

FRC in Lapland

FRC Laplands district

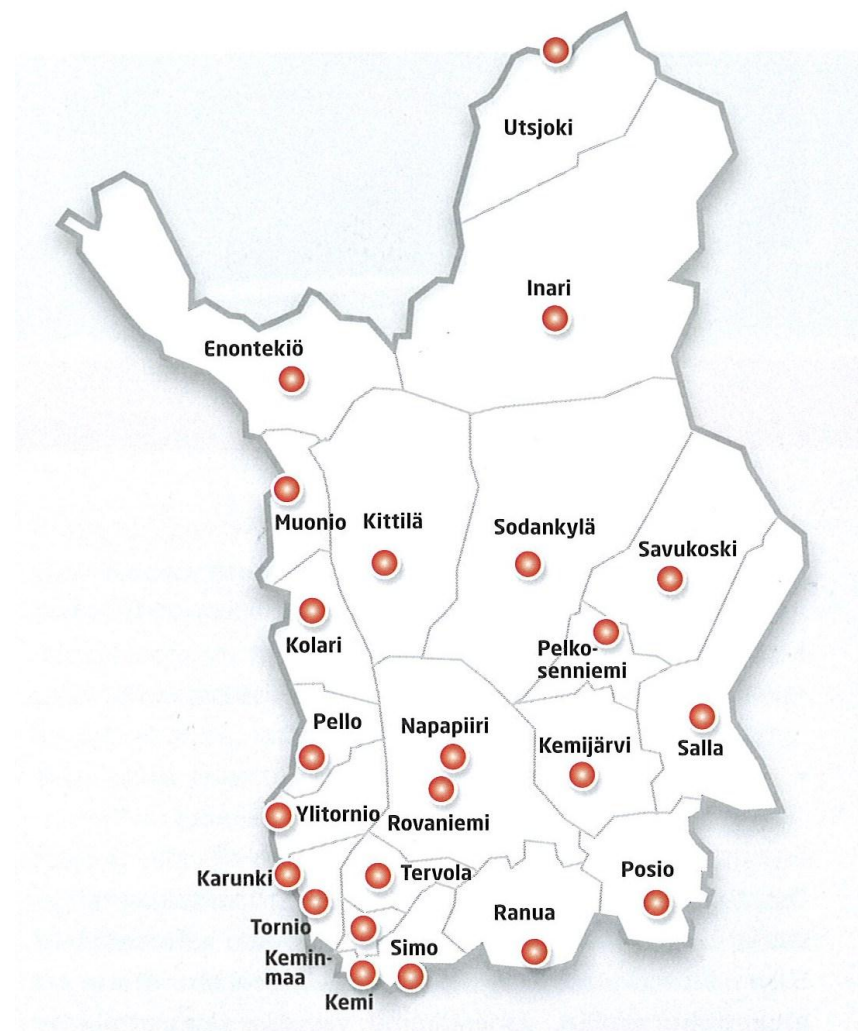
Finnish Red Cross in Lapland

Laplands district, founded
1938, part of the FRC
organisation

1/3 of Finlands total area

3,1 % of Finlands population

23 local FRC branches



- **Finnish Red Cross (FRC) is part of the International Movement of Red Cross and Red Crescent societies**
- **The Red Cross was born 150 years ago**
- **Today Red Cross is working in 187 countries (187 national societies)**
- **FRC founded 1877 (one of the oldest societies)**
- **All national societies have the same mission:**
- **"To improve the life of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity"**

- **The FRC is one of the largest relief organisations in Finland**
- **The FRC is one of the largest training organisations in Finland**
- **The FRC is a remarkable organisation of citizens in Finland**
- **The FRC is one of the largest voluntary organisations in Finland**

In Finland we have the law about the Finnish Red Cross

According to the law Finnish Red Cross has to cooperate and help the authorities during the peace and the war to protect and to take care of the civil population

Preparedness of the RC is based on the volunteers who are active in local branches, without the volunteers the RC has not the same preparedness we have today

Preparedness of the RC depends on the number of volunteers, on their skills (that we have trained them), on their motivation, on the feedback we give to them and on the satisfaction they get when they have the opportunity to help when needed

Preparedness of the RC is based on the normal everyday activities in the local branches (eg. first aid trainings, fundraising campaigns)

200 voluntary friends and support persons



150 volunteers in first aid groups
(training, on duty at public events and
on ski slopes)



Activities and support for young people

(first aid, camps, campaigns, cooperation Punainen Risti with schools, multicultural events)



Multicultural groups, supporting immigrants, working for tolerance



The RC branches help also locally in case of fires or other

smaller accidents (material aid, emotional support, funds from FRC Disaster Relief Fund, concrete help eg. taking care of children, preparing food etc.) (agreements with authorities)

The RC branches take every autumn part in the FRC largest **fundraising campaign**, Hungerday and other fundraising campaigns during the year as well if needed

Local branches have other fundraising methods as well (membership fees, sale of RC products, lotteries, sponsorship etc.)

- **The FRC is coordinating Voluntary Rescue Service**
- Voluntary Rescue Service is a Coalition of 50 NGO:s
- Support authorities when they ask help (police, rescue service (fire department), social authorities, public health care
- In Lapland about 600 volunteers, 57 alarm groups, a lot of material
- Training of the volunteers is in an important role
- Financed by Finlands Slot Machine Association (Ray) and FRC