## Caring for staff and volunteers activity

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| **Volunteering in Norway after July 2011**  In July 2011 in Norway, two sequential terrorist attacks claimed a total of 77 lives. The first attack was a car bomb explosion in Oslo killing eight people and injuring at least 209 people. The second attack occurred less than two hours later at a youth summer camp on the island of Utøya. A gunman dressed in a false police uniform gained access to the island and opened fire on participants, killing 69 of them.  Several hundred volunteers from Norwegian Red Cross participated in the search for those missing after the shooting in Utøya and in supporting relatives and youth across the country. The Red Cross encouraged volunteers to talk openly about their reactions to the tragic events, and regular meetings were organized where volunteers could share problems and experiences. A special program was implemented to train and assist staff and volunteers in local branches to provide support to affected young people and their relatives returning home after the tragedy. Volunteers afterwards reported experiencing that what they did for the young people and their relatives was highly appreciated. |