



Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What's the best way I can help?

Monetary donations are the most effective way to provide assistance. This allows us to allocate the funds to maintain projects in alcohol policy, prevention, treatment and aftercare where there is the greatest need.

Q. What percentage of my dollar goes to programs?

A. Generally speaking, 76% of all donations go directly to projects unless otherwise agreed with the donor. If not project is specifically targeted with the donation, we will direct the funds where the need is the greatest.

Q. Where does the Blue Cross work?

A. The International Blue Cross and its member organizations have programs or partnerships in 43 countries, which can be seen under the "Project Focus" section of our website. Each member organization is independently managed and is part of the Blue Cross global network. The IFBC raises funds for and manages a portfolio of projects which adhere to standards of professional practice in prevention and care, leadership and governance.

Q. Where is the International Blue Cross located?

A. Our international secretariat is located in Bern, Switzerland. Additional offices exist in the 43 countries where we have programs.

Q. Is IFBC religious?

A. The International Blue Cross is made up of professionals and volunteers, who are guided by their professional ethics as well as by Christian values of respect, dignity, solidarity, and inclusiveness. Each of our Member Organizations are independent, non-denominational Christian organizations that provide assistance regardless of race, ethnicity, religion or gender.

Q. Who are the IFBC's main partners and/associated networks?

Our partners and membership in strategic networks are a fundamental part of the work the International Blue Cross carries out on behalf of families, individuals and communities around the world.

Member of Bröt für Alle Partner Organisationen (Bread for All Switzerland Partner Organizations)

Member of EURO CARE – European Alcohol Policy Alliance <http://www.eurocare.org/>

Member of GAPA – Global Alcohol Policy Alliance <http://www.globalgapa.org/>

Member of EMNA – European Mutual-Aid Network for Alcohol Related Problems <http://www.emna.org/>

Advisor to the Board of Directors SAAPA – Southern Alcohol Policy Alliance <http://www.add-resources.org/this-is-the-southern-african-alcohol-policy-alliance.5190298-76188.html>

Q. Is the IFBC certified by an external body for quality control? (ISO, ZEWO etc...)

IFBC applied for ZEWO certification in December 2013, for which the application is currently pending. ZEWO is the Swiss seal of approval that certifies that donations will be used economically, effectively and for their designated purpose. It stands for organisations which offer transparent information and true and fair financial reporting, have independent and appropriate control mechanisms, provide open communications and which procure their funds in a fair manner.

For more information about the ZEWO certification process and the associated regulation, please visit: http://www.zewo.ch/ueber_uns/about-us