

HISTORY OF THE CROATIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY 1878 - 1978

In 1878, the first humanitarian relief societies in Croatia were founded in Zadar, Dubrovnik and Zagreb, functioning in compliance with the principles founded in 1863 in Geneva by Henry Dunant and Gustave Moynier. The "Women's Patriotic Dalmatian Association for Relief to Wounded and Sick Soldiers" was the first relief society formally recognised for its humanitarian work. From 1878 to 1918, the Red Cross movement in Croatia acted within the Red Cross Society of the Austro-Hungarian monarchy.

From 1918 to 1941, the Red Cross in Croatia acted within the Kingdom of Slovenes, Croats and Serbs and later within the Kingdom of Yugoslavia. From 1941 to 1945, acted as a society independent of the occupying Axis powers. Nonetheless, given the politics, international recognition of its status was withheld. From 1945 to 1991, the Red Cross in Croatia acted as a republican Red Cross society within the Red Cross of Yugoslavia

On 10th October 1991, a decision was made for the Red Cross Society of Croatia to distance itself from the Red Cross of Yugoslavia and since then has been autonomous functioning under the name of the National Society of the Red Cross of the Republic of Croatia, its headquarters in Zagreb and with local Red Cross branch organizations in municipalities, cities and counties throughout the country.

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