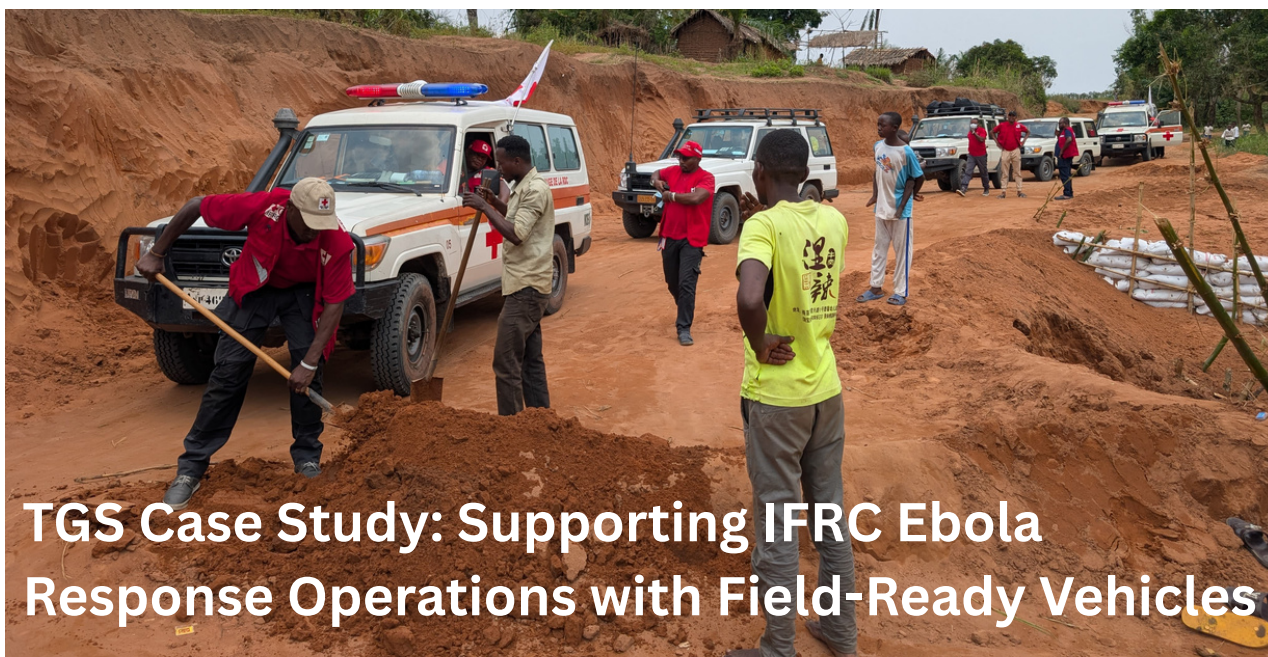




## TGS Case Study: Supporting IFRC Ebola Response Operations with Field-Ready Vehicles

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How TGS worked with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies to deliver 18 vehicles for urgent response operations in the Democratic Republic of Congo

### Partnership at the centre of the response

When the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies prepared for a potential Ebola response in the Democratic Republic of Congo, speed and readiness became critical. Within days of receiving final approval, eighteen specially configured vehicles were prepared for deployment to support response teams operating in challenging field conditions.

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The project was built on the long-standing partnership between **TGS** and **IFRC**. Early engagement in May 2026 gave both teams time to confirm the vehicle requirement, technical scope and delivery approach before the formal request was issued.



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## The challenge

In an Ebola response, vehicles form part of the frontline support system. They help healthcare workers, response teams, equipment and medical supplies reach communities across difficult terrain, long distances and areas where infrastructure may be limited. In these conditions, vehicles must do more than arrive on time.

They need to protect personnel, carry essential supplies safely and support infection prevention and control, while remaining reliable in the places where response teams are needed most.

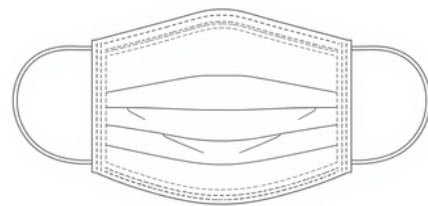


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## The requirement

Following early discussions, IFRC confirmed a requirement that grew from nine vehicles to eighteen as response planning developed. The fleet needed to balance speed, durability, safe operation and usability for teams working in the DRC.

This meant looking beyond vehicle models. Each unit needed to be matched to how it would be used, who would operate it and what conditions it would face once deployed.



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## The TGS solution

**TGS** worked with **IFRC** to translate the requirement into a clear vehicle plan. The team considered the response context, daily usage and conversion needs before matching the most suitable platforms to the task.

Conversion details focused on safe transport, practical interior layouts, cleaning needs and reliability in challenging terrain. Before dispatch, the vehicles were checked against the agreed specification and IFRC's response priorities.



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The fleet included a structured mix of Land Cruiser 70 Series platforms, including support vehicles, people carriers, bespoke ambulances and field-ready hardtop variants. Together, they were prepared to help **IFRC** teams move people, supplies and equipment safely across affected regions.

## Why the specification matters

For emergency response work, technical choices can directly affect how safely and effectively teams operate.

Interior layout, passenger movement, equipment space, wipe-clean surfaces, compartment separation and ease of maintenance all influence how well a vehicle performs once it reaches the field.



Image from Democratic Republic of the Congo: Ebola outbreak 2025

<https://www.ifrc.org/emergency/Democratic-Republic-of-the-Congo-Ebola-outbreak-2025>

For humanitarian teams working in remote areas, these details can help reduce avoidable downtime, support safer movement and make day-to-day response activity easier to coordinate.



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## The outcome

On 8 June, **IFRC** confirmed the purchase order. By 10 June, all eighteen vehicles had been converted and were ready. The two-day turnaround was made possible by early collaboration; clear requirements and teams already aligned around the response need.

The vehicles were prepared to support Ebola preparedness and response teams across affected regions, helping **IFRC** strengthen mobility for frontline personnel and the communities they serve. For **TGS**, the value was not only in supplying vehicles, but in configuring them for a critical response environment where reliability, safety and readiness matter.



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*“We are here to receive a fleet of eighteen cars which have come all the way from Toyota Gibraltar via Belgium to Uganda and they are going to the Democratic Republic of Congo to support the Ebola response. This is made possible with support from the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies”*

**Irene Nakasiita, Director  
Communications Resource  
Mobilization & Partnerships**

### Need vehicles ready for demanding operations?

Speak to **TGS** about vehicle supply, conversion and fleet support for humanitarian and emergency response work. Our team can help define the right requirements and deliver vehicles built for demanding conditions.