

# Links between the Fundamental Principles and Policy

“On the way to a  
Principled Action”





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✓ For all Federation members and RCRC bodies, policies **provide direction** for action, and are a point of reference for and ensure consistent decision-making. Policies define the boundaries for the conduct of the organization and the people working within the organization.

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✓ National Societies and the Federation should be able to explain their programs, actions and operational procedures in light of the underlying **principles and values** which direct these actions.

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✓ So far, the term policy is not used consistently within the Movement. However, several texts adopted by the Council of Delegates or the International Conference are called "policy": e.g. Communication Policy of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, or the Movement's Policy on Advocacy

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- ✓ The Fundamental Principles are the pivotal point of all Red Cross and Red Crescent thinking and policies.
- ✓ Many policies of the Federation and the Movement derive from or complete the Fundamental Principles.

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The 7 Fundamental Principles can and should be used to decide which action should be taken by a component of the Movement, at any level. This is the very purpose of principles: **to give directions for action when no specific policy or decision applies.**

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## EXERCISE

In order to further analyze the links, you are invited to review any of the Federation's Policies in light of the Fundamental Principles. While reviewing the Policy note two things:

1.- Explicit mention to the 7FP

2.- Interpretation of the 7FP's text in the context of the policy

**End of presentation.**