Jordan Anti Drugs Society), this group held strategic meetings to strengthen the grant acquisition capabilities of member societies. The group focused on establishing regional subgroups to target diverse funding opportunities and developing a shared grant database to facilitate resource mobilization.

Capacity Building and International Trainings Working Group: This group served as a consultative platform for the **8th International Capacity Building Program**. In March 2025,

participants reviewed the program details and provided valuable feedback and suggestions to enhance the effectiveness of the training sessions.

Advocacy and International Collaboration Working Group:

Focused on increasing the visibility of IFGC on international platforms, particularly the **Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND)**, this group aim to coordinate joint advocacy efforts. It held its kick-off meeting on **December 25, 2025**, marking the start of its operational activities and future plan.

The operationalization of these working groups marks a critical milestone in IFGC's governance. By fostering member-driven collaboration, IFGC is transforming into a truly participatory network where expertise is shared laterally, and planning is distributed across the global membership.



YOUTH EMPOWERMENT & SCHOOL-BASED PREVENTION

Recognizing youth not merely as beneficiaries but as the primary agents of change, **IFGC members** implemented targeted programs in schools and universities to build resilience against addiction.

International Youth Exchange & Mobility

Leveraging the power of cross-cultural dialogue, members participated in and hosted international mobility projects.

Türkiye (May 2025): The **Turkish Green Crescent Society** hosted the Erasmus+ project "Unity in Youth: Sport, Health, and Cultural Exchange" in Edirne. Youth delegations from **Jordan (TJADS)**, Azerbaijan, and Bulgaria participated in this six-day program, fostering cross-border collaboration on health and sports.



"Health in Sports, Future in Life" (Erasmus+ Mobility): Led by the Green Crescent Sports Club in partnership with Green Crescent Albania, this project utilized sports as a universal language to instill healthy lifestyle habits among youth.

"Unity in Youth: Sport, Health and Cultural Exchange": Organized by the Edirne Sports Club, this multi-country initiative brought together young changemakers from Bulgaria, Azerbaijan, Jordan, and Türkiye to promote dialogue on addiction prevention through cultural diplomacy.

International Mobility Program for Youth Centers (July 2025): In collaboration with the Ağrı Youth Center, this program facilitated a strategic exchange between Turkish and Albanian youth leaders, focusing on peer-to-peer capacity building and organizational leadership.

Albania (September 2025): Fondacioni "Yesilay" (Yesilay Albania) hosted the "Inclusive Resilience Training" for **45 international participants** from Turkey, France, Ukraine, and Italy. Supported by the European Union, the training innovatively combined mental health literacy with nature-

based resilience strategies.

Youth Advocacy Forum

The **6th Youth Advocacy Forum (YAF)**, organized by **Turkish Green Crescent Society** with the support of **IFGC** and **UNODC**, convened **29 young leaders from 16 countries** in Istanbul on 21-23 November. The forum focused on sport-based prevention, delivering intensive training on advocacy, media literacy, and leadership to empower the next generation of prevention advocates.

The expansion of youth mobility initiatives in 2025, particularly through the Erasmus+ framework and multi-country partnerships involving Türkiye, Albania, Bulgaria, and Jordan, marks a strategic shift from local engagement to cross-border resilience building. By actively connecting youth

across the Balkans and Europe through sports, health literacy, and cultural diplomacy, IFGC is not merely educating young people but cultivating a transnational network of "Health Ambassadors." These initiatives demonstrate that addiction prevention is most effective when it transcends borders, creating a unified, resilient generation capable of championing healthy lifestyles on a global stage.

Building Resilience in Schools & Communities

Members utilized evidence-based modules to engage adolescents in their natural learning environments.

Burundi (June 2025): As part of the multi-year "Ntahuza Project," **Burundi Green Crescent** reached **250 high school students** at SOS High School of Bujumbura. Utilizing the Turkish Green Crescent Society's "TBM" module, the session provided age-appropriate education on psychoactive substances, aiming to reach a total of 9,000 participants over the project's lifespan.

Djibouti (June 2025): Djibouti Green Crescent initiated fruitful dialogue with school administrators to introduce comprehensive drug prevention activities, laying the groundwork for future collaboration with TiKA and the Turkish Embassy.

Tanzania (July 2025): Tanzania Green Crescent orchestrated a dual-layered outreach at Mtende Secondary School in Zanzibar as Educational Outreach on Addiction Awareness with Zanzibar University Social Work Student Association (ZUSWA). While students aged 14-16 engaged in open discussions, a separate concurrent session was held for **parents**, ensuring a holistic family-based approach to prevention.

Malawi (September 2025): Malawi Green Crescent, in partnership with the Islamic Information Bureau, organized a specialized "Muslim Boys Camp." The program engaged **100 youths** in a culturally sensitive setting to build resilience against substance abuse.

Zimbabwe (EmpowerFest - November 2025): Green Crescent Zimbabwe took center stage at "EmpowerFest 2025" in Bulawayo. Engaging youth through a "Colour Your Future" run and innovation hubs, the society utilized the festival format to address mental health and substance abuse resilience in a dynamic, youth-friendly environment.

Sudan (November): Sudanese Green Crescent organized an interactive lecture for **60 students** (aged 9-12) in Khartoum. The session focused on the intersection of addiction with women's and children's health, empowering young students to act as agents of control within their communities.

Pakistan (November 2025): During a formal graduation ceremony organized by **Alkhidmat**

Pakistan at the Karachi Expo Center, **Green Crescent Pakistan** delivered a impactful awareness lecture to approximately **400 students** (aged 16-22). The session focused on recognizing peer pressure, making healthy lifestyle choices, and pathways to seeking help for addiction.

Botswana (December 2025): Adopting a holistic approach to youth development, **Green Crescent Society Botswana** played a pivotal role in "Pathways to Purpose," a developmental program held in Gaborone for youth aged 12-17. In collaboration with the Botswana Police Service and faith leaders, the society led critical sessions on substance abuse, personal boundaries, and decision-making. By combining educational workshops with interactive sports like swimming and football, the initiative successfully integrated physical wellness with moral and emotional resilience, fostering a generation grounded in positive values.

Targeting schools allows for early intervention at a critical developmental stage. These programs were designed not merely to inform, but to build psychological resilience and life skills, equipping youth with the internal resources to navigate peer pressure and social risks, which is the cost-effective long-term strategy for addiction prevention

Institutionalizing Prevention in Academia

Moving beyond ad-hoc lectures, members established structural partnerships with higher education institutions to create sustainable prevention frameworks.



Jordan (Student Engagement - May): Prior to formalizing the academic partnership, TJADS conducted a direct awareness session at Al-Balqa Applied University. The interactive event engaged 37 students through real-life testimonials and open discussions to correct misinformation about addiction on campus.

Strategic University Engagement in Botswana

Green Crescent Society Botswana executed a two-phased intervention at the Botswana University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (BUAN) to institutionalize prevention:

In June, marking World Drug Day, the society delivered a presentation titled "The Evidence is Clear: Invest in Prevention" to faculty members and student leaders, advocating for multi-sectoral collaboration to address the root causes of addiction. **In August**, building on this momentum, the team returned to the Sebele

campus to conduct a targeted training session for over 100 students, focusing specifically on the risks of alcohol abuse and drug exposure.

Jordan (October 2025): In a landmark move to professionalize the field, **The Jordan Anti Drugs Society (TJADS)** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **Al-Balqa Applied University**. This partnership aims to design a new academic diploma program in "Drug Prevention and Rehabilitation," effectively integrating prevention education into the national higher education curriculum. Embedding prevention curriculums directly into higher education institutions ensures structural sustainability. This approach moves beyond ad-hoc interventions to create a permanent pipeline of knowledgeable professionals and advocates, effectively institutionalizing prevention culture within the academic fabric of the members.



NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION

Regional and National Collaboration

IFGC members proactively establish numerous national and regional partnerships to strengthen their advocacy and operational reach. Recognizing these grassroots efforts, IFGC undertakes one of its most critical missions: cultivating strategic collaborations at the **global scale** to facilitate and accelerate partnerships at the **national scale**. By securing recognition and resources from international bodies, IFGC acts as a catalyst, creating a prestigious framework that makes it easier for the members to build partnerships.

The Jordan Anti Drugs Society (TJADS) signed a Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) to formalize cooperation on drug prevention and rehabilitation programs with UTRIP at March, and also continue signature process with the Egyptian Fund for Drug Control.

Pioneering Regional Coalitions (May 2025):

Malaysian Green Crescent played a pivotal role as a founding member of the **Asia-Pacific Drug Prevention Confederation** during the forum organized by SANA in Singapore. During the 1st Annual General Meeting, President **Dr. Ahmed Fairuz** presented Malaysia's strategic initiatives, cementing the society's position alongside leading regional organizations to address substance misuse across the Asia-Pacific.



Austria (June 2025): Verein Neubeginn launched its “2025–2026 Roadmap” at an event attended by the Turkish Ambassador and Consul General. The roadmap sets a strategic framework for the diaspora, emphasizing bilingual outreach and sustainable institutional collaboration.

Tunisia (July 2025): Tunisian Green Crescent (Madinaty) participated in the **SIDRA Workshop on Drugs and Addictions**, organized by the National Institute of Health. Their involvement contributed to national efforts in data collection and evidence-based policy making.

Strengthening the administrative and strategic foundations of member societies is crucial for long-term viability. By aiding in the development of roadmaps and data collection capacities, IFGC is investing in the institutional memory and resilience of its members, ensuring they evolve from volunteer groups into qualified organizations.

Local Governance Partnership

In a first-of-its-kind initiative, **The Jordan Anti Drugs Society (TJADS)** signed a strategic cooperation agreement with the **Al-Salt Greater Municipality** in November. The agreement, which includes the allocation of a dedicated office for the society, marks a significant step in institutionalizing community-based prevention at the municipal level in the Al-Balqa Governorate.

Strengthening Institutional Governance in Africa

Demonstrating a commitment to transparent governance and institutional stability, the **Sudanese Green Crescent Society** convened its Annual General Assembly in December 2025 in Omdurman. The assembly, attended by state

officials from the Humanitarian Aid Commission, marked a pivotal moment for reviewing bylaws and electing a new Executive Committee, ensuring operational continuity amidst challenging regional conditions.

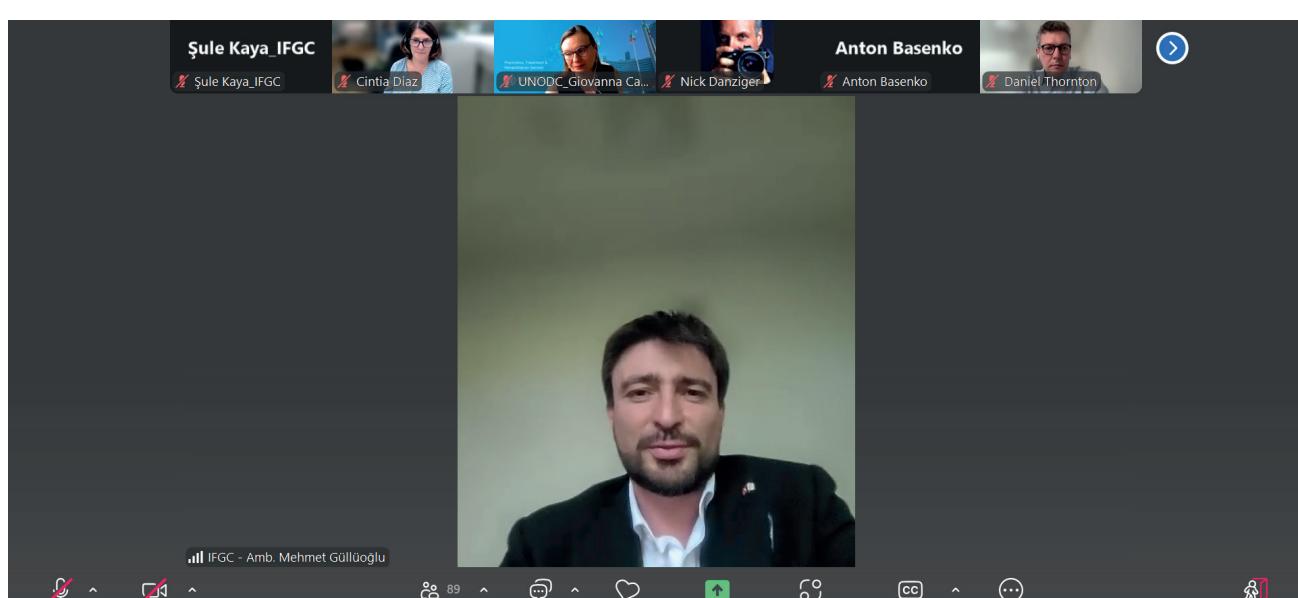
International Collaboration

Women’s Forum on Addiction and Recovery (WFAR)

Held in parallel with the 69th Session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW69), this forum was hosted at the Turkish House in New York. Organized in cooperation with the Ministry of Family and Social Services of Türkiye, the event addressed addiction recovery processes with a gender-sensitive perspective. Keynote remarks were delivered by H.E. Mahinur Özdemir Göktas, Minister of Family and Social Services, emphasizing that “strong societies are built on empowered women.” The forum convened international experts and diplomats to promote women-centered treatment approaches globally. Endrit Reka from Green Crescent Albania also participated as a speaker, contributing insights on women’s issues in the Balkans and regional challenges in addiction prevention and recovery.

WHO Forum on Alcohol, Drugs and Addictive Behaviours (FADAB)

IFGC actively contributed to this biennial global platform organized by the World Health Organization (WHO). The online forum convened over 300 policymakers and experts to advance public health responses in June 2025. IFGC Secretary-General Amb. Dr. Mehmet Güllüoğlu emphasized the role of community-led prevention, while IFGC highlighted its advocacy on behavioral addictions within ICD-11.



XXVIII International ABEAD Congress

At one of the most prominent scientific gatherings in Latin America, held in Rio de Janeiro, IFGC led a special session titled "Effective Prevention Programs of Green Crescent" on September. Chaired by the President of the Brazilian Green

Crescent, in the session IFGC Secretary-General Amb. Dr. Mehmet Güllüoğlu presented Turkish Green Crescent Society's evidence-based prevention models to 270 academics and healthcare professionals, reinforcing scientific cooperation across continents.



6th Istanbul Initiative Summit

Hosted by the Turkish Green Crescent Society, this strategic summit gathered 37 advocacy leaders from 24 countries at the Sepetçiler Pavilion on October 23-24. Attendees included H.E. Prof. Dr. Kemal Memişoğlu, Minister of Health of Türkiye, and leaders from major global NGOs like Movendi, WFAD, and CADFY. The summit addressed emerging threats such as synthetic drugs, legalization trends, and the influence of the addiction industry. It concluded with a

strong reaffirmation of international solidarity to combat the "global epidemic" of addiction through evidence-based policies. Fondacioni Yesilay (Green Crescent Albania), Green Crescent Health Development Initiative, The Jordan Anti Drugs Society, and Pertubuhan Bulan Sabit Hijau Malaysia Green Crescent participated in the event as member organizations, while Green Crescent USA, Stardom Association (Al Najm), Ethiopian Green Crescent Organization, and Syria Green Crescent attended the event with observer status.



Afri-Asia Drug Prevention and Treatment Summit

Convened in Nairobi with 150 participants on October 27-28, this summit aimed to strengthen regional cooperation between Africa and Asia. Organized by the Slum Child Foundation with IFGC support, it resulted in the adoption of the "Nairobi Declaration," a collective commitment to advancing gender-sensitive and evidence-based drug prevention. IFGC members from

Kenya, Tanzania, Somalia, and Uganda actively participated the summit. "Integrating Culture and Science: The Green Crescent Model for Sustainable Drug Prevention and Advocacy" is scheduled for the second day of the programme on behalf of the International Federation of Green Crescent (IFGC). The session highlighted the comprehensive prevention and advocacy model, emphasizing the integration of cultural values with scientific and public health-oriented approaches.



The 3rd IFGC-WHO Meeting on Addictive Behaviours: Public Health Aspects and Diagnostic Procedures The meeting was jointly convened by the International Federation of Green Crescent (IFGC) and the World Health Organization (WHO) and held in Istanbul, Türkiye, from 10 to 12 December 2025. Hosted at the Turkish Green Crescent Society Headquarters, the meeting brought together 52 experts from 25 countries, including representatives of WHO Headquarters and the WHO Türkiye Country Office, international researchers, clinicians, policymakers, civil society actors, and representatives of seven Country Green Crescent organizations, with additional participation through online attendance.

The meeting aimed to strengthen global public health responses to disorders due to addictive behaviours, particularly gambling and gaming, by advancing shared conceptual frameworks, improving early identification and diagnostic procedures, and promoting evidence-informed and ethically grounded action. Structured over

three days, the programme addressed the full continuum of public health action, combining high-level conceptual discussions on the epidemiology, burden, and social and commercial determinants of addictive behaviours with in-depth technical sessions on diagnostic frameworks and methodologies. Central to the meeting was the introduction and further development of the draft Diagnostic Interview Schedule for Disorders due to Addictive Behaviours (DISDAB) and the development of a roadmap for its international, multi-centre validation, with discussions emphasizing methodological rigor, cultural adaptation, ethical safeguards, and integration into health systems. The programme further addressed implementation challenges, governance considerations, age-related and contextual factors, and the importance of embedding diagnostic processes within comprehensive systems of prevention, care, referral, and policy action, while avoiding stigmatization and upholding human rights principles.



advancing standardization, evidence generation, and international cooperation in the field of behavioural addictions. The meeting concluded with reflections from IFGC and WHO, underscoring the importance of sustained partnership and regular dialogue to support ethically sound, evidence-informed public health responses to addictive behaviours worldwide.

Advancing Health Diplomacy in the African Region The Tunisian Green Crescent played a proactive role in high-level regional dialogues in December 2025:

2nd International Women's Health Congress (Algiers): Participating upon the invitation of the Najda Humanitarian Association, the Tunisian delegation contributed to scientific sessions addressing the psychological dimensions of women's health.

Founding of the African Union of Health Associations:

In a historic milestone for continental cooperation, the Tunisian Green Crescent was elected as the Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees during the Founding Congress in Algiers. This strategic role positions IFGC members at the forefront of shaping health policies across Africa.

In 2025, IFGC's international footprint evolved from active participation to strategic leadership, particularly within the African continent. The election of the Tunisian Green Crescent to the Board of Trustees of the African Union of Health Associations and the resilient governance demonstrated by the Sudanese Green Crescent underscore the Federation's growing influence in shaping regional health policies. These milestones confirm IFGC's status not just as an attendee of global forums, but as a key stakeholder and decision-maker in the international humanitarian architecture, driving the agenda for public health and organizational excellence in the Global South.



HUMANITARIAN & SOCIAL INTERVENTIONS

In regions facing acute crises or lack of infrastructure, **IFGC members** stepped beyond advocacy to provide direct healthcare and humanitarian support, reaching the most vulnerable populations with essential services.

Primary Healthcare in Conflict Zones

The Afghan Green Crescent Organization (AGCO)

(AGCO), acting as an implementing partner alongside Amena and AIMA, continued its vital operations through the Amena Mobile Clinic Project in the suburban districts of Kabul. Designed to serve underserved families, the clinic provided **11,978** consultations and registered **7,781** patients between January and April 2025. By integrating maternal care

and health promotion with standard medical treatment, the project offered a replicable lifeline for marginalized communities. **Expanded Outreach (October 2025):** Expanding its reach to emergency deployment areas, AGCO launched a targeted campaign in the **Kunar Lewa IDP Camp**. The initiative distributed hygiene kits to **260 families** and provided critical education on mosquito-borne diseases, reaching a total of **3,570 displaced individuals**.

In fragile contexts, the provision of primary healthcare serves as a critical entry point for building community trust and stability. This project demonstrated the ability to operate at the humanitarian-development nexus, proving that effective addiction prevention must be anchored in the broader provision of essential human services and dignity.



Innovating Community Care Models: Project OPPA

Malaysia (July 2025): Launched on July 23, 2025, Project OPPA (Older Persons Peer support Agent) represents a critical multi-stakeholder initiative aimed at enhancing community-based mental health support for the elderly. Implemented in partnership with the Ministry of Finance Malaysia, Yayasan Hasanah, The National Centre of Excellence for Mental Health, and Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia, the project kicked off with two consecutive training sessions on July 23–24 and July 30–31. These initial sessions gathered over 40 participants, equipping them with fundamental knowledge on early intervention techniques and timely referral protocols, effectively empowering

them to serve as the initial "vigilant eyes and ears" within their communities.

Malaysia (August 2025): Building directly on the foundation laid by the July sessions, the initiative continued its vital mission with a third specialized training event on August 5–6, 2025. This session was designed to further reinforce the capacity of the OPPA agents, moving beyond fundamental concepts to deepen their practical application and understanding of elderly mental health care through interactive activities. Maintained by the same coalition of governmental and academic partners, this ongoing series underscores an unwavering dedication to fostering a proactive support network that ensures early detection and improved quality of life for the aging population.

Within the participation of **Pertubuhan Bulan Sabit Hijau Malaysia (Green Crescent Malaysia)**, Project OPPA represents a strategic shift towards decentralized, community-based care. By empowering local agents to handle early detection and referral, the model reduces the burden on centralized healthcare systems and ensures that vulnerable populations, such as the elderly, receive timely and culturally appropriate support within their own communities.

Social Integration

Thailand (July): The Thai Green Crescent sustained its Drug Rehabilitation and Treatment

Program at the Syifaa Taluban Center in Pattani Province. Currently supporting 60 members, the center utilizes occupational therapy, such as agriculture and welding, to facilitate social reintegration and economic independence for recovering individuals.

Combining rehabilitation with occupational therapy addresses the socioeconomic determinants of relapse. By equipping recovering individuals with marketable skills, this program facilitates genuine social reintegration and economic independence, transforming them from beneficiaries into productive contributors to their communities.



Integrated Disaster Relief

Myanmar (July 2025): Demonstrating a holistic approach to aid, **Myanmar Green Crescent** integrated addiction prevention into their humanitarian response under the "Peace & Development for All" project. Amidst earthquake relief efforts and the distribution of food and non-food items (NFI), the team conducted "Say No to Addiction" sessions for disaster-affected

individuals. This intervention addressed the heightened risks of gambling and substance use in post-disaster settings. Integrating addiction prevention into disaster relief acknowledges the heightened vulnerability of crisis-affected populations. This holistic approach ensures that immediate survival needs are met without neglecting the psychosocial risks that can lead to long-term dependency, offering a model for resilient recovery in post-disaster settings.



MAINTAINING IMPACT IN 2026

As we move into 2026, IFGC remains focused on expanding its reach and deepening the impact of its prevention efforts globally. The coming year will be defined by a commitment to strengthening our institutional foundations and fostering new partnerships that drive tangible results. This section outlines our key priorities and the projected growth of our membership base, setting the stage for a year of sustained action and progress.

Membership Growth

In 2025, IFGC continued to expand its global membership by welcoming new member organizations, further strengthening its international reach and collaborative capacity. Four new organizations were admitted to membership at the 5th General Assembly of the International Federation of Green Crescent, held on 1 May 2025 at the Sepetçiler Pavilion in Istanbul.

- Croissant Vert Comorien (Green Crescent Comores)
- Health & Economy (Green Crescent Bangladesh)
- Ibn Sina Foundation for Improvement and Sustainable Development (Green Crescent Iraq)
- Mission Mind Health Foundation (Green Crescent India)

Building on IFGC's expanding membership base, the diverse expertise, institutional experience, and local insight contributed by

newly admitted member organizations are expected to significantly enhance IFGC's reach and implementation effectiveness in 2026. By deepening cross-country collaboration, strengthening knowledge exchange, and aligning joint priorities, these memberships will support more coherent, responsive, and sustainable approaches to prevention, treatment, and advocacy across different regional contexts.

The 2025 marked an important year for the International Federation of Green Crescent (IFGC). With over 100 activities executed across 31 countries in 5 continents, IFGC has demonstrated its operational capability to deliver evidence-based, culturally adaptable solutions ranging from crisis zones to global forums. These milestones confirm that IFGC has solidified its position not only in addiction prevention but also within the broader spheres of global health engagement, youth mobility, and humanitarian action.

Looking ahead, our vision for 2026 centers on harnessing this expanded organizational momentum and deepening our institutional cooperation with international organizations. The coming year will be dedicated to converting this accumulated institutional experience into permanent field policies and sustainable community resilience models. IFGC remains steadfast in its commitment to advancing this cross-border movement with a human-centric approach, ensuring that the vision of "healthy generations free from addiction" is realized effectively in all around the world.





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