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Annual report Romania

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**This report covers the
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to 31 December 2011.**



In brief

Programme outcome

In line with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies' (IFRC) Strategy 2020, the aim of the Federation-supported programmes in Romania is to *save lives, protect livelihoods, and strengthen recovery from disasters and crises; to enable healthy and safe living; and to promote social inclusion and a culture of non-violence and peace.*

Disaster management remains a priority area for the Romanian Red Cross Society. As set out in its strategy document, the aim of the Romanian Red Cross is to develop joint actions with vulnerable communities and authorities focusing on disaster risk reduction at community level.

The health and care programme aims to scale up tuberculosis activities focusing on people with multi-drug resistant TB (MD-RTB) and the prevention of HIV.

Programme summary

The lack of funding in the reporting period meant that no activities supported by the International Federation took place. The Romanian Red Cross has been active in seeking other sources of funding, partners and opportunities.

Financial situation

The total 2011 budget was CHF 54,581, of which CHF 0 (zero per cent) was covered during the reporting period, including the opening balance. The overall expenditure during the reporting period was CHF 0 (zero per cent) of the budget.

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Context

The political situation in Romania has been influenced by the economic crisis. The Romanian economy has been in recession over the last three years but in 2011 it showed modest signs of recovery with a GDP growth estimated at 1.5 per cent. The per capita GDP is still among the lowest in the European Union. During the 1990's Romania experienced two sharp recessions and recovered only after 2000. From that time onwards, Romania recorded high GDP growth rates until 2008 showing the typical patterns of a catching up economy.

The unemployment rate decreased slightly in comparison with 2010's 6.9 per cent and is now estimated at 6.6 per cent. The inflation is estimated to be at the same level as it was year before – 6.1 per cent.

Progress towards outcomes

Disaster Management

Programme purpose: Reduce the number of deaths, injuries and impact from disasters.

Programme component 1: Disaster management planning and preparedness

Outcomes:

- The National Society have updated their disaster preparedness plans and contingency plans including the role of the branches.
- National disaster response team capacities are further strengthened, through refresher courses and simulation exercises.

Programme component 2: Psychological support

Outcome:

- Refresher courses are provided for the psycho-social programmes.

No funding was available in the reporting period.

Health and Care

Programme purpose: Reduce the number of deaths, illnesses and impact from diseases and public health emergencies

Programme component 1: Prevention and control of HIV and AIDS and TB

Outcome:

- The National Society has contributed to TB control and prevention through promotion and support of Directly Observed Treatment Short course (DOTS) including psychological support

No funding was available in the reporting period.

Contributing to longer-term impact

The IFRC Europe Zone National Society and Knowledge Development Unit has worked with the Romanian Red Cross Society on addressing the sustainability of funding by relying on domestic sources. Discussions with potential partners on corporate responsibility and within the National Society on creating a funding strategy are meant to lead to a more stable development and programme implementation in the mid to long term.

The Romanian Red Cross now has a trained facilitator for the implementation of Strategy 2020, which is not just a national but also a regional asset, and was providing assistance in strategic planning to other National Society as well.

How we work

All IFRC assistance seeks to adhere to the [Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations](#) (NGO's) in Disaster Relief and the [Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response \(Sphere\)](#) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

The IFRC's vision is to inspire, encourage, facilitate and promote at all times all forms of humanitarian activities by National Societies, with a view to preventing and alleviating human suffering, and thereby contributing to the maintenance and promotion of human dignity and peace in the world.

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The IFRC's work is guided by Strategy 2020 which puts forward three strategic aims:

1. Save lives, protect livelihoods, and strengthen recovery from disaster and crises.
2. Enable healthy and safe living.
3. Promote social inclusion and a culture of non-violence and peace.

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