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SOUTHEAST ASIA: EARTHQUAKE & TSUNAMIS QUARTERLY REPORT

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In Brief

Emergency and Recovery Plan of Action (Appeal No. 28/2004); Operations Update no. 59; Period covered: 1 January to 31 March 2006; Appeal coverage: 39%. *The list of contributions can be accessed from the Federation's website:*

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Operational highlights:

- Indonesia Red Cross' (Palang Merah Indonesia/PMI) role in the development of an early warning system for the country has gained increasing acceptance by the government and will be formalized in disaster management law; the final draft of the bill has been submitted to parliament.
- PMI is intensifying its community capacity building initiative in disaster preparedness and risk reduction for 64 village communities in seven high-risks districts of Aceh and Nias Island, building awareness with some 100,000 of the most vulnerable.
- The Myanmar Red Cross Society central council has made water safety a priority with training courses scheduled for the second and fourth quarters of the year.
- In Thailand, tools and equipment were handed over to 21 communities under the women's livelihoods recovery project. The programme not only complements the Thai Red Cross Society's role in tsunami relief but widens the scope of recovery work in job training and ecosystem restoration.

In response to the sheer volume of operations and project-related information available, this third quarterly report is issued in three parts, by tsunami-affected region. The hyperlinks included replace inclusion of lengthy annexes such as the contributions list and updates on bilateral projects of partner national societies. Feedback and suggestions for further improvement are welcomed.

- For detailed information on tsunami-related operations in Sri Lanka, Maldives, India and Bangladesh, please refer to the [South Asia](#) section of this report.
- For detailed information on tsunami-related operations in Seychelles, Somalia and other countries in eastern Africa, please refer to the [East Africa](#) section of this report.
- A listing of progress by partner national Red Cross and Red Crescent societies working on tsunami-related projects is attached [here](#).

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Secretariat Overview

Following its inception by the Special Representative of the Federation's Secretary General the High Level Tsunami Group (HLTG), comprising leaders of 12 national societies, travelled in March to the Maldives, Sri Lanka and Indonesia to evaluate the progress of the tsunami recovery operation.

The group made observations on a variety of issues ranging from resource utilization, coordination and accountability to operational progress and the impact on the host national societies. Good progress was noted in recovery and reconstruction particularly with the increased number of people moving into good quality temporary shelters and new homes. However, the group also found that many of the early collective decisions on commitments and allocations by the International Federation needed to be reviewed and adjusted in light of changed realities, existing needs and an optimization of resources. Of particular concern was the drastic increase in field costs due to the high demand and limited supply mainly of construction material. The need was also identified to further enhance partnerships with authorities and other organizations for coordinated solutions to challenges on the ground.

As a result, a joint partner national society (PNS) and Federation Secretariat working group was formed to review the plans and commitments of all Red Cross Red Crescent members with a significant stake in the operations. This Reprioritization and Reallocation of Resources Group (RRRG) has established a tight timetable during which a number of processes will take place with the final result being available by mid-June. A collection of all PNS financial data (income, expenditure, commitments, un-earmarked funding) will be completed by end April and analyzed by early May. Simultaneously, and in close collaboration with PNS representatives on the ground, all delegations will critically assess existing and realistic needs, and reprioritize their planned interventions along clear criteria, keeping in



As existing water sources recover, the Red Cross Red Crescent is identifying viable and sustainable alternatives to current costly emergency water purification and distribution in affected areas.

focus the main objectives and aims of the Global Agenda. These revised plans will be submitted to the Secretariat by mid-May for analysis and submission to the RRRG, following which a series of meetings between the HLTG and the Tsunami Steering Committee will then decide which recovery programmes will be prioritized and financially supported in the future. This will also include a more coordinated and streamlined use of human resources at field level. Existing and remaining needs will be addressed by a variety of approaches, for example, member societies could take on some of the Secretariat's earlier commitments, programmes would be implemented with a higher degree of economy of scale, better use would be made of common resources, and external partners could be identified to take on operational aspects non-core to the Red Cross Red Crescent.

Indonesia

Overview

The security situation in Aceh continues to remain stable as the peace agreement signed on 15 August 2005 between the Government of Indonesia and the Free Aceh Movement (GAM) makes steady progress. The government has again extended the exit date of the European Union and Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN)-sponsored Aceh Monitoring Mission (AMM) beyond the already extended 15 June 2006 deadline, with the intention to have an AMM presence in Aceh in August for the first round of local elections under the new accord.

In the first quarter of 2006, the pressures faced by the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement in its rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts have been put into perspective by a spate of corruption allegations involving two well-known international aid agencies. In the first case, the agency has temporarily closed its offices in Aceh Besar citing “financial irregularities”. While auditors investigate the circumstances surrounding missing funds, planned housing construction and livelihoods support have been put on hold. Meanwhile, the second agency has admitted that a third of 768 houses built thus far may be of sub-standard construction.

A spokesperson from the Indonesian Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Agency (BRR) has stated that as many as 10,000 houses built by international agencies may be unsuitable for human habitation and need to be repaired or re-built. Some permanent houses, it was disclosed, have no running water, sewage or waste water outlets. To compound matters, the BRR chief issued a strong statement to a local daily questioning the credibility of the agencies. The World Bank together with BRR have also published a report describing rampant bribery practices in the transportation of relief supplies, stating that the extra costs were a major hindrance to reconstruction efforts.

The Movement has been spared incrimination thanks to its collective integrity, as national society partners continue a deliberate pace of activity that includes close consultation with beneficiary communities to ensure programmes meet local needs.

On 28 March, the country marked the one-year commemoration of the earthquake in Nias Island. In its one-year report, the BRR credits the Movement for its activities on Nias, singling out the Federation’s recently completed Nias health assessment for particular praise.

According to the World Bank, some 35,000 houses have been completed or are under construction in Aceh, with more than 3,000 new sites started each month. The majority of hospitals and health clinics have also been rebuilt or are under construction. Furthermore, children have all returned to school and two-thirds of farmers to their fields, redeveloped at a faster pace than anticipated.

Perhaps the biggest threat to the efficacy of long-term reconstruction plans in Aceh and Nias is rampant inflation caused by a substantial increase in the price of construction materials, commodities and labour. As of February, World Bank figures peg the year-on-year inflation rate at 40 per cent across both provinces and likely to rise. Furthermore, it estimates that the projected USD 1.5 billion combined reconstruction budget for 2006 will increase by some USD 300 million, while the same budget for 2007 will inflate by an additional USD 400 million. The Movement is addressing this challenge in a significant review of multilateral and bilateral commitments to the tsunami programme through its recently established reprioritization and reallocation of resources group (RRRG). In Indonesia, the senior monitoring group – a body within the governance structure of the Movement Coordination Framework established to support the Indonesian Red Cross tsunami recovery programme – is in the process of reviewing programme priorities within its own scope of operations.

Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement Coordination

The Movement Coordination Framework continues its regular monthly meetings of the task force and technical working groups in support of the Indonesian Red Cross (Palang Merah Indonesia/PMI) tsunami recovery efforts. As an integral part of the RRRG process, the Federation delegation is re-examining its implementation role in context of the *Strategy 2010* core activities. It is expected that the Federation will be performing an increasing role in coordination and provision of support services for bilateral partner national societies (PNS) that are drawing upon donations received from their respective publics, governments and corporations to implement rehabilitation and construction projects.

Working with Government, UN Agencies and other actors

With support of the Federation delegation, PMI’s role in the development of Indonesia’s early warning system (EWS) gains increasing acceptance by the government as the national society’s strength in community-level education and awareness building becomes ever more recognized. This has been formalized in the final draft of disaster management law submitted by PMI to the government.

Although there have been delays in the pace of construction of the targeted 20,000 transitional shelters to replace tents for some 70,000 internally displaced persons (IDP) in Aceh and Nias, the PMI and Federation continue to

work closely with the UN office of the recovery coordinator on this programme. Furthermore, the delegation's transitional shelter team is training local teams, providing shelter kits, and monitoring construction progress of 22 implementing partners, including Red Cross Red Crescent societies and non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

Delegation staff hosted the World Health Organization (WHO)/Federation tsunami recovery impact assessment and monitoring system (TRIAMS) team during a visit to Banda Aceh in March. TRIAMS is a joint agency initiative working in collaboration with the Office of the Special Envoy to the Secretary General. The project aims to assess and monitor the impact of tsunami recovery efforts, using various data collection methods, and will consist of core common indicators for five countries and additional indicators that are country specific.

The Federation delegation continues to attend interagency steering committee meetings conducted primarily in Banda Aceh.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Overall operational overview

Health and care

- Human resource capacity of PMI chapters and branches was significantly improved with the recruitment of six health management staff in February.
- Health programme coordination structures continue to be improved. Technical working group (TWG) sub-groups have been set up for community-based first aid (CBFA), reconstruction of primary health care clinics, psychosocial programmes, ambulance services, and first aid activities. Meetings are taking place regularly with a focus on development of support mechanisms for PMI in technical issues, in line with PMI's strategic plan 2005-2009.
- The CBFA programme working group has finalized the training curriculum with delivery of course content now underway in several PMI branches.
- Based on a reassessment of health facilities (originally identified by the Federation as needing refurbishment or reconstruction) 15 clinics will be rehabilitated in areas where health authorities are able to afford staffing and to provide regular supplies.
- On Nias Island, the minimal availability of baseline information has been a major hindrance to identifying health problems that can be addressed by appropriate interventions. The PMI/Federation health team has conducted a thorough assessment with results and recommendations expected next quarter.
- The Federation health team in Indonesia was engaged in the TRIAMS collaboration with the WHO.
- Cooperation with government authorities and BRR, in particular, continues to be strengthened to assist in coordination of overall Movement health projects and, as many external NGOs phase out tsunami-related activities, to determine Red Cross Red Crescent support to PMI.
- The Federation's health team continues to assist PMI during national immunization days, an intervention aimed at eradicating polio from the country.
- Supervision of pharmaceuticals remains a major challenge in terms of warehousing in general and the management of waste in particular. A significant amount of time and effort is being invested to find solutions both for the province's health care sector and for PMI's management of their own medical store.
- Avian influenza remains a major health threat to Indonesia. The PMI response plan of action is severely constrained by a lack of funding commitment.

Disaster management

- During the reporting period, about 22,000 of the most vulnerable people affected by floods, landslides, and earthquakes were provided with family tents, tarpaulins, family kits (household goods), hygiene kits, sleeping mats, medicine, clothing, and safe water made available from joint PMI/Federation stocks.
- More than 45,000 people directly benefited from PMI's emergency response activities in 50 local-level operations. Some 2,000 *Satgana* (field action team) volunteers from 49 district branches took part in the operations, coordinated by 12 PMI provincial chapters.

- The Indonesian government formally recognized PMI's complementary role in nationwide early warning dissemination and community education and preparedness initiatives.
- With Federation support, PMI is intensifying its community capacity building initiative in disaster preparedness (DP) and risk reduction. The initiative will reach 64 village communities in seven high-risks districts of Aceh and Nias, building awareness with some 100,000 of the most vulnerable.
- Some 50,000 calendars with drawings on early warning and community preparedness in risk reduction were distributed to families by PMI branches in Aceh and Nias, in a continuing mass awareness campaign supported by the Federation. A PMI animated video with a DP awareness message was shown in 22 temporary IDP camps and in eight public venues in Banda Aceh and Aceh Besar, reaching about 10,000 people.

Recovery

- The Federation's reconstruction activities are focused on coordination, as implementation centre on Red Cross Red Crescent bilateral initiatives approved by the Movement partnership task force and coordinated through the reconstruction TWG.
- Similarly, the large-scale transitional shelter project for some 67,000 people living in tents in Aceh and Nias is supported by the Federation. Coordination and logistic support is provided to the 22 implementing partners; substantial funding has gone towards the manufacture of steel frames and offshore supply of timber cladding for the shelter units.
- Emphasis of the Federation's livelihood projects remains on the coordination of PNS bilateral initiatives for restoring household incomes as an integral part of rebuilding lives and communities in a holistic way.

Organizational development

- Institutional capacity building continues at a gradual pace as PMI adds core staff to its team and replaces staff and volunteers in Aceh whose lives were lost in the tsunami.
- Branch and chapter building construction advances slowly, as land is gradually acquired for construction and architectural plans are prepared.
- New governance boards have now been elected in all Aceh and Nias branches.

Humanitarian values

- The national society continues with its core communications initiatives, both nationally and within the tsunami and earthquake-affected areas; several induction courses on Red Cross Red Crescent principles and values have been conducted for local staff and volunteers, as well as for Federation and PNS staff working in the recovery operations.

HEALTH AND CARE			
Project PID402-1: Provision of medical equipment for up to 15 rehabilitated clinics			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam (NAD; Aceh Province)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Equipment specification, procurement and delivery PMI capacity-building in procurement, warehousing, distribution and monitoring 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lists for medical equipment finalized Potential suppliers identified for procurement and preparation made for the tender process Procurement process ongoing for equipping first 5 clinics PMI temporary medical store financially and technically supported 	
Project PID402-2: Community-based first aid (CBFA)			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
NAD and Nias	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased knowledge and improved practices Training of trainers PMI capacity building in programme promotion and delivery to communities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13 potential trainers from Bireun, Sabang and Nagan Raya branches participated in the second part of the training-of-trainers (ToT) course "Communication skills and reporting requirements" conducted by PMI Additional training materials are being developed and the curriculum revised by a working group led by PMI national headquarters (NHQ) 	Community dissemination will begin after orientation workshops for recently recruited staff in chapters and branches
Project PID402-3: First aid programme on Nias island			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
Nias Island	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment Identify trainee candidates Deliver training Build programme as revenue-generation resource 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health assessment on Nias island conducted Analysis of collected data underway 	Project to be revised according to the findings and recommendations of assessment.
Project PID402-4: Health post/first aid posts in camps for displaced persons			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
Banda Aceh/Aceh Besar	Project ended	The project ended in November 2005	
Project PID402-5: Rehabilitation of up to 15 clinics in affected areas			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
NAD/West coast: Aceh Barat and Nagan Raya	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify sites Prepare rehabilitation plans Tender and award contracts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health facilities originally secured were prioritized according to a needs assessment and negotiations with the health authorities to determine sustainability; the number of clinics to be constructed has been reduced to 15 Tender process prepared and launched by construction team 	
Project PID402-6: Utilization of medical personnel as PMI volunteers in tsunami-affected areas			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
Aceh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People in need of medical 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1,018 medical personnel in 16 districts and 4 municipalities in 	Project ended in January 2006

	<p>support as a result of the tsunami have received adequate and appropriate medical care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical personnel become active PMI volunteers and provide community-based health services to those affected by the tsunami 	Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam have received an incentive for delivering post-tsunami medical services	Evaluation planned next quarter
Project PID401-1: Strengthening capacity of PMI to provide high-quality health and care services at community level			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
PMI National Office	Capacity of PMI's health and social services division is increased to coordinate, manage and monitor health activities of chapters and branches, as well as to work with external donors	Six new staff appointed to NHQ health division to support national HIV/AIDS, avian influenza, CBFA, psychosocial support, and ambulance programmes	Expansion of Indonesia-wide projects creates a need for additional staff in PMI health and social services division
Project PID401-2: Improving hygiene/sanitation conditions and practices of targeted communities			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
Cianjur, West Java and Atambua, West Timor	Increased mitigation and decreased incidence of water-related, vector-borne (malaria, dengue) and other common diseases and injuries in targeted communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National society NHQ CBFA and water and sanitation subdivisions are in the process of revising the CBFA curriculum; focus is on tropical diseases, HIV/AIDS and psychosocial support. • PMI volunteers continue disseminating health information and hygiene practices to people of Cikadu sub-district, Cianjur district of West Java. Disseminations are conducted through communal activities and home visits. • Through the participatory hygiene and sanitation transformation (PHAST) process, communities assisted by PMI volunteers have decided to construct clean water facilities and public latrines. The communities are participating within PHAST gender guidelines to work on the construction • Monitoring of CBFA water sanitation conducted in February. The projects are proceeding according to schedule • Construction of clean water facilities started this quarter in Cikadu village for some 3,000 people. • PMI branch Belu started a CBFA water sanitation project in February. PMI branch volunteers attended training in family care, first aid, CBFA and PHAST. Volunteers are expected to transfer their knowledge to Beina and Loontuan villages, Belu sub-district NTT, where water sanitation facilities will be 	Ongoing community development projects

		<p>constructed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The first water sanitation regional training course was conducted in Padang, West Sumatera from 21-26 March with 24 participants from nine PMI chapters (NAD, North Sumatera, West Sumatera, Riau, Bengkulu, Bangka Belitung, Palembang, Jambi, Lampung) and the national office. Training covered participatory rural appraisal (PRA) and PHAST. <p>MALARIA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Programmes active in PMI Ciamis, Garut, Cianjur, Tasikmalaya and Sukubumi <p>Ciamis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PMI volunteers assisted 1,612 people in environmental cleaning for mosquito eradication. Community health campaign materials distributed to 853 people in 192 households. First aid medicines administered to 39 cases. <p>Garut:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mosquito eradication in 189 households. Health campaign for 647 people and 31 first aid cases. <p>Cianjur:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health campaign for 871 people and 118 households; support to 45 households with TB, first aid medicines for 7 patients. <p>Tasikmalaya:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mosquito eradication programme for 230 households and 195 community members. Health IEC materials to 617 people; 10 first aid cases. <p>Sukabumi:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mosquito eradication programme for 72 households and 612 people; health education programme for 216 people and 80 households; first aid for 185 patients and supervision of 23 existing cases. <p>FILARIASIS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In February, the Bekasi branch started an assessment of the CBFA filariasis project in 3 villages in Babelan and Kadung Jaya, sub-district of Bekasi, targeting 100 houses. Project planning workshop held in March, with volunteers and board members PMI branch Bekasi, resulted in a plan of action and budget for the CBFA filariasis project. 	
<p>Project PID401-3: HIV/AIDS prevention, care and support, and anti-discrimination</p>			

Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
Riau, Bali, Jakarta, West Nusa Tenggara	Improved knowledge about and changed behaviour and attitudes towards HIV/AIDS among targeted sections of the communities and within PMI	An HIV/AIDS assessment was conducted in West Sumbawa in the district of West Nusa Tenggara province on 6-12 February.	Project proposal in development
Project PID401-4: Provision of psychological support to identified vulnerable communities and PMI volunteers			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
Jakarta, Jogjakarta, Bali	PMI volunteers in targeted chapters and branches have developed capacity to provide psychological support and professional referral services for vulnerable communities, as well as for PMI volunteers working in stressful conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baseline survey for 60 street children conducted in Jogjakarta in January. • Volunteers of PMI branch Jogjakarta continue providing basic education to at least 100 street children in four locations in Jogjakarta (Serangan, Gedongtengen, Klitren and Ngabean) • Volunteers of PMI branch Jogjakarta assisted street children with basic health care, and health education as well as art lessons and writing classes. • PMI branch Jogjakarta worked together with PKPEK (local NGO on poverty reduction for lower income families) and the PMI branch Jogjakarta targeting street children. PKPEK to provide income generation projects for parents of the same street children. • PSP curriculum has been developed to support PMI PSP programmes including psychosocial first aid. ToT of PSP curriculum conducted in Bogor, West Java from 20-24 March. • Booklet on stress management for PMI volunteers has been developed and 3,000 copies printed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing a national programme
Project PID401-5: Australian embassy Kuningan bombing - family support project (to May 2006)			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
Jakarta	People and families affected by the Kuningan bombing receive appropriate and adequate medical, economic and social support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twenty-two people affected by the Kuningan bomb blast received medical treatment and consultation; one additional person received seed money in January. The total number of recipients now stands at 25. • Basic needs were provided to two affected people • 100 Forum Kuningan bulletins were printed and distributed to the affected people 	Discussion on the second phase of the project is ongoing between Australian Red Cross, the Federation, AUSAID and Aisyiyah
Project PID401-6: School-based vaccination campaigns for measles and rubella diseases control			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
Jambi, South Kalimantan, South Sulawesi	School-based measles campaigns successfully conducted in partnership with the ministry of health (MoH) by mobilizing their	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PMI participated in task force consisting of the health ministry, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and American Red Cross on measles, malaria and de-worming 	PMI activities to support the health ministry immunisation programme planned for next quarter

	volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion is ongoing with the task force on integrated approach for pilot measles campaign 2006 	
Project PID401-7: Organize community awareness about epidemic diseases (an emergency programme) e.g. avian flu, dengue fever, etc.			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
Nationwide (Jakarta, Banten, Jawa Barat, Jawa Tengah, Jawa Timur, Bali, Sulawesi Selatan, West Kalimantan, North Sumatra, Jambi, Lampung, Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam)	At least five PMI chapters successfully conduct community awareness campaigns in partnership with MoH by mobilizing their volunteers and raise community awareness about emergent diseases to help decrease morbidity in vulnerable areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PMI active on many levels for avian flu campaign, from ministerial/government committees to participation in NGO forums PMI is a key stakeholder with the MoH, Ministry of Agriculture and Du Pont PMI avian flu taskforce was created during the reporting period. PMI was a key member of Southeast Asian national societies avian flu regional working group PMI bio-security pilot project underway in Tangerang, Curug and Sukabakti PMI proposal for responding to the threat of avian flu has been developed, with ongoing strategy for PMI base camp identified (epidemic preparedness) Eight PMI chapters trained in epidemic disease response strategy (Jakarta, Banten, WestJava, Central Java, East Java, Yogyakarta, Lampung and Aceh), East Java chapter trained 160 branch members on avian flu response strategy 	Lack of funding is causing severe constraints for PMI branch action
Project PID401-8: Bali bombing psycho-social support programme			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
Bali	Community affected by the Kuta bombing receives appropriate and adequate psycho-social support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial meetings conducted for PSP community project in Bali Project proposal in development 	Project merged with 401-4 PSP
Project PID401-9: Blood bank mapping			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
Jakarta	PMI works toward increasing the safe delivery of blood transfusion services in Indonesia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting conducted with PMI blood transfusion unit (BTU) and Australian Red Cross on revision of project proposal. Still awaiting AUSAID approval of the revision. Task force on "blood transfusion model in Indonesia" has been established with members from the PMI BTU, MoH and WHO. 	Project progress constrained by lack of commitment and focus of BTU staff

HEALTH AND CARE: WATER & SANITATION			
Project PID403-1: Emergency response unit training			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
Bandung Research Institute for Housing and Settlements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish central training facilities for PMI to be trained in water sanitation emergency response unit (ERU) operation and maintenance and disaster response in emergency operations By the end of 2006, upgrade the training centre to provide training to over 1,800 staff and volunteers of the regional national societies in water sanitation ERU operation and maintenance, as well as in disaster response in emergency operations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Four Rubb Halls have been erected for storage and deployment of PMI water sanitation ERU equipment PMI national office has assigned a dedicated staff person for the development and coordination of this programme 	
Project PID403-2: Community water and sanitation reconstruction			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
Banda Aceh and Aceh Besar	Safe, adequate and culturally suitable latrines and hygiene promotion ensured for 34,000 people in 17 temporary living centers, 200 villages and five identified towns over five years.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One block of six toilets, showers and washing cubicles completed Drainage channels and water tank platform completed Ongoing maintenance of temporary living centres Large septic tank, 2 bathing stations completed Plans for concrete water towers, water pumps, water well, drainage facilities underway 	
Project PID403-3: Integrated Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Promotion: a Community Reconstruction Project on Nias			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
South and North Nias sub-districts of Nias District, North Sumatra Province	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide safe and clean drinking water Improve sanitation facilities Provide hygiene awareness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water supply system rehabilitated Four blocks of pour-flush latrines, 2 bathrooms connected to separate septic tank; one well completed, Two washing areas constructed and connected to the water supply system Construction of two latrines ongoing (foundation completed); two blocks of latrine with bathrooms, one water well, and platform for the tank completed Access to quality water supply and sanitary facilities is being provided for all families in the two transitional shelter camps in 	

Gunung Sitoli			
Project PID403-4: Restoration of water, sanitation and flood drainage systems to Kota Sabang (Pulau Weh water and sanitation programme)			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
Pulau Weh Island (Sabang) Ie Meulee, Balohan, Paya Keunakeun, Keunakan	Restore water sanitation and flood drainage systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flood water drainage system completed Plans underway for building six latrine, bathing, laundering facilities Plans in development for construction of 7 latrines with septic tanks, 4 water wells, 2 water tanks for laundry/bathing 	
Project PID403-5: Community hygiene promotion, water supply and sanitation; Bireuen District			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
Aceh Province, Bireuen district (northern Ganda Pura sub-district and northern Janka sub-district)	Provide safe drinking water and sanitation facilities, harvesting systems and waste management processes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detailed assessments conducted in 80 villages Procurement process underway for bath, wash and toilet units 	
Project PID403-6: Temporary living centres - Water and sanitation; Meulaboh area			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
Meulaboh (Aceh Jaya, Aceh Barat, and Nagan Raya)	Provide water and sanitation facilities in designated temporary living centres as needs are identified	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three latrines and septic tank constructed Hygiene awareness ToT delivered to PMI volunteers Identification ongoing of villages for PHAST dissemination and water sanitation rehabilitation PHAST trainings conducted 	
Project PID403-7: Integrated water, sanitation and hygiene promotion: a community reconstruction project			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
Nias Island, North Sumatra district	Affect change in hygiene knowledge, attitudes, beliefs and practices by restoring and providing hygiene awareness, clean and safe water, and improved sanitation facilities in the target urban and rural settlements	Combined with activities per Project PID403-3	
Project PID403-8: Improving hygiene/sanitation conditions and practices of targeted communities			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
Cianjur, West Java and Atambua, West Timor	Increase mitigation and decreased incidence of water-related, vector-borne (malaria, dengue) and other common diseases and injuries in targeted communities	See Project PID401-2	

DISASTER MANAGEMENT			
Project PID160/161/162-3: Alor/ Nabire earthquake emergency recovery operation			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
Nine disaster-affected sub-districts of Alor (East Nusa Tenggara province) and three in Nabire (Papua province)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community assessment Project planning Activate village based risk reduction committees, community action teams, community based risk reduction action plan Advocate for and build awareness of risk reduction measures with the objective to develop and strengthen capacities to undertake integrated community based risk reduction activities in the highest-risk provinces at the village level and at sub-district level in Indonesia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pilot phase community assessment done Village based risk reduction committee reactivation underway in parallel with formation of community based action team Discussions in process with active key stakeholders in the field (i.e. CARE, Oxfam) to strengthen the school-based DP programme and community awareness on disaster risk reduction measures. Target is to reach 100,000 vulnerable households and their children. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By August, a 5-year community based risk reduction development plan is expected to be finalized in 9 disaster-affected sub-districts, Reactivation of PMI chapter and targeted branches under proper capacity building initiatives; donor support (including long-term commitment of local government) is a preconditions for programme sustainability
Project PID160/161/162-4: Logistics			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
Nationwide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warehouse construction Operational staff recruitment and training Emergency stock pre-positioning, Establish mechanism on standard logistics systems Maintenance and replenishment Follow-up monitoring and reporting to establish capacity nationwide to provide at least 150,000 vulnerable population with temporary shelter, household and hygiene items and safe water 	During this reporting period, approximate 22,000 of the most vulnerable people affected by floods, landslides, earthquakes were supported throughout Indonesia with pre-positioned stocks of family tents, tarpaulins, family kits (household goods), hygiene kits, sleeping mats, medicines, clothing, and safe water. PMI was supported by the Federation, AUSAID and USAID	The planned Federation-funded branch-level emergency storage construction for Aceh and Nias, as well as strategic regional warehouses nationwide, has been removed from the plan of action. However, the required land for construction of PMI branch office complexes and emergency storage facilities is secured in 16 locations in Aceh and Nias. Land donations for the six remaining locations are in process.
Project PID160/161/162-5: Early warning and emergency communication system in high-risk areas of Indonesia			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks

Nationwide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early warning assessment • Obtain radio licenses • Set up software and hardware for EWS and radio installation • Staff and volunteer recruitment and training • Simulation exercise • Document standard operating procedures (SoP) • Establish daily communication system for maintenance and servicing • Follow-up monitoring • Create reporting and evaluation systems • Coordinate with local government and stakeholders with the objective to improve capacity of PMI's highest-risk provincial chapters and 75 district branches to effectively prepare for and respond to any emergency situation through establishment of an early warning and emergency communication network. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PMI capacity building assessment on EWS completed for Aceh and Nias • Project framework approved by the disaster management TWG • Radio equipment has been procured and the installation process is underway • Licenses for seven emergency radio communication stations were obtained from the Government of India, with the balance of radio licenses in process. • PMI received formal recognition from government agencies and key stakeholders for its complementary role in nationwide early warning dissemination, and community education and preparedness initiatives • PMI nationwide EWS standard operating procedures drafted. 	
Project PID160/161/162-6: Emergency response/preparedness capacity building			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
Nationwide	<p>Make operational:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PMI DM working committees • Risk assessment and contingency planning • Training standardization • Emergency preparedness/response training • Joint simulation exercises with local government and other stakeholders to strengthen and professionalize emergency response/ preparedness capacity of PMI in highest-risk provincial chapters and 75 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With the support of the Federation, PMI and the Indonesian Society for Disaster Management organized a successful one-day international symposium on ``International legal aspects for disaster management``. Participants included Indonesian members of parliament, national disaster management and coordination committee, relevant governmental institutions, UN, INGOs, NGOs, civil society groups, and Movement partners <p>Objective of the symposium were to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - formulate a framework of disaster management, based on principles of international laws - verify compatibility of the draft DM bill, particularly its legal aspects in relation to international law - review related national regulations and policies on special emergencies (such as war or disaster) in context of 	

	district branches across Indonesia to ensure improved engagement in relief operations.	<p>international law</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - make recommendations on the legal aspects for improvement of the draft bill • PMI DM working committee fully operational and contributed inputs to second draft of the Indonesia disaster management law that is in review in parliament • PMI mandate and role in emergency response including preparedness and recovery was formally endorsed at the International Conference on Disaster Management Legislation; and reintegrated into the second draft of the Indonesian disaster management law. • A 5-person PMI team, supported by the Federation delegation, ran a 10-day regional disaster response team course and are now prepared to participate in regional emergency response initiatives. • At the one-year commemoration of the Nias earthquake on 28 March, PMI Nias assisted by the Federation conducted community risk awareness events on the island. 	
Project PID160/161/162-7: Integrated community-based risk reduction (ICBRR)			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
Aceh, North Sumatra, West Sumatra, Bengkulu, Jakarta, NTT and Papua	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community assessment • Project planning • Activate village based risk reduction committees, community action teams, community based risk reduction action plan • Advocate for and build awareness of risk reduction measures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICBRR programme strategy framework agreed by all stakeholders of the Movement in Indonesia • Area selection completed • A joint project planning process is ongoing to initiate a 5-year ICBRR programme in 11 high-risk districts in the five most disaster-prone provinces, including NAD and Nias. The programme will focus on capacity building in risk reduction for more than 100,000 of the most vulnerable. • Dissemination materials on risk reduction measures awareness and practices developed and published (posters, billboard, comics, leaflets, calendar, manual, pocket books, stickers, and cartoons) • A disaster risk awareness programme was delivered with printed materials targeting one million people in 25 districts of five provinces, including NAD and Nias 	
Project PID160/161/162-8: Provide basic relief goods			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
15 districts along the north, east and west coast of Aceh Province and Nias Island	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribution of relief food and non-food items, family hygiene parcel and baby kits • Re-assessments of Federation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To date the Federation has distributed the following items to 667,035 beneficiaries (or some 158,266 families) affected by the tsunami in Aceh province and the earthquake on Nias Island: 	

<p>covered beneficiaries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training of PMI staff and volunteers in relief distribution and documentation 	Item	Q1 2006	Cumulative
	Tents	1,547	21,993
	Tarpaulins	4,297	167,894
	Complementary food parcels	32,812	385,930
	Family hygiene kits	168,582	721,116
	Kerosene stoves	258	81,535
	Blankets	3,675	275,986
	Mosquito nets	9,451	276,734
	Kitchen sets	1,204	42,121
	Kerosene hurricane lamps	9,262	22,090
	Sleeping mats	4,756	56,091
	Bed sheets	18,741	293,068
	Baby kits	16,838	103,558
	Jerry cans	537	182,199
	Recovery kits [note 1]	6	548
Family kits	0	26,954	
Clothing	200	7,911	
<p>Note 1: each recovery kit provides clean-up tools for 50 families or approximately 250 beneficiaries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The relief plan for 2006 is well underway with the distribution of 50,000 complimentary food parcels to Lhokseumawe and 40,000 food parcels to Meulaboh and Teunom • A new round distributions of family hygiene parcel has commenced in Aceh province and Nias Island • The Federation has conducted a reassessment of beneficiaries living in tent camps, barracks, with host families, and other settlements in operational areas. Field exercises are completed and data is now being collated. • Training of PMI relief staff and volunteers continues 			

RECOVERY: RECONSTRUCTION			
Project PID543-1: School rehabilitation and reconstruction			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
Aceh and Nias	Contribute to authorities' efforts to rehabilitate and improve education services	Activities on this project have not yet commenced	Discussions underway with a PNS working on Nias
Project PID543-2: Health structure reconstruction			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
Aceh Barat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare tenders, architectural plans • Conduct bid analysis • Construction work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site surveys and architectural plans ongoing for 5 community health clinics • Tender documents prepared for translation into Indonesian language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request for proposals from 3 consultants received and in review for construction of seven new health centres in Meulaboh • Tenders received at end of reporting period for eight clinic to be refurbished in Meulaboh
Project PID543-3: Housing reconstruction			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
Aceh and Nias	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare tenders, architectural plans • Conduct bid analysis • Undertake construction work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal prepared for long term housing project • Process underway for engagement of consultants 	
Project PID543-4: Community centre (meneusah) reconstruction or rehabilitation			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PMI/Federation contribute to the provision of social meeting spaces for affected communities 	Activities on this project have not yet commenced	
Project PID543-NEW: Construction of Office Complexes in Banda Aceh, Meulaboh, Nias & Calang			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
Banda Aceh, Meulaboh, Nias and Calang	Working facilities for Red Cross Red Crescent operational administration	Contracts have been let, work now in progress	

RECOVERY: TRANSITIONAL SHELTER			
Project PID543-5: Transitional shelter programme			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
Aceh and Nias	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved living conditions of beneficiaries living in tent settlements through provision of a transitional shelter unit per family for 20,000 households procurement of materials delivery of transitional shelters construction team training supervision and monitoring 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At end of first quarter, implementing partner requested for 14,568 shelters to be constructed in their operational areas 5,644 frames were erected and 769 shelters completed with New Zealand sourced and donated timber Additional timber in pipeline and going through customs clearance 	
RECOVERY: LIVELIHOODS			
Project PID544-1: Simeulue Island: 66,000 farmers and fishermen are supported in improving their livelihoods			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
Simeulue Island	Improve livelihoods of 66,000 farmers and fisherman	Federation activities have not yet begun	
Project PID544-2: Nias: to provide better livelihoods for affected households			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
Nias Island	Livelihoods of families affected by the earthquake are improved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment commenced for potential of smallholder rubber farmers to achieve gainful economic activity Project in development to start up a fisheries complex 	
Project PID544-3: Dusun Diwa Makam village, Banda Aceh: construct a protective secondary earth wall to protect 3,375 households from high tide water			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
Dusun Diwa Makam village, Banda Aceh	3,375 households protected from high tide waters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local NGO contracted to implement project Construction has begun 	
Project PID544-4: Lampaseh Village, Banda Aceh: canal wall repair to protect 328 households from high tide water			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
Lampaseh Village, Banda Aceh	328 households protected from high tide water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tender documents prepared Bid process carried out Contractor selected Repairs have begun 	
Project PID544-5: Aceh: boat-building project; cottage-industry sewing project; micro-credit project pilot			

Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
Aceh	Address livelihood needs of affected people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction of 17 boats underway with 5 completed and 4 nearing completion Micro-credit pilot project being planned with local bank Local NGO selected to implement cottage industry sewing project; 50 women employed, first phase nearing completion; a second phase has been requested by the women 	

ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Project PID005-1: Governance and management development

Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
Nationally Aceh Province and Nias district	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare organisational chart Identify management needs Provide training Prepare long term plans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revised structure developed for PMI Aceh and Nias chapters and branches Election of new board members for PMI Aceh and Nias chapters has taken place PMI 5-year strategic plan published and distributed 187 staff are working at PMI/chapter/branches in Aceh and Nias as of 1 February 5-day orientation training for newly recruited staff and new chapter board members held 	

Project PID005-2: Programme planning and management development

Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
Nationally Aceh Province and Nias district	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Induction courses Trainings and workshops 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Induction courses ongoing for Federation/PNS local staff Two organizational development (OD) staff attended regional monitoring and evaluation workshop 	

Project PID005-3: Human and financial resource development

Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
Nationally Aceh Province and Nias district	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify gaps/weaknesses Strengthen capacity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff recruitment process conducted Hiring process concluded Two PMI staff have joined the TWG as coordinators 	

Project PID005-4: Volunteer and youth programme development

Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
Nationally Aceh Province and Nias district	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase number of trained, motivated and skilled volunteers Enable PMI to provide better community services Improve PMI visibility in the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteer management workshop conducted during the quarter Volunteer training workshops ongoing Federation has committed to support volunteer and youth programme for 2006 KRS (volunteer corps) training for PMI volunteers conducted 	

	community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment in progress for verifying the exact number of PMI volunteers. 	
Project PID005-5: IT development			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
Nationally Aceh Province and Nias district	Equip offices and provide better communication tools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Equipment has been procured and installed Office equipment provided to all branches in Aceh and Nias Implementation of PMI's national information management system ongoing Internet connection for PMI chapters provided In process of building communication linkages between PMI chapters and branches 	
Project PID005-6: National office consolidation			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
Nationally	Build capacity of PMI through a realigned organisational structure	Organisational structure developed and being finalised by PMI	
Project PID005-7: Organisational development delegates in Jakarta, Aceh and North Sumatra			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
Nationally	Delegates in place working with PMI	OD delegate working in PMI national office	
Project PID005-8: Rehabilitation of chapter and branch offices in the tsunami-affected area			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
Aceh Province and Nias district	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documentation on branches Building design, work plans Construction work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11 branches have submitted documentation for architectural designs Of 8 branches, 5 have completed building design; 3 still in process of completion 	
Project PID005-9: National training centre			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
Aceh Province	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A training centre constructed to address capacity-building needs of PMI 	No progress on land issue; file is with PMI	
Project PID005-10: Renovation/extension of PMI's national office building in Jakarta			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
Jakarta	Extension and renovation of PMI National Office and the linked warehouse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suitable land is still being sought for the warehouse No progress to date 	

HUMANITARIAN VALUES			
Project PID302-1: Communications development			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
Aceh and nationally	Increase communications capacity, and strengthen links with local and national media for PMI to improve its external relations and profile by providing professional communications support to all programmes and operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The information services of the tsunami recovery operation continues with external and internal media communications, including print, radio and TV • PMI continues to produce the “Tsunami News” and various reports 	
Project PID302-2: PMI/Movement visibility in the tsunami area and across the region			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
Nationally	PMI and its Movement partners have the means and skills to provide donors and supporters with timely and accurate information materials on the progress of PMI’s role in the tsunami operation	PMI has produced its 2006 communications work plan	

Myanmar

Overview

The tsunami appeal and annual appeal have been merged for 2006-2007 resulting in an expanded appeal that includes all Myanmar Red Cross Society (MRCS) activities. Consequently, the table of projects and expected results, found below, are slightly modified from the originally published tsunami appeal.

An outbreak of avian influenza hit the Mandalay and Sagain divisions of Myanmar in the first quarter of 2006. Hundreds of birds were slaughtered in an effort to reduce the risk of the virus spreading. Government authorities coordinated their response with MRCS and the international community, including the UN Food and Agriculture Organization. The national society continues to work closely with the health ministry and has provided personal protection equipment for people living in affected areas. As with other countries, the initial impact on small-scale poultry farmers has been devastating with the price of poultry and eggs in local markets dropping dramatically.

Long-term strategies to respond to avian influenza are being developed, starting with information education and communication (IEC) materials for the MRCS community-based first aid (CBFA) programme. A Red Cross Red Crescent avian influenza forum has been planned to include major stakeholders, an opportunity to jointly develop standard operating procedures in the event of further outbreaks.

On the administrative front, government ministries have moved to the new capital, Pyinmana, signalling the end of Yangon's 120 years as the capital of Myanmar. The MRCS branch in Pyinmana will be the link with national headquarters. The announcement of increased government salaries has been welcomed by many public servants. However, the Asian Development Bank noted that an eightfold increase in fuel prices and a rise in tax revenues have prompted higher prices for some basic commodities.

Meanwhile, the meteorology and hydrology department has reported a rise in the frequency of earthquakes from an average of 22 per year to over 200 in 2004 and more than 300 in 2005. In January, 28 tremors were recorded. Conflicting theories abound as to whether this increase heightens or reduces the potential for a stronger earthquake; there have been no reports of related disaster responses in 2006.

Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement Coordination

During the reporting period, MRCS arranged a meeting between the Federation's incoming head of delegation and the minister of health. Close partnerships and cooperation between components of the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement in Myanmar have continued contributing to effective coordination and a positive impact on operations.

The Norwegian Red Cross continues to be a valued multilateral supporter. Negotiations for a short-term contract with a construction consultant are underway. In addition, 500 mannequins donated to the CBFA programme have cleared customs and are being distributed to MRCS branches.

The national society has sought approval from the health ministry to begin bilateral operations with the French Red Cross. The visit by Danish Red Cross representatives to monitor a health initiative led to discussions with MRCS and the Federation about possible coordination and future directions of the project. The Finnish Red Cross has agreed to support the MRCS community-based health programme (CBHP) with a possible site in Magway division. Here, the CBHP will draw on experiences of the existing partnership between the Australian and Danish Red Cross societies. A partnership meeting is being planned for later in 2006 to consolidate alliances and update long-term supporters of MRCS on the development of its strategies.

Working with Government, UN agencies and other actors

New cooperation guidelines released by the government for international agencies and non-government organizations (NGOs) has created much discussion. Initial reaction from the international community, led by the United Nations, is to welcome the increased dialogue and transparency with the understanding that humanitarian principles, especially independence and impartiality, need to be safeguarded.

Myanmar Red Cross collaborated with the national AIDS programme (NAP) to develop a national HIV/AIDS

strategy. The national society's own HIV strategy, in draft form until the national strategy is finalized, was prepared with the assistance of NAP and several other stakeholders.

Support from the country's international aid community continues to change in nature. With the shortfall created by the withdrawal of the Global Fund to fight AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria (GFATM), several governments have combined forces and initiated the Three Diseases Fund. The MRCS and Federation were invited to provide perspectives on how this support may best be administered to respond to the unmet needs in HIV/AIDS, TB and malaria. In March, Medecins Sans Frontiers France announced the closure of its offices in Myanmar 'due to protracted difficulty in project activities implementation'.

The MRCS health division participated in a World Health Organization (WHO) coordination meeting on "Community awareness on TB control and World TB Day 2006 activities" and will share proposed branch activities with the technical working group on tuberculosis.

Overall operational overview

Health and care

With the consolidation of the Myanmar tsunami and annual appeal 2006/7 the health and care programme now has three projects rather than four: emergency health care, including psychosocial support and water and sanitation; community-based health care (CBHC); and CBFA. These changes reflect MRCS's decision to integrate water sanitation responses and psychosocial support into public health in emergencies (PHiE) and CBHP. The CBHC projects include HIV/AIDS, TB, prevention of malaria, and voluntary blood donor recruitment.

The MRCS health division is responsible for emergency health care and CBHC and the training division for CBFA and development of MRCS training skills, in cooperation with all divisions.

Public health in emergencies

- The PHiE task group, initiated in 2005, has met several times mainly on avian influenza response. Input at the meetings has come from the health and livestock breeding ministries, the veterinary department, Danish Red Cross, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), WHO, and international NGOs.
- Following an outbreak of avian influenza in Mandalay and Sagain divisions in March, MRCS distributed 1,000 sets of personal protection equipment, working together with the health ministry.
- Stress management brochures and posters have been printed. The regional psychosocial support programme (PSP) delegate visited during the quarter to help prepare for a workshop in July.
- The MRCS water sanitation officer supported activities in the Keng Tung CBHC project, an initiative of the Australian Red Cross.
- An additional full-time health professional is required to support PHiE planning and implementation for Red Cross volunteers at all levels.

Community-based health care

- The national society conducted an HIV strategic planning workshop in February. Approval of the final draft plan will be sought after incorporating outcomes of the national HIV/AIDS strategic plan.
- The TB programme has been expanding and plans for "maintenance" of existing activities are currently being developed.
- The CBHC project in Keng Tung, now into its third year, will undergo an evaluation next quarter. Based on lessons learnt from the Keng Tung experience another CBHC project will begin in two townships of Magway division.

Community-based first aid

- Following a preparatory advocacy meeting in February, the MRCS training division organized a CBFA training-of-trainers (ToT) session in Rakhine state in March. Advocacy meetings with local authorities and MRCS leadership play an important part in the implementation of first aid activities at branch level.
- Basic training in water safety has been identified by the MRCS central council as one of the priorities of the training division. A need exists for basic swimming courses and trainers in coastal as well as riverside

areas throughout the country. The Australian Red Cross has been approached to assist with sourcing appropriate materials for supporting the programme.

- Some 500 mannequins donated by Norwegian Red Cross in 2005 were distributed to MRCS branches.

Constraints

- The MRCS logistics unit needs to be strengthened to take over procurement and distribution of materials. Currently the training division is purchasing and distributing printed materials and first aid kits. Coordination by the logistics unit would significantly increase quality, decrease costs, and support effective health and training activities.
- Visas and travel permits for Federation delegates and visitors remain a challenge. Late approvals and limited access to field operations continue to hamper monitoring activities and makes planning difficult.

Disaster management

- The initial phase of the disaster assessment and response team (DART) training at state/division level was completed, with the final two sessions in Chin and northern Shan states. Over 700 key MRCS volunteers and cooperation partners from government offices, NGOs and international agencies took part. Since the training, comprehensive activity reports have been coming in from the field. These reports perform three important functions: feed into the central council report; monitor relief stocks; and provide an archive of the type and extent of disasters reported to MRCS. Even with the increased quality of reports, however, operations in a country as large as Myanmar continue to face challenges and reports of minor emergencies do not always reach national headquarters. The second phase of DART will focus on re-training existing response groups and volunteers, starting with team leaders.
- Logistics activities this quarter have focused on pre-positioning disaster relief stocks, ready to respond to seasonal fires and the impending monsoon. Emergency warehousing capacity was improved with the addition of four Norwegian Red Cross donated Rubb Halls (storage facilities).
- The lengthy process of developing a community-based disaster management (CBDM) programme is entering the final stages. Facilitator training is scheduled next quarter and community-level training will follow.

Recovery

- Recovery activities on Kaing Thoung Island have started slowly. The lack of expertise at MRCS and of appropriate contractors in the coastal area has contributed to delays. A planning review has led to necessary modifications, including expansion of the seawall and adjustments to school renovation plans (taking into account erosion near the school site). The projects are, however, expected to be implemented according to plan and within original budgets.

Organizational development

- The national society strategic plan 2007-2010 and its volunteer policy have been approved by the MRCS central council.
- Monitoring and evaluation exercises were conducted for 16 MRCS senior officers from NHQ.
- Six branch coordinators have been recruited and a commitment made by MRCS divisions to absorb salaries and other costs by 2008.
- The volunteer registration system has been initiated.
- Branch coordinators have used DART to report to MRCS NHQ about disasters in Magway and Mandalay divisions.
- The health division and youth focal points have begun collaborating on a design to improve youth participation in voluntary non-remunerated blood donors (VNRBD).
- Results of a survey to establish the number of Red Cross groups operational in universities and colleges showed that 29 such groups exist.
- The finance division has developed a detailed report for working advances for MRCS. A review of existing finance regulations later in the year will greatly assist MRCS with its financial management.
- Human resource and branch development officers were recruited.

- Two branches were granted perpetual leases of land for construction of new branch buildings. One branch received a private land donation while four others are awaiting final approval to receive land grants.

Humanitarian values

- A dissemination officer and an information officer were recruited with salary support from the Federation and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).
- The MRCS newsletter will be revamped into a news journal starting with the first issue in 2006; MRCS has agreed to sell advertisement space in the journal.
- Collection of reference materials and other information/data has been initiated to develop a library at MRCS headquarters.

HEALTH AND CARE			
Project PMM400: PHiE			
<i>Objective:</i> Myanmar Red Cross Society's capacity to carry out emergency health care with the integration of psychological support and water and sanitation activities is increased and appropriate services are implemented in the vulnerable communities.			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
Emergency health care (EHC) is provided to affected communities and potential epidemics are prevented and adequately addressed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalize the EHC/PHiE programme guidelines with the different players from MRCS and representatives from targeted states/divisions through workshop process. Establish coordination and advocacy meetings with potential partners, local authorities and leadership both at headquarters and targeted states and division levels with the inclusion of the selection process for the task force members. Undertake training needs assessment for the development of appropriate EHC/PHiE training curriculum, review and revision as well as printing of guidelines. Train volunteers as EHC task force members and PHiE core disseminators training in targeted states and divisions. Implement community-level PHiE dissemination as the entry point in the creation of community emergency response teams (CERT) in target areas. Organize AI prevention and response forum with potential key players. Develop, print and distribute IEC materials in targeted states and divisions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The EHC/PHiE programme guidelines and plan of action including IEC. Materials and integration of PSP and water and sanitation in process. Coordination meetings in AI response and IEC material support with ministries of health and livestock breeding, the veterinary department, ICRC, Danish Red Cross, WHO and international NGOs. Training curricula for targeted Red Cross volunteers will be created once PHiE guidelines and the plan of action is finalized and approved by the MRCS executive committee. Preparations underway for AI forum next quarter, with participants from MRCS state/divisions and branches. MRCS PHiE task group on health and communication have developed drafts pamphlets and posters that require executive committee approval before printing. MRCS and the Federation will participate in a workshop on IEC materials with UNICEF and other INGOs. Focal person in health division nominated; it is anticipated that further recruitment will be necessary Federation health training delegate continued to support the PHiE task group in all activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cooperation with WHO, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Livestock Breeding, the Veterinary Department, ICRC and Danish Red Cross has begun and will be scaled up in the second quarter. 1,000 PPE sets distributed from DM stock in response to the outbreak of AI in two states. Regional meeting of PHiE /AI response planned in June.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of equipment for EHC task force support • Field supervision and monitoring including evaluation and review meetings and participation in regional technical meetings. • Provision of personnel support to MRCS PHiE/EHC programme. • Support MRCS EHC capacity with technical assistance of Federation health delegate. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psycho-social support is properly integrated in to MRCS health and disaster preparedness activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide psycho-social support and training for the MRCS staff and volunteers to benefit affected people and relief workers. • Print information brochures and develop training manual for psycho-social support. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparations of PSP training for staff and Red Cross volunteers completed in March with support of regional PSP delegate. PSP talk for MRCS staff conducted in March. • Brochures and posters relating to stress management printed. The Federation manual will be translated before training and a manual created for the Myanmar context. 	PSP ToT has been scheduled with plans to integrate PSP in programmes to be finalized after the workshop.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MRCS water and sanitation activities in vulnerable communities are assessed and enhanced in relation with PHiE activities and health projects. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct an in-depth participatory needs assessment on water and sanitation in targeted communities. • Training of volunteers on PHAST and water testing and community water and sanitation management including basic operation and maintenance for the communities. • Install water and sanitation facilities in selected priority communities and identified families. • Conduct supervision and monitoring visits to the different project sites. • Provision of personnel support for water and sanitation activities by hiring a water and sanitation officer at headquarters. • Participate in technical regional meetings, facilitate review and programme evaluation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic maintenance training carried out, including provision of basic household equipment according to needs in the communities. • MRCS water and sanitation officer supported Keng Tung CBHC project in February and March. • Water and sanitation officer salary support is provided through the PHiE budget. • Water and sanitation regional meeting expected next quarter. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MRCS water sanitation officer is assisting with the CBHC programme and DM assessments. There is no separate water sanitation programme. • Water sanitation officer is supervising installation and maintenance of equipment, and participating in the planning of hygiene education.

Project PMM401: Community-based health (1) HIV/AIDS and reproductive health programme (2) CBHD Projects			
<i>Objective:</i> The Myanmar Red Cross Society has an improved capacity to carry out activities to support the healthy life in communities and prevent communicable diseases through volunteers of local branches			
Focus/Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
<p>Impact on sexually transmitted infections (STI) and HIV/AIDS is reduced in relation to communities affected and infected.</p> <p>Truckers project: 3 Townships: Mandalay Monywa Lashio</p> <p>In Kayin State 4 townships: Myawaddy Kawkereik Hpan-an Thaton</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate the organization of HIV/AIDS strategic planning workshop for MRCS stakeholders. Provide orientation workshop for project staff and local volunteers in targeted areas. Undertake community assessment and baseline survey in target areas with the support of volunteers. Establish coordination and advocacy meeting with partners and local branches. Training of volunteers in counselling, peer education, home-based care, and life skills development for community mobilization in targeted areas. Mobilization of community volunteers for the HIV prevention and awareness promotion. Provision of care and support to identified PLWHA, orphans and families. Provision of outreach services for highway bus and truck drivers in high risk areas. Setting and maintaining youth centres and youth-based services. Condom promotion and distribution for high-risk target groups organize by volunteers. Development, printing and distribution of information, education and training materials. Field monitoring visits and supervision by headquarters and with local project volunteers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HIV/AIDS strategic planning workshop for MRCS and stakeholders conducted 22–25 February, facilitated by Australian Red Cross. Participants included Red Cross volunteers and staff from health and training divisions and health professionals from UNAIDS, UNICEF, NAP, Burnet Institute, HIV Alliance, PLWHA, and the Federation. Truckers' project in Lashio - in the preparatory stages of recruiting 3 field assistants and 28 field workers from 3 target areas. Data collection of sample targets, development of IEC materials and incentives are done. Advocacy meeting and ToT will be conducted in the next quarter. Activities associated with outreach programmes on safer sex promotion for youth and care and support projects were completed and included peer education, distribution of IEC and condoms, and referral of people with STI to health services followed up with regular monitoring visits by project staff. Weekly peer groups are being conducted in the truckers' project. Prevention of HIV/AIDS among youth was in the preparatory phase during the reporting period. Monthly support care packs are being provided in Keng Tung project. Distribution of materials for HIV projects ongoing during peer group and health education sessions. MRCS headquarters staff made monthly monitoring visits to HIV project sites. Salary support provided for HIV projects by the Federation and UNICEF. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need to finalize the draft report once the national AIDS programme has finalized its strategic plan. Truckers' project in Lashio is waiting for approval from health ministry to start implementation. Change from peer groups to youth café planned locally with NGO in Mandalay.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate programme review and planning workshops with stakeholders both from headquarters and local branches of targeted areas. • Provision of personnel support at headquarters and local branches. • Setting up, equipping and maintaining project units both at headquarters and townships levels. • Campaign activities on HIV/AIDS, World RCRC Day. • Conduct programme evaluation. 		
<p>Communities have improved ability to respond to common local endemic health issues including TB, malaria and diarrhoea.</p> <p>Keng Tung township</p> <p>Magway Division: 2 Townships: Pwintphyu Natmauk</p> <p>Mandalay Division: 3 Townships Mogoke Thabeikkyin Singu</p> <p>Yangon and Mandalay rehabilitation hospital, Hpan-an Orthopaedic centre</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish coordination and advocacy with local partners and volunteers. • Conduct community assessment, baseline data collection and analysis in new targeted areas. • Facilitate programme management orientation and training for project staff and volunteers in new targeted areas. • Setting up and maintaining project office in project townships • Conduct training workshop for local volunteers on different health issues for the implementation of community-level health services. • Facilitate and organize promotion and awareness campaigns on different health issues in local branches with trained volunteers. • Development, printing and distribution of IEC materials related to main health issues in the communities • Organize comprehensive community health care service support in targeted areas with the trained volunteers for the prevention and management of TB, Malaria, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keng Tung CBHP is in the last quarter of its third year and final year. Training for project staff, Red Cross volunteers and peer groups and community mobilization activities were carried out according to the plan of action both in urban and rural areas. PLWHA social support continued. Behaviour change communication (BCC) strategies including field-tested curriculum development have been conducted. • BCC training and reprinting of some IEC materials will be implemented in the next reporting period, with the guidance of the project steering committee. Construction of safe water supply in 3 new target villages will be completed next quarter. • The preparatory phase of Magway CBHDP was initiated in the reporting period. Feasibility visits and advocacy meetings were completed, led by the MRCS executive director. Health division staff and Federation health delegates also participated. • A situation analysis and needs assessment in 2 townships has begun. This process is benefiting from the participation of Red Cross volunteers with ToT training. • Mandalay CBHDP carried out training in 3 townships for nine project staff, Red Cross volunteers and peer educators focusing on workplace programmes. • Activities conducted during the first quarter included ToT for core staff of mining companies, malaria prevention and referral of cases for treatment and/or testing for malaria, TB, HIV and waterborne diseases. • Access and survey for safe drinking water in three 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The scheduled final evaluation of the project will be conducted next quarter with assistance from an Australian Red Cross consultant. • A follow-up CBFA training for Red Cross volunteers will be conducted next quarter based on issues identified in the study. • The head of the MRCS health division will conduct a monitoring visit to Magway division next quarter, accompanied by the Finnish Red Cross and the Federation health coordinator. The visit has been planned well in advance and approved by the health ministry.

	<p>HIV/AIDS and diarrhoeal diseases, including peer education and CBFA trainings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organize campaign activities for TB, malaria, and HIV/AIDS. • Conduct field supervision and monitoring visits in project areas with the local volunteers. • Organize quarterly project review meetings with local volunteers in targeted areas with the participation of communities. • Capacity building support for project staff and volunteers. • Support home visits, CBFA multipliers for taxi drivers, leadership training and social mobilization activities. 	<p>townships carried out.</p> <p>Prosthetic project: This is collaboration with ICRC. Following a joint meeting between MRCS, the Federation and ICRC. Guidelines and procedures have been developed and planning is now underway.</p>	
<p>Prevention and management of TB in targeted townships strengthened through the mobilization of Red Cross trained volunteers.</p> <p>5 Township in Yangon: Thaketa Mayangone Hlaing Dala Twan-tay</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct baseline survey in new targeted townships through the support of trained local volunteers, analysis and preparation of assessment report. • Local coordination and advocacy meetings in new targeted townships with local health authorities, local branch leadership and volunteers. • ToT for Red Cross volunteers on TB prevention, previously trained volunteers. • Provision of support for community activities of volunteers. • Provision of care and support to suspected and positive patients. • Conduction of community multiplier courses on TB prevention and control in 2 new townships by trained volunteers. • Printing and distribution of training module, report forms and pamphlets for trained volunteers and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With the approval of the health ministry the TB project initiated activities in 5 townships, including 3 new sites. • Advocacy meetings and field visits were jointly conducted by the project steering committee and staff. • Recruitment and training of Red Cross volunteers for 3 new townships was completed from February to March. • Care kits provided and referrals to clinics made for suspected and HIV positive patients. • Multipliers scheduled for 2nd quarter. • MRCS supported World TB Day on 23 March with competitions and IEC distribution at headquarters. • Federation salary support for headquarters project staff is ongoing. 	

	<p>communities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct field monitoring visits in targeted townships and evaluation meeting. • Organize quarterly meetings with headquarters project management team and with the trained volunteers, committee members of targeted townships. • Support the World TB Day awareness campaign with the local health units. • Equipping and maintenance of headquarters project unit. • Provision of project staff support at headquarters. 		
<p>Increased voluntary blood donor recruitment.</p> <p>Yangon Division</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ToT on Red Cross blood donor recruitment with representatives from targeted townships. • Facilitate Red Cross activities to support the commemorative occasion of World Blood Donor Day. • Promotion for the recruitment of Red Cross blood donors through printing and distribution of information materials and facilitate television airtime for voluntary blood donation. • Conduct field monitoring visits by headquarters and evaluation meetings with the local Red Cross stakeholders. • Participate in regional technical meetings, international conference and workshops. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motivation programmes for safe blood donation were organized in universities and four pilot townships. • IEC materials were distributed. • Field monitoring visits planned for later in 2006 • The MRCS TB project coordinator participated in the Federation TB working group in Geneva in February. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The MRCS communications division will help secure airtime on television for voluntary blood donation. The segment to be shown will be produced in the coming months. • Prize giving ceremony for entrants in a competition sponsored by Republic of Korea Red Cross will be celebrated at MRCS headquarters next quarter.
<p>Improved capacity of headquarters health division in programme development and</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation to conference/workshop/ training and meetings in regional and or international levels as required. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MRCS participated in Federation monthly regional AI teleconferences during this reporting period. • Unfortunately due to lack of time to apply for official travel permission there was no representation of MRCS 	

management.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organize health retreat workshop for health division team. Organize CBHC management workshop for health staff. Equipping and maintaining health division unit Support the salaries of the health division personnel. Support to MRCS technical and management capacity with the Federation health delegate. 	<p>at regional AI meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No new equipment purchased this reporting period. Ongoing support provided to health division personnel. HIV strategic planning workshop was conducted and advocacy meetings were held in Magway division. TB Day activities have been planned and preparations for Keng Tung evaluation are underway. 	
<p>Project PMM402: CBFA and training <i>Objective:</i> Myanmar Red Cross Society's capacity and action to implement an expanded CBFA training programme is increased through the nationwide network of trained volunteers from the local branches.</p>			
Focus/Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
<p>First aid and basic home nursing training programme is implemented nationwide through the network of trained volunteers from local branches.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish coordination and advocacy meetings with local authorities and Red Cross leadership for the promotion and implementation of first aid training programme. Conduct training for volunteer trainers in first aid, CBFA, water safety, and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). Psychological support as well as refresher training for active volunteer trainers from Upper and Lower Myanmar. CBDM / CBFA cooperation Curriculum development of basic home nursing course for MRCS and the printing and distribution of teaching set materials for volunteer trainers in local branches including facilitators' manual, certificates and guidelines, Procurement of advance first aid kits for Red Cross townships and the small first aid kits for CBFA multiplier courses. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The objectives and background of CBFA ToTs were discussed with supervisory committee members, local authorities and officers in respective states/divisions in East Bago, Shan (North) and Rakhine (Thandwe). Training division activities was presented at MRCS central council meeting and at branch development training workshops. The council has made water safety a priority for the training division CBFA ToT conducted in East Bago for 30 participants (20 February-2 March); Shan North for 30 participants and Rakhine 36 participants (29 March to 8 April). CBDM workshop was jointly facilitated, a collaboration between the DM and health divisions. CBFA volunteers manual and stress management brochures and posters were printed. Posters on hand washing and water safety manuals are currently being printed. A community-based home care working committee was formed. References are being sought from INGOs and NGOs. Advanced first aid kits and small first aid kits procured and will be ready for distribution next quarter. 500 mannequins donated by Norwegian Red Cross in 2005 were handed over to branches at a ceremony with the MRCS president and Federation head of delegation. 	

First aid awareness and local Red Cross branch support increased.	Support the World First Aid Day awareness campaign in cooperation with local states and divisions through organizing first aid competitions, printing and distribution of information, education and promotional materials and the initiation of first aid media programme for nationwide broadcast.	A promotional spot on first aid is being developed for Myanmar television (MRTV4). MRCS communications division to take the lead on developing a TV campaign.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A first aid promotion competition in September will be followed by an instructor's course for states and divisions. • Official documents related to the agreement between MRTV4 and MRCS being developed.
Communities have improved knowledge and ability to respond to common first aid and basic home care support.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community level conduction of CBFA, basic first aid, water safety and basic home nursing courses by trained volunteer trainers in respective townships. • Print and distribute IEC materials for the communities through local branch volunteers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiplier courses will follow CBFA ToTs in selected states and divisions. The Bago East CBFA ToT reported to be completed successfully. • First aid training for school teachers planned next quarter in Bago. • Printed and distributed CBFA volunteer manual for the communities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A basic swimming course has been identified as required for volunteer water safety trainers. • Responsibility of school Red Cross will be transferred from the MRCS training division to the development and coordination unit (DCU).
Improved capacity of the MRCS training division to plan and manage effective training programmes in support of headquarters and local branches.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct field supervision and monitoring visits to local states and divisions with Federation delegates' support. • Organizing programme review and planning meetings with the local branch leadership, other headquarters divisions and among the training division management team. • Facilitate external evaluation for the CBFA training programme. • Provide technical and managerial capacity support to training division through attendance in regional technical meetings, international conferences and workshops, study tours with the Federation health/training delegate and local training. • Equipping and maintenance of training division management unit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring visit of CBFA in Lashio cancelled because of travel restrictions due to reported security concerns. • Plan of action 2006 meetings held with MRCS divisions, Federation, and ICRC held to plan monthly activities / and monitoring trips. • Terms of reference are currently being developed, scheduled to be completed in the 3rd and 4th quarter. • Two-day team building course held for training division staff • Locally-based capacity building institute to provide language and computer training for training officers, and project management training. • Installed air conditioners, photocopiers, office equipment, and IT storage devices in training division. • No recruitment during first quarter. Salary support continues to be provided to core staff. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head of training division to attend regional PSP training next quarter. • Deputy head of division to attend regional disaster response teams (RDRT) training next quarter. • Renovation of the dilapidated MRCS headquarters building will include training rooms.

	including MRCS training centre. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of personnel support at headquarters. • Support to MRCS training division with assistance from the Federation health training delegate. 		
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DISASTER MANAGEMENT			
Project PMM161: Disaster Preparedness and Response			
Location/Focus	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MRCS DM activities are recognized among stakeholders and cooperation partners. MRCS actions promotes overall knowledge of disaster monitoring, early warning and cooperation • Provide MRCS DP/DR division with essential equipment for disaster management. (faxes, phone lines, computers, printers) • Participate in relevant training and meetings such as for Field Assessment and Coordination Team (FACT), RDRT, Federation's standard logistic system and Regional Disaster Management Coordination (RDMC). • Provide salary support for MRCS DP/R Division as required. • Federation delegation support through the DM delegate and local DP officer. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The MRCS DP programme officer resigned in January; the position remains open and the DP/DR division is currently reviewing longer-term human resource needs. • RDRT nominations were completed. The deputy head of the training division will participate in regional delegation training. • The DM delegate participated in the global DM coordinators meeting in Geneva from 12 to 17 March. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MRCS has a well functioning integrated training programme for DM based on a community-based approach. • Continue CBDM programme and expand to further disaster prone areas. • Training-of-trainers (6x20 pers/6days) in Sagain, Kachin, Thanintayi. • Community trainings (20 village tracks). • Develop and update MRCS DM training manuals (DART, CBDM), guidebook and teaching aids with a DP/DR plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning of community-based disaster management (CBDM) concept continued. Workshops with field based activities for NHQ technical staff was held 15 to 17 February. • Initial CBDM programme was extended to more villages in Hinthada township, in the Irrawaddy division. The CBDM programme is supported by two field officers and their experiences are being used in the development of the CBDM approach. 	The first CBDM facilitator training is planned in June. Participants will be selected from Sagain, Thanintayi and Rakhine states.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MRCS has trained, registered and supported emergency response volunteer network. • 2nd DART ToT (5days/30pax) • Registration form and database for DART members at NHQ and provincial level. • Materials (stationery, forms). • Scale up mobilization and training of MRCS volunteers in disaster prone areas, with focus on response preparedness. • DART group training (48 courses) • Remaining state/division DART trainings (36pax/7days) • Purchase equipment, such as shovels, axes, helmets, rubber boots, gloves, aprons and rescue boats. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DART team leader training is currently in the planning phase. Target group selection is being undertaken at the division/state level. • Registration materials completed and in use. Requirements for simple computerized database being mapped. • Final two state/divisional DART training courses completed in northern Shan state (1-7 February) and Chin state (31 March to 6 April) • Protective gear (procurement initiated in December 2005) was purchased in late March and some items deployed for AI response through the Ministry of Health. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DART training in Yangon planned in May. • DART group training will be implemented by group leaders after the team leaders training.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MRCS has increased capacity to identify appropriate risk reduction activities. • Pilot branches have basic knowledge to assess risks and capacities to create local preparedness (contingency) plan that is in line with government plans. • Support and monitor risk reduction activities through ongoing facilitation by branch leaders and national headquarters staff – support for branch development programme. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DP/DR activities will be included as one of the tasks of branch coordinators. Some of the newly recruited branch coordinators are long-term volunteer leaders and have good knowledge on preparedness and response activities. The others will be briefed by the DP/DR division at an induction course at Yangon next quarter. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MRCS' water safety and life guard training project is expanded to additional flood-prone areas, river valleys and coastal zones. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water safety materials were requested from the Royal Life Saving Society in Australia. • Training is scheduled for second and fourth quarters of 2006. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MRCS national headquarters and prioritized branches have a strong communications network for disaster relief operations. • Handover digital subscriber line (DSL) connection to MRCS by equipping Federation delegation with VSAT connection. • Train local staff in IT support and maintenance of computers and software • MRCS national headquarters staff and Red Cross volunteer relief workers are well trained on the use of modern communications equipment. • Train IT officer and provide person with personnel/maintenance costs. • Assess the telecommunications needs particularly in disaster-prone areas. • MRCS staff and relief workers are able to use radio communication in affected areas. • Apply for radio licenses and provide very high frequency/high frequency (VHF/HF) radios for MRCS with the goal to establish a VHF network in NHQ for possible use in disaster operations. • Provide adequate training on radio communication to MRCS; recruit short-term IT/telecoms delegate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further research into VSAT (satellite) connection indicates prohibitively high running costs so further information from potential providers is being sought • Negotiations for training of Federation IT officer have taken place. Proposal for further training is to participate in “on the job” training (in lieu of IT delegate training). • MRCS radio application to Ministry of Telecommunications has not received a response during reporting period. Once approval is obtained, a short-term delegate will be sought to support operations. 	
Project PMM162: Logistics and Construction			
Location/Focus	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MRCS has adequate space and standard environment for pre-positioned stock for emergency relief items. • Rent a clean, dry and standard warehouse in Yangon to replace the existing national headquarters inadequate central warehouse. • Utilize and equip the new logistic centre. • Initiate long-term hazard mapping and logistics capacity assessment across the country and visit 17 warehouses. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rental of permanent warehouse under process. • Planned warehouse assessment was postponed following deployment of the logistics delegate to Pakistan (for the October 2005 earthquake). The DM delegate has assumed these duties and is adjusting the plan of action accordingly. • Packing equipment and pallets have been purchased to better handle stocks within the current warehousing space at NHQ. • Logistic assessment plan reviewed and 7 warehouses to be assessed instead of planned 17. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Based on this assessment, initiate upgrading of the regional warehousing and logistics capacity (through refurbishment of existing warehouses, storage, packing and loading equipment, refurbishment and packing material). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventive maintenance and minor repairs of Hpan and Kayuk Phyu warehouses were supported. Chin and Sagain state branches are currently developing plans for the renovation of Red Cross warehouses. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MRCS has improved logistics management system in accordance with the Federation's standard procedures. Revise, update and provide training on MRCS logistic procedures and relevant documents to make them compatible with the Federation's standard logistic system. (17 pax/4 days). Establish twice yearly stock report cycle. Conduct Federation's standard logistics system training for staff responsible for warehouse management (NHQ and branches). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DP/DR and other divisions continue to carry out their own purchases according to MRCS logistics procedures. Procedures are generally in accordance with Federation standards; however, further work is required to improve transparency on receiving and handling quotations. Federation is arranging a one-day procurement/logistics course for delegates and MRCS senior management in the second quarter. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MRCS DM/logistics human resource capacity of is strengthened. The logistics group at NHQ to receive requests and deliver relief items and other resources to distribution points in a timely manner. Lease two four-wheel drive (4WD) vehicles for Federation/MRCS DM division. Maintain one owned vehicle. Recruit temporary international technical support staff (trainings, equipment). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Although the delivery and handling of relief items has improved with the recruitment of a logistics manager, capacity is still not sufficient to support MRCS logistics needs. The Federation delegation together with MRCS is looking at options of purchasing suitable vehicles locally. Logistics delegate deployed to Pakistan earthquake operation will not be replaced as tasks will now be handled by the DM delegate. Four Rubb Halls have arrived from Norwegian Red Cross; negotiations for training are underway. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relief stocks in the MRCS headquarters and regional warehouses are ready to be used in future relief operations. Request, purchase and transport shelter and non-food items for replenishment and additional pre-positioning in MRCS regional warehouses (for about 10,000 families). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No relief purchases during the reporting period. Detailed plan will be made after first quarter stock report. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MRCS has adequate space and standard environment for pre-positioned stock of emergency relief items. • Purchase of plot of land for warehouse and possible training centre and headquarters. • Construction of central warehouse and logistics centre and workshop. 	Plans to build the new warehouse were revised as MRCS did not receive permission from authorities to purchase land for the project. Revised plans include renting available warehouse space in Yangon and renovation of existing MRCS buildings to incorporate training facilities.	
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RECOVERY: RECONSTRUCTION**Project PMV501: Reconstruction**

Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
	<p>Livelihoods are re-established and improved by supporting the coping mechanisms of the affected population.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of necessary building materials at Kaing Thoung Island: • Island seawall built to protect surrounding seashore. • School renovated and doubles as community shelter. • Provision of water transport boats for local Red Cross. <p>Livelihood 4th quarter 2005</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of boats (47) and nets (43), based on needs of the most vulnerable people. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised contract for construction of sea wall was signed between contractor and MRCS on 24 March. • Building of island sea wall is now underway. • School renovation plan has been revised; further assessment is needed to find out longer-term impact of erosion on adjacent seashore. • First of two water transport boats have been completed. • Fishing boats and nets (one boat and 6 nets) provided in Labutta and Kaing Thoung. 	

ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT			
Project PMV000: National society establishment and support			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
	MRCs branches are supported to take a leadership role in implementing humanitarian activities – addressing the needs of the local communities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advanced training course for branch leaders held 6-11 February for 18 leaders of the six 2006 pilot branches, plus 22 leaders of 11 branches where MRCs has health projects. Local assessments conducted by the pilot townships were used in a situation analysis during the advanced course session. Following an evaluation of the 2005 course an extra day was added to the 2006 advanced course since it was expected that most participants would be unfamiliar with the project planning process (PPP). 80,000 volunteer registration forms were printed and distributed to 324 branches along with 4,700 reporting forms. The return rate of reports from the townships has remained at 17%. On 3 March, Yangon division branch leaders met to discuss the branch development programme and the volunteer registration system. The role of NHQ branch development officer and the Pledge 25 programme (where young people are encouraged to participate in VNRBD) were also discussed. An advocacy meeting for branch development was held at Madayar township in Mandalay division and Shwe-Bo township in Sagaing division from 28-31 March. Local authorities, community leaders, NGO leaders, divisional and district Red Cross supervisory committee members, executive committee members of township Red Cross societies and local Red Cross leaders discussed the development of their Red Cross societies. Branch development delegate participated in the DCU monitoring trip 14-31 March, during which time the volunteer registration form was promoted. DCU clarified reporting issues and discussed ways of better financial management. Pilot branches have lobbied the authorities for land grants. Shwe Bo and Phyu received perpetual land leases; Minbu, Madayar, Zigon received land appropriation. Eleven meetings held with branch leaders, five discussions with 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training resulted in the drafting of 6 branch development plans, later presented by participants to their local governance for approval and implementation. An improved postal system may reflect a higher return rate of registration forms. All advocacy meetings are led by the MRCs executive director. Following meetings with pilot townships, authorities committed to provide support to the local Red Cross, in resource generation and building construction. The Federation branch development delegates travel requests were all approved by MRCs and the health ministry. DCU will present results of visit to Thanintharyoi division Meik township to all MRCs divisions. Preparations ongoing for the 3-day branch coordinator induction course. Branch coordinators of Magway and Mandalay divisions used DART to report on local disasters.

		<p>states/divisions (Bago West, Magway, Mandalay, and Ayeyarwaddy and Sagaing) and 55 volunteers interviewed. The role of branch leaders and volunteers in the effective operations of the branch was given particular attention during the meetings. Townships were encouraged to network with NGOs and other organizations working on community-based fundraising and income generation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Six full-time coordinators have been recruited and supported by branches in Mandalay, Magway, Ayeyarwaddy, Thaninthary, West Bago, and East Bago. This ends the protracted discussions on compensation and eventual absorption of salaries by 2008. • Mandalay and Magway coordinators received on-the-job training on branch monitoring by NHQ team in Mandalay and Sagaing divisions. • Zeegone township in West Bago has submitted an income generation proposal to MRCS NHQ. 	
	<p>Volunteer and youth development have been strengthened to deliver community based services efficiently and effectively to meet needs of the most vulnerable in Myanmar.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The MRCS central council approved the volunteer policy and new uniform regulations. • Volunteer registration was followed up on during branch monitoring visits to 7 townships and divisions in March. • A working paper on youth participation in voluntary blood donation was finalized and should be launched in Yangon in June and in Magway in July. Volunteer registration was discussed with the Yangon division Red Cross branch leaders. • Youth and volunteer focal persons established the baseline of Red Cross groups in universities and colleges. • Letters of commendations were sent to: 74 Red Cross volunteers from Shwe Phyu Thar township who participated in the evacuation during the 2005 Hlaing fire; Da la township Red Cross volunteers who provided first aid to victims of a car accident in December 200; and 56 Red Cross volunteers from 12 townships who responded to a fire at a children's playground in January 2006. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy will be published after review by the attorney general's office (communications division to produce and DCU distribute). • Philippine National Red Cross will support MRCS to produce materials such as identification cards and pins. • Red Cross committees exist in 29 colleges and universities, with 138 executive committee members; this information will assist DCU to better plan the school Red Cross youth programme. • Preparations are underway for CBFA ToTs for pilot branches. • The school Red Cross programme is being intensified with plans to train teachers to manage the Red Cross youth programme in schools in East and West Bago divisions.
	<p>The quality of financial management in MRCS is enhanced</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity building of finance staff continues. One finance officer participated in monitoring and evaluation training of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MRCS has not yet amended its finance regulations; confusion

	so that it can better address the humanitarian needs of the most vulnerable in Myanmar, in an efficient and sustainable manner.	<p>CBHP in Singu township in February; another two attended PPP workshops in February.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The honorary treasurer, head of finance division and finance officer visited Magwey and Bago (west) divisions including Minbu and Zigon townships in February. The team reviewed financial management systems and fundraising activities of the branches. Assistance was provided in compiling financial reports for 2004/5 and 2005/6 and discussions held on financial management and possible fundraising/income generation work. • A team led by the head of finance, visited Maubin district and township branch and assisted staff to compile annual financial reports for 2004/05 and 2005/6. Maubin branch has been the most successful branch at running income generation activities. • MRCS NHQ issued two directives to branches about maintenance of proper financial records, and submission of annual financial reports. • The finance division has prepared a detailed report for working advances that was shared with the Federation delegation. 	<p>exists about certain financial procedures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A private donor in the community donated MMK 500,000 (CHF 96,500) to Kyauk Phyu township Red Cross. The money was used to initiate income generation activities for Red Cross community activities. • Financial reports were shared with divisions, and have proven useful in monitoring the use of working advances and implementation of planned activities.
	MRCS NHQ organization is improved with well defined roles of governance and management, and its programme and services are in line with strategic plan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MRCS strategic plan finalized and approved by the central council in January and being disseminated to stakeholders and branches. • NHQ branch development officer was recruited and joined the second advanced course for branch leaders in Bagan. • Salary support to core staff has continued. • DCU organized a monitoring training exercise for 16 MRCS NHQ senior staff from 20-25 February, designed by the regional OD delegate to follow up on monitoring and evaluation theories learned in an earlier workshop. • DCU organized and facilitated a PPP workshop for 33 mid-level staff from NHQ in February. • DCU arranged a capacity building seminar for NHQ staff in March. • The Federation branch development delegate continued to mentor and provide technical support to the MRCS OD programme. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MRCS divisions and units will develop an operational plan in line with the new MRCS strategic plan next quarter. • MRCS recruited a human resource officer. The regional delegation will provide support to the officer to develop a human resource policy.
	A new MRCS NHQ building is constructed replacing the current inadequate premises. The training centre and central warehouse will be constructed on the same land.	MRCS has decided not to build new headquarters and will instead renovate their existing building. Norwegian Red Cross has offered the technical assistance of a construction delegate.	
	A training centre is constructed for	Training rooms will be built into the design of the renovation plans	

	MRCS to be used for all MRCS trainings and also to be rented out for fundraising purposes.	for the existing building.	
	Separate MRCS branch offices are renovated, improved or constructed in selected MRCS branches (on states and division level and/or township level – <i>refer to MRCS branch development programme</i>) to increase visibility independence, management capacity and fundraising opportunities at branch level.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shwe Bo, Phyu and Kyau Phyu townships have perpetual leases on land where the Red Cross buildings will be constructed. Kyauk Phyu has submitted complete proposals to NHQ. • The branches of Madayar and Minbu are awaiting final approval from the local authorities. MRCS will convene a working group to review construction related activities. 	
HUMANITARIAN VALUES			
Project PMVHV: Dissemination			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
	The MRCS communication division at national headquarters is taking a lead role in the promotion and advocacy of the work of MRCS – including technical support to the other NHQ divisions and branches, the handling of media relations and advocacy/information to the general public.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruited an information officer with Federation support and dissemination officer with ICRC support. • Publication of the MRCS news journal (Myanmar version) is ongoing. • Conducted two dissemination workshops in Rakhine state with ICRC support. • MRCS reprinted 10,000 emblem brochures with support from ICRC. Brochures were distributed to branches and states/divisions where dissemination activities were conducted. Copies were provided to the DCU for use in advocacy meetings with branch leaders. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information officer and dissemination officer commenced work in March. • Draft plan in place to redevelop the MRCS library in 2006.

Thailand

Overview

The first months of 2006 were marked by political uncertainty and protests in the lead-up to elections in early April, with many districts in the capital Bangkok blocked by demonstrators. During this period, focal persons within the Thai Red Cross Society (TRCS) were on 24-hour standby in case unrest escalated, necessitating the swift intervention of the national society. This caused temporary delay in implementation of some tsunami related health activities. Political unrest continued unabated in the southern provinces.

Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement Coordination

A real sense of momentum was established in the first quarter of 2006 with partner support of TRCS reaching an unprecedented level. The new energy in Federation work with the society bodes well for future longer-term cooperation. During the period the partner national societies (PNS) present in Thailand - American, French, Finnish, and Swedish Red Cross societies - held three coordination meetings together with the Federation tsunami recovery office in Phuket. The common calendar of events and joint list of activities in the affected provinces are now updated on a regular basis. Discussions were held on how to approach the issue of coordination in a joint manner, particularly in regard to acceptance of projects. No agreement was reached. A recovery specialist from the Federation Secretariat in Geneva visited and shared the framework for cooperation in other tsunami-affected countries.

Thai Red Cross focal persons have started implementation of projects. Progress in the quarter has surpassed the previous months, to the great satisfaction of all involved, and shows better integration both among partners and within the TRCS. The American Red Cross benefited from the signing of a memorandum of understanding with TRCS, and started negotiations with local authorities, the society and the Federation on the implementation of water and sanitation activities. The Swedish Red Cross continued its support to Swedish citizens together with the general consulate and the Swedish Church. The Finnish Red Cross supported sea rescue training and negotiated staff support to TRCS blood services. The French Red Cross streamlined some activities and welcomed a new head of mission in March. In January and February, TRCS staff from the health care and first aid training bureaus visited the Finnish and Swedish Red Cross societies to create learning within the TRCS first aid training approach.

Working with Government, UN agencies and other actors

During the quarter an abundance of partnerships were established with programmes, in close collaboration with TRCS: Ministry of Public Health (health and care); Department for Disaster Preparedness and Mitigation (DDPM), Ministry of Interior (disaster management, DM); Ministry of Labour (recovery); Ministry of Defense (health and care); Ministry of National Resources and Environment (health and care/water and sanitation, recovery); UNICEF (health and care, water and sanitation); UNDP South/South (DM, CBDRM); Asia Disaster Preparedness Centre (DM); National Disaster Warning Centre (NDWC) (DM). An agreement was reached to invite representatives from the Donor Assistance Database (DAD) to Thailand (UNDP/TICA) for a coordination meeting next quarter, to train partners in correct data entry. The head of regional delegation and the tsunami recovery programme coordinator visited four provincial governors (Phuket, Phang Nga, Trang and Krabi), and the respective TRCS chapter president. Discussions focused on progress of tsunami related activities and included an appeal for strong support from the local authorities to the local TRCS chapter. The visits were well received and resulted in a stronger relationship with the TRCS.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Overall operational overview

This quarter has been full of constructive progress, both within TRCS and the relationships between the various partners present in Thailand.

Health and care

- The programme is run by the TRCS-owned Chulalongkorn Hospital, nursing college and the relief and community health bureau, with projects and activities managed by ten TRCS focal persons.

- Projects and activities within the programme aim to fill gaps where the government system is unable to provide support.
- Rehabilitation of the water supply system of 19 tsunami-affected schools has allowed students access to safe drinking water and improved toilet facilities. The project was run in close collaboration with the American Red Cross.
- Upgrading of the Saladan health center and district hospital on Koh Lanta will enhance services to people in the area and improve survival rates for patients who would otherwise need a referral to a major hospital on the mainland.
- Establishment of the village health volunteer committee in Krabi province has enabled villagers and the affected community to gain better access to basic health care services.
- During the relief phase of the tsunami, TRCS saw its own limitations as well as that of the government to carry out emergency operative procedures. Together with the health ministry, TRCS is now drawing up a health emergency response system, with a mobile operating theatre (MOT) high on list. With its existing professional expertise at Chulalongkorn Hospital, TRCS hopes to use the MOT for future disasters. So far response to the initiative has been positive, from both the public and the local media.

Disaster management

- The TRCS relief and community health bureau (RCH) is responsible for DM activities under the tsunami recovery programme. Strong working relationships with the RCH have been further strengthened during the reporting period.
- The programme has provided more challenging opportunities for TRCS, the Federation and PNS to share working experiences and lessons learned.
- The programme brings closer partnerships with key government and NGOs such as DDPM, the Ministry of Interior and NDWC.
- Development of a DM centre continues to be a priority as it will provide an overall system to serve TRCS chapters in the affected provinces.
- The need for CBDRM in national society chapters has been emphasized by RCH; as a first step, RCH will develop the capacity of its own staff.
- Public awareness materials were developed and distributed to the community in tsunami-affected areas.
- Community-based disaster risk reduction (CBDRR) training was conducted for 28 Red Cross officials (ten from national headquarter and 18 from health stations in affected areas) using manuals in the Thai language. Participants expressed a strong interest to start the process in their own communities.
- The CBDRR working committee has identified participants to implement the project in selected tsunami-hit communities.
- The CBDRR manual is being finalized and will be published next quarter.
- The RCH draft disaster risk management master plan and framework is now under revision.

Recovery

- The coastal livelihoods recovery committee undertook preliminary needs assessments in the six tsunami-hit provinces and met with Red Cross chapters and local authorities.
- The committee is interested in working with various government departments (including skills development, fisheries, natural resources and environment, and community development) and district or sub-district administrative offices.
- Tools and equipment were provided to 21 communities (four in Ranong, six in Phang Nga, one in Krabi, and ten in Satun) under the women's livelihoods recovery project. The handover ceremony was organized with provincial Red Cross chapters and the skills development department. Equipment and seed money for the project came to over CHF 62,000.
- The recovery programme not only complements the TRCS role in tsunami relief but widens the scope of recovery work in job training and ecosystem restoration. This creates more challenges for the Federation and TRCS in jointly managing results-based projects.

Organizational development

- Significant progress was made during the quarter because of the commitment and diligence of TRCS focal points who fine-tuned activities from last year and developed benchmarks and resources for baseline data. The Federation and TRCS agreed to a joint financial reporting and operating mechanism.
- To avoid duplication, minimize efforts and resources, and ensure success, the Federation, PNS and TRCS have met every two weeks to coordinate and manage implementation of tsunami related activities.
- The Red Cross youth (RCY) structure developed last year has been used for 48 RCY training courses in first aid and DM.
- The TRCS youth, and relief and community health bureaus worked with the first aid training centre to organize RCY training for 60 first aid trainers, in a community-driven process. One manager will be hired in each chapter to sustain implementation while staffing at the chapters is expected to double.
- TRCS has conducted vulnerability and capacity assessments (VCA) in the six tsunami-affected chapters.
- Orientation sessions were held for 120 committee members from the six provinces.

HEALTH AND CARE:			
Project PTH 400-1: Psychological support service			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
Six affected provinces	Providing community-based psychological support services, especially to children and caregivers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Thai PSP manual for trainers was completed and is suitable for the local context. Teaching materials were also amended appropriately. From 20-24 March a second group of 40 trainers from the six tsunami-affected provinces were trained, in Trang province. The training manual for volunteers was published. Posters, brochures and guidelines were developed for distribution to tsunami-affected beneficiaries as well as to volunteers providing psychological support to affected people. 	The Federation ToT manual which was translated into Thai needs to be revised and adapted to the local cultural context.
Project PTH 400-2: Child development centres			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
Ranong province	Child development centres upgraded.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> List completed with Ranong Red Cross chapter for toys, equipment, playgrounds and additional buildings. Designs and specifications completed. Tender process and award of contracts ongoing. 	
Project PTH 400-3: Basic health care services			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
Six affected provinces	Establishment of a village health volunteer structure to support basic health care services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of a basic health care manual for mentors and volunteers was completed. 33 TRCS mentors were trained. First aid kit for volunteers was completed. Preparations underway for the distribution of 5,000 first aid kits to tsunami affected people. Basic health care volunteers in Krabi, Satun, and Trang provinces were trained; volunteers in the remaining provinces will be trained next quarter. TRCS basic health care volunteers committee in Krabi province was established. Mentors and volunteers in Krabi province provided basic health care services to the community. 	TRCS volunteers will work closely with village health volunteers (part of the Ministry of Public Health, the main health care provider in Thailand)
Project PTH 400-4: Health structures rehabilitation			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
Krabi province	Upgrading Sala Dan health centre and Lanta district hospital in Krabi province	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ambulances and generator will be handed over to Lanta district hospital and Sala Dan health centre next quarter. The generator was checked by an electrical engineer and the 	

		<p>provincial Electricity Authority of Thailand. The ambulances were checked by experts from the Narentorn Centre, Ministry of Public Health, before being handed over.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical and surgical equipment handed over earlier will be evaluated next quarter (frequency of use, obstacles in using equipment, recommendations, and benefit to beneficiaries). • Upgrading of health centre and hospital with necessary equipment and vehicles was completed. • Monitoring visits will be continued. 	
Project PTH 400-5: Mobile operation theatre			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
National level and 6 affected provinces	Establishment of a fully-equipped mobile operation theatre.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting was held with the Ministry of Public Health about the mobile operation theatre. • Specifications and detailed designs for the vehicle and medical equipment have been completed. • Tender process and award of contracts completed. • Process ongoing to set up the mobile operation theatre deployment plan and health emergency system with partners in Thailand including the Ministry of Public Health, Bangkok Metropolitan, DDPM, emergency and accidental division of the Royal Thai Police, Navy, Army, and Air Force Hospital. 	There is a need for close collaboration with existing health partners in Thailand to make full use of professional medical staff
Project PTH 400-6: Health emergency response team			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
National level	Health emergency response team established.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan to implement in 2007. • Process of developing concept paper with TRCS counterparts ongoing. 	

DISASTER MANAGEMENT			
Project PTH160-1: Disaster management centre at national headquarters and Chapters			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
National headquarter and provincial chapters	DM centre at national headquarters and provincial Red Cross chapters developed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equipment compiled for DM centre office at NHQ. • Procurement process ongoing. • Design for developing IT and geographical information systems (GIS) for the national DM centre ongoing. • TRCS visit planned to the Philippines to study early warning centres. 	Trip postponed due the mudslides.
Project PTH160-2: Community-Based Disaster Risk Reduction			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
Tsunami-affected	CBDM structure established in the	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28 Red Cross officials (10 from national headquarter and 18 	

provinces	six tsunami-affected provinces.	<p>from health stations) were trained in CBDRR.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants interested to initiate process in own communities. • Participants from CBDRR identified to participate in implementation in selected tsunami-hit communities. • Training materials on CBDRR were developed. • Manual on CBDRR in Thai language completed and used at training sessions. • Second CBDRR training course will be held in June 2006. 	
Project PTH160-3: Public Awareness and Early warning			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
Tsunami-affected provinces	Public awareness and dissemination of early warning to 20,000 households.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Established contact with NDWC, and coordinated support between TRCS and NDWC. • Training materials provided for TRCS/DM programme (printer, laptop and LCD projector). • Disaster risk reduction campaign in preparation for students and youth volunteers in Satun province. 	
Project PTHDM160-4: Strategy Planning on Disaster Risk Management			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
	Disaster risk management strategy and contingency plans established.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RCH held the strategy planning workshop on disaster risk management plan and framework. • RCH completed the draft disaster risk management master plan and framework. 	
RECOVERY: LIVELIHOODS			
Project PTH501-1: Livelihood restoration			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
Tsunami-affected provinces	Livelihoods of 3,600 households in the tsunami-affected provinces are restored.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thai Red Cross established the coastal livelihoods committee with representatives from the relief and community health, volunteers, and youth volunteer's bureaus. • Heads of each core activity (fishing gear, diversified job training, and ecosystem restoration) have been identified. The heads will establish teams to work in the field. • Travel needs assessment undertaken in six tsunami-hit provinces and meeting held with provincial Red Cross chapters and local authorities. • Networking expanded with various government departments and district or sub-district local administration organizations. • The committee will review proposals next quarter and undertake detailed needs assessment survey. 	

Project PTH501-2: Women's Livelihood Recovery			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
Tsunami-affected provinces	Livelihoods of women in the tsunami-affected provinces are restored.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tools and equipment procured for project in four provinces (Ranong, Phang Nga, Krabi and Satun). • Handover of tools and equipment in 21 communities completed. Ceremony held in collaboration with provincial Red Cross chapters and the Department of Skills Development, Ministry of Labour. Jobs were in batik making, tailoring, embroidery, coffee wood furniture making, and baking. Equipment and seed money totalled CHF 62,000 (CHF 12,500 in Ranong, CHF 20,000 in Phang Nga, CHF1,100 in Krabi, and CHF 28,500 in Satun). 	
ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT			
Project PTH000-1: Red Cross youth programme			
Location	Expected results	Progress/Achievement	Remarks
The six tsunami-affected provinces	Establishment of Red Cross youth programme, training and activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 120 school directors from the six provinces attended the road show to learn about the project direction and progress. • 60 RCY first aid trainers have been trained. • 24 first aid courses were planned by local trainers, using the logical framework process. Five courses will commence next quarter. • Standardized DM training modules and materials were produced. • First aid kits and training equipment for the first phase has been procured with support from the Finnish and Swedish Red Cross societies. • Development of the international and national friendship activity is in progress in consultation with American Red Cross. • 12,000 Red Cross books to train youth have been produced both in Thai and English. 	The TRCS youth bureau adopted the training modules, developed by the national society's first aid training centre.
Project PTH000-2: Strengthening the capacity of provincial chapters			
Location	Expected results	Progress/Achievement	Remarks

Six tsunami-affected provinces	The capacity of provincial chapters is strengthened.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orientation session held with 120 committee members from six provinces in Phuket. • Job description prepared for six programme managers at chapter level, and one at national headquarters. • Office equipment procured for six chapter offices. • Detailed VCA plan has been developed; 300 Red Cross members will be involved in the process. • The construction plan of Phuket chapter office complex was authorized by the TRCS steering committee. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The implementation phase has taken considerable planning. • Transfer of funds for construction is pending.
Project PTH000-3: Volunteer structure			
Location	Expected results	Progress/Achievement	Remarks
Six tsunami-affected provinces	Establishment of a volunteer structure, training and activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A centralized volunteer database was developed. • Volunteer uniforms and jackets were procured. 	-
Project PTH000-4: Construction of Trang Chapter Office Building			
Location	Expected results	Progress/Achievement	Remarks
Trang Province	Establishment of functional district branches.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location for construction of the district branches has been identified. • Meetings held with TRCS president, the architect and Red Cross team. A plan of action was developed with recommendations from the Federation. • The architect will be recruited as a consultant to monitor progress of the project. 	Transfer of funds for construction is pending.
Project PTH000-5: TRCS and Federation Coordination			
Location	Expected results	Progress/Achievement	Remarks
TRCS headquarters, Bangkok	Development of joint responsibility for operation and coordination to achieve shared goals i.e. humanitarian response.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The outcomes and planned activities in 2005 were fine-tuned and benchmarks and resources put in place. • A joint financial reporting and operating agreement has been developed. • TRCS, the Federation and PNS have agreed to meet every two weeks to coordinate and manage project implementation. • A calendar of events is now produced and distributed routinely to the Federation, PNS and TRCS. 	-

Malaysia

Overview

Work around post-tsunami programming continued in Malaysia but overall progress was slower than anticipated with plans being carried over to 2006. The focus of efforts is to build on the existing strength of the Malaysian Red Crescent Society (MRCS), which is strong in terms of human, financial and material resources. The national society is maintaining its tradition of effective disaster response while also investing in improving emergency preparedness at the community level.

The Red Crescent intends to maintain its ability to deploy rapidly within the region to assist sister national societies in times of crisis. Within 24-hours of the tsunami striking, MRCS disaster response specialists were at work in Aceh province.

The tsunami affected about 8,000 people in Kuala Muda, and Kuala Triang in Kedah as well as Balik Pulau in Penang destroying lives, livelihoods and infrastructure. Sixty-nine people were reported dead and eight unaccounted for. Fishermen were particularly hard hit with thousands losing boats and equipment. The response from within Malaysia was extraordinary. The private sector alone donated USD5.8 million (cash and in-kind donations) to the Red Crescent's relief fund.

Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement Coordination

Cooperation between the MRCS and the Federation's regional delegation for Southeast Asia in Bangkok remains good and ongoing. All project work in 2006 will be based on a memorandum of understanding that was signed in 2005 between the national society and Federation. Substantial progress has been made on this plan as shown in the table below. All identified activities will be completed in 2006 as planned.

In the past, assistance has been provided in psychosocial support and logistics so that the national society is better prepared for future emergencies. The MRCS's commitment to coordination leading to effective action has also been demonstrated through the national society's significant support of the evolving regional disaster response team (RDRT) concept and deployment in Southeast Asia.

In the early days after the tsunami, Malaysian Red Crescent, with the assistance of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) regional delegation in Bangkok, established a tracing service. The Red Crescent also plans to call on the expertise of the Vietnam National Red Cross in terms of the planting of mangrove saplings in the Kota Kuala Muda area. Relations with the government, UN agencies and other actors remain strong.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Overall operational overview

Disaster management

- A psychosocial support course was held with the support of the Federation regional delegation. Participants included members of MRCS and the government.
- Mobile field clinic management training will be held in August and inflatable tents for this are being procured.
- Preparations for an RDRT training course are underway.
- Community-based disaster management training will be held next quarter.
- The disaster management centre (formerly crisis management centre) is being completed.

DISASTER MANAGEMENT			
Project PMY160-1: Crisis management training			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This will be linked to the development of the disaster management centre. 	
Project PMY160-2: Psycho-social support training			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The psychosocial support delegate from the Federation regional delegation in Bangkok in conjunction with MRCS representatives supported progress here. A psychosocial course was held in Penang from 14-17 March. 30 participants from the government sector and Malaysian Red Crescent volunteers took part. 	The course showed the importance of an integrated approach to DM and proved extremely successful.
Project PMY160-3: Mobile field clinic management training			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparations are underway for a training course in Kota Kuala Muda in August. Procurement of six inflatable tents is underway. 	
Project PMY160-4: Regional disaster response team training			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The RDRT concept and practical application has made much progress in Southeast Asia and the MRCS's contribution to this has been significant. (See regional section) Preparations for conducting the training course have commenced for implementation in the last quarter of 2006. 	
Project PMY160-5: Community-based disaster management training			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussions were held with the Indonesian Red Cross (Palang Merah Indonesia/PMI) in Kota Lhoksuemawe for support to this activity next quarter. Assessments have been conducted in schools as part of the programme. The training programme will be based on the Federation guidelines and training programmes from within the region. 	
Project PMY160-6: Establishment of the disaster management centre			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress has been made for the finalization of the plan of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The crisis management centre is

		<p>action to implement this activity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Both software and hardware components for the disaster management centre are currently being identified and will assist in finalizing the plan of action.	<p>now being referred to as the disaster management centre.</p>
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South-East Asia regional programmes

Overview

Throughout 2005, the recovery in most tsunami-affected regions of Southeast Asia was impressive. The challenge during 2006 will be to maintain increased momentum and to support people affected in a sustainable long-term way. Significant progress has been seen in Malaysia, where affected families received financial disbursements to construct new homes. Thailand has witnessed rapid reconstruction and recovery. In December 2005, the government announced plans to bury the 1,240 unidentified bodies killed by the tsunami, including about 300 foreigners. Each body contains a microchip with data on it in the event of retrieval by their families. Meanwhile, in Myanmar, small recovery programmes are increasingly focused on long-term capacity building of communities.

In general, the region's robust economic growth continued. However, the threat of avian influenza remains and regular more local disasters continue to be a feature of the region.

Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement Coordination

The Federation's regional delegation in Bangkok has continued to be engaged with post-tsunami programming. The engagement is a mix of short- and long-term programming, responsive to lessons being learned along the way. The delegation has committed to be flexible, to adapt from experience, and to improve technical assistance and coordination in future.

Relations with partner national societies (PNS) are good and coordination is resulting in more focused and open programming. The delegation remained committed to ensuring that the various partnerships and operating alliances puts the host national society at the centre of decision making and humanitarian work.

During the recovery phase, the regional delegation is coordinating and managing, with national societies, the support to tsunami programmes in Thailand and Malaysia directly. Technical support will continue to be provided to country delegations in Myanmar and Indonesia for their tsunami work as appropriate.

Working with Government, UN agencies and other actors

The regional delegation has remained active in coordination with external partners to the Movement. The head of delegation attends key coordination meetings and maintains links with various leading actors in post-tsunami recovery. Relations with the media have been strong and the work of the Red Cross Red Crescent has been well profiled as have the issues relevant to those affected by the tsunami.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Overall operational overview

Health and care

- Development and application of regional guidelines for public health in emergencies by national societies remains a priority but preparations for a potential avian influenza pandemic have slowed progress.
- Psychosocial support programming has developed, particularly in respect to Thailand, with training-of-trainers sessions (ToT) being completed in several communities.
- The establishment of a regional water sanitation response unit to strengthen capacity in Southeast Asia was discussed with the possible base in Malaysia.

Disaster management

- The regional disaster management committee (RDMC - composed of DM managers from each of the 11 national societies) continues to strengthen and become an even more active forum for knowledge sharing and learning.
- The second RDMC sub-group meeting was held in February to address issues relating to response preparedness, disaster response, information exchange and regional cooperation. Specific tasks related to the

review of standard operating procedures and the further development of key information sharing tools, such as a regional website, were prioritized at the meeting.

- The RDMC continues to be recognized by Southeast Asia national society leadership as the lead committee in building preparedness capacity in the region, in the areas of disaster preparedness, disaster response, knowledge sharing, and regional coordination.
- The regional disaster response team (RDRT) within Southeast Asia was used to support the Timor-Leste Red Cross (Cruz Vermelha de Timor-Leste/CVTL) in responding to the floods and storms which affected five provinces in January, once again demonstrating the value of RDRT and the disaster management expertise and capability from within Southeast Asia.
- Members of each national society have attended the fourth RDRT induction training.
- Preparations for the remaining capacity building activities are underway.

Organizational development

- A basic induction course was organized for newly-recruited Federation and PNS local/national staff and TRCS branch volunteers working for the tsunami recovery programme.
- Technical support was provided to the TRCS personnel department.
- Meeting was held with Thai Red Cross youth bureau to organize a regional youth gathering and training.
- Work has continued on regional branch development manual/guideline development.
- A meeting with the Malaysian Red Crescent was held and organizational development (OD)/capacity building (CB) interventions in volunteering, youth, resource mobilization and human resources are being finalised for board and governance.
- Technical support in monitoring and evaluation was provided to the Indonesian Red Cross (Palang Merah Indonesia or PMI).

HEALTH AND CARE: P51400			
Public health in emergencies project			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
	Developed and applied regional guidelines for public health in emergencies by national societies.	Recognizing the high priority of avian influenza for this region, a regional working group on avian influenza (AI) was established in the first quarter of 2006. Since the AI working group and the public health in emergencies working group comprised many of the same members, it was decided to merge the two groups.	
Psycho-social support project			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
	Enhanced capacity of national societies in the region for providing psycho-social support to people affected by disasters.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In January, the PSP delegate provided support to PMI by extending technical advice during the PSP consortium meeting held in Medan; support was also extended to the PSP focal person at PMI headquarters Jakarta. • In January, visits were made to PNS in Banda Aceh, Meulaboh, Aceh Besar (Turkish Red Crescent, American Red Cross, Danish Red Cross, Hong Kong branch of Red Cross Society of China) to coordinate and focus their PSP activities. • Assisted PMI in planning and organizing the PSP assessment workshop for staff and volunteers next quarter. • In February, PSP delegate provided support to Malaysian Red Crescent helping to organize PSP ToT workshop for RDRT staff and volunteers. Delegate prepared course design and training syllabus and was facilitator and resource person. Workshop held in Malaysia from 14 to 17 March. • Provided technical support to Philippine National Red Cross on the planning and implementation of PSP activities for landslide survivors in Leyte (20-26 March 2006). • Provided technical support to TRCS by attending meetings to plan and organize PSP activities for affected population. • Extended technical advice during ToT workshop for TRCS staff and volunteers. 	
Reproductive health and HIV/AIDS prevention project			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
	Enhanced capacity of national societies in the region for dealing with reproductive health concerns and providing HIV/AIDS prevention, care and support in	Under the tsunami and people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) project, local positive project team members have started conducting survey interviews with PLWHA affected by the tsunami in four countries. The results of this assessment will be analysed at the planned 'follow-up' workshop in Colombo in July.	The assessment planned to be completed in the first quarter of 2006 has been delayed due to the lack of institutional capacity of national networks of positive people.

	emergency situations		However, this process based on GIPA principles (Greater Involvement of PLWHA) brought about positive developments, such as stronger relationship between Red Cross national societies and national PLWHA networks in Indonesia and Sri Lanka.
Water and sanitation project			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
	Enhanced regional water and sanitation preparedness and response capacity in the region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical support was provided to two national societies' emergency appeals during the first quarter: • In Timor-Leste, a well cleaning programme was started following the heavy storms and flooding in the Province Eucose in February, and a rehabilitation programme is under design for the affected areas. • After the March landslides in Leyte, the Philippines, a programme is under consideration to construct 320 houses that include water and sanitary facilities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new water sanitation officer joined the delegation early-March and has increased liaison and technical support to TRCS. • Next quarter a water sanitation session will be held at the RDRT training in Thailand. • Following the RDMC meeting in November 2005, a water and sanitation in emergencies workshop is taking place in Thailand in cooperation with the German Red Cross. Participants are from Thailand, Timor-Leste, Laos, Cambodia, Philippines, Vietnam (water sanitation officers, RDRT members and people from the Thai Red Cross health department).
Technical support project			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
	National societies provided with technical support, coordination and opportunities for sharing of experiences, according to needs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National societies are committed to mapping their health programmes. • Regional health mapping country visits were initiated during the first quarter in the Lao, Philippine and Singapore Red Cross societies in January, Thai Red Cross in February, and Myanmar and Vietnam National Red Cross societies in March. • Health mapping country reports are under completion, and feedback from the national societies and Federation delegates on report content and structure has been extremely positive. • The unit has initiated inter-agency monthly regional 	Expected completion date for the regional health mapping is June 2006, inclusive of individual country reports and a sector-based regional framework.

		<p>coordination meetings on AI among international, donor and UN agencies based in Bangkok. These meetings are closely coordinated with the UN's regional coordination office on AI. It also held individual meetings with WHO, UNICEF, World Bank and other agencies to better coordinate the Federation's efforts at national and regional levels with regard to AI and public health in emergencies at large.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The public health in emergencies delegate visited CVTL and assisted the national society in its AI planning process. 	
Community-level health project			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
	Enhanced health in emergencies preparedness and response capacity at the community level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PHiE delegate and health programme officer provided technical assistance to TRCS/Federation basic healthcare project. In February, the officer attended basic healthcare ToT that integrated community-based first aid, traditional first aid, and primary healthcare, with community-based disaster management. 33 participants attended the 5-day training. The regional health unit facilitated the establishment of a regional working group on AI and it now serves as a secretariat for the group. The group includes 11 national societies in East and Southeast Asia and the Hong Kong Red Cross branch; two meetings were held during the first quarter. The group has developed a regional framework and plan on AI, which incorporates the plans of the 11 national societies. The regional health unit assisted TRCS in developing an operational framework for establishing a mobile medical emergency unit, planned within the tsunami recovery project. 	
Blood services project			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
	Short-, medium- and long-term activities identified and capacity for recruitment and retention of voluntary non-remunerated blood donors is enhanced.	Nothing to report during the quarter.	

DISASTER MANAGEMENT: P51160/P51162**National Societies capacity in disaster management is improved**

Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
	Improved capacity of national societies to manage disasters.	Individual discussions with national society DM managers on the DM programme of their respective national societies were	

		conducted. This follows the process of consultation on the needs of DM programmes and identifies areas of intervention of the regional disaster management unit (RDMU). The result of the discussions forms the backbone for the 2006-2010 regional tsunami DM projects.	
	Deployment of national society staff to the regional disaster management unit (RDMU) to enhance understanding and adaptation of the Federation's DM standards, policies and procedures.	Identified staff members have been seconded to the RDMU to support RDRT training and preparation.	
	Review of national society legal documents in relation to disaster management related government policies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion with individual national societies is underway to review their legal mandate and position. • Regional mapping will be undertaken at the 10th RDMC meeting. 	
Thailand and Myanmar	CBDM programmes implemented in Thailand and Myanmar will be reviewed.	See reports from each country section.	
	Regional registry of disaster management expertise available in each national society will be updated.	Activity ongoing, specifications of human resource database developed and currently being designed.	
	Management and coordination of the implementation of regional tsunami DM projects.	This work is ongoing and reflected in the progress indicated elsewhere in the matrix.	
Regional disaster response and preparedness capacity is improved			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
	Disaster response global training for national society staff to regional disaster response team (RDRT) and UN disaster assessment and coordination (UNDAC) standard.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The success of RDRT resources within the region was demonstrated through deployments to relief operations within the region (Timor-Leste) and inter-regionally (Pakistan). • 29 participants from 10 national societies attended the 4th RDRT induction course. • Nominations of RDRT members have been proposed for field assessment and coordination team (FACT) / emergency response unit (ERU) and team leader training courses to be held in 2006. 	
	Standardization of regional disaster assessment tools to formulate a common, appropriate assessment template for the region.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linked in with work to systemize and institutionalize RDRT in the region. • Use of the Federation's emergency assessment guidelines introduced in to 4th RDRT induction course. • A specialised refresher assessment workshop is currently in 	

		planning for the second half of 2006.	
	Regional disaster response team (RDRT) region-wide simulation exercises are held.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Real-emergency experience has been gained through RDRT deployments to Pakistan and Timor-Leste. Plans are currently being prepared for a simulation exercise to enhance the field experience. 	
	Contingency provision for RDRT deployment for major regional disaster response operations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Linked in with work to systemize and institutionalize RDRT in the region. Deployments have been made to support the floods and storms appeal. 	
	Two regional emergency response units will be established and equipped.	A plan to establish specialized disaster response units (DRUs) has been formulated, modelled on the existing ERU. The plan aims to establish DRUs in water sanitation, mobile health, relief, and IT/ telecommunications in the region within the next two years.	In close coordination with the regional health unit's water sanitation and public health in emergencies project.
Regional disaster management information systems are strengthened			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
	Specialized training for RDRT on information and reporting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparations for the workshop to be held in August 2006 are underway. Linked in with work to systemize and institutionalize RDRT in the region. 	The workshop will be jointly facilitated by RDMU / information / reporting representatives from the Federation regional delegation.
	A web-based centre and library for regional disaster information is provided.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Linked with work ongoing in Federation's Asia Pacific Service Centre Kuala Lumpur. Early warnings on tropical cyclones were regularly communicated to national societies. Foremost of these were the typhoons that hit Vietnam and the Philippines wherein the national societies were forewarned five days ahead. Initial discussions have been held with Federation Secretariat staff in Geneva to determine the suitability of using the disaster management information system (DMIS) and FedNet. 	
Regional cooperation framework is strengthened			
Location	Expected results	Progress / Achievement	Remarks
	Regional disaster management committee meeting is held for the drafting and ratification of legal instruments and to further the regional disaster cooperation framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A regional disaster management committee (RDMC) sub-group meeting was held in February to address issues relating to response preparedness, disaster response, information exchange and regional cooperation. The meeting discussed working relationships with the ASEAN committee on DM, the review and ratification of standard operating procedures. RDMU staff have supported PMI representatives and Federation delegates in the review of the Indonesian national disaster management law. 	The 10 th RDMC meeting will be held in May.

ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT: P51002			
National society volunteer management project			
Location	Expected results	Progress/Achievement	Remarks
	Regional manual/guidelines for national society volunteer management developed and applied.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working group is formed and meeting is scheduled in May. Terms of reference for the working has been developed and in a process of consultation with national societies. 	Follow-up to this activity includes direct country support to specific national societies to develop their own volunteering management manual. Selection of participants by the national society was not according to guidelines/ criteria, which hampered progress.
Operational skills and regional cooperation and coordination project			
Location	Expected results	Progress/Achievement	Remarks
	Operational skills and regional cooperation and coordination are improved.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basic induction course organized for newly recruited Federation and PNS local/national staff and TRCS branch volunteers working for the tsunami recovery programme. 30 participants from 6 provincial branches and regional delegation attended the 3-day course in Bangkok. Technical support provided to Myanmar Red Cross for monitoring and evaluation training. Technical support in monitoring and evaluation was provided to PMI. Technical support provided in redesigning monitoring and evaluation procedures; training course run for Lao Red Cross. Assistance provided to develop a volunteer database and include the main Lao Red Cross monitoring and evaluation database. 	The secretariat of the forum has been handed over to national societies. Myanmar Red Cross will be the first national society to head the secretariat and host the forum in 2006.
Organizational development / capacity building project (Knowledge sharing and documentation of OD/CB initiatives)			
Location	Expected results	Progress/Achievement	Remarks
	Documented organizational development / capacity building initiatives in the short- and long-term recovery phases.	Nothing to report for the reporting period.	None of the case studies have been finalized to date. There was minimum scope to capture learning to date.
Branch development project			
Location	Expected results	Progress/Achievement	Remarks
	Regional manual/guidelines for branch development developed and applied.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working group is formed and terms of reference are in a process of consultation with the national societies. Working group meeting scheduled in May. 	
Integrated branch development project			
Location	Expected results	Progress/Achievement	Remarks

	Branch development initiatives for selected national societies integrated.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A meeting with the Malaysian Red Crescent held and some OD/CB interventions, in volunteering, youth, resource mobilization and human resources in a process of finalization for the board and governance. • Continued discussion with the Thai Red Cross and provided technical support in the transformation process of its personnel department. • Meeting held with the Thai Red Cross youth bureau on organising a regional youth gathering and training. 	
Regional organizational development project			
Location	Expected results	Progress/Achievement	Remarks
	Southeast Asia regional organizational development technically supported monitored and managed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical support in monitoring and evaluation has continued to Myanmar Red Cross through a series of activities. • Technical and advisory support to Thailand, Myanmar and Indonesia tsunami operations on OD/CB issues, according to their needs and demands. 	
National society information and communication development project			
Location	Expected results	Progress/Achievement	Remarks
	Information and communication capacities of Southeast Asian national societies are developed.	National societies were active in the aftermath of the commemoration of the first anniversary of the tsunami, in the follow-up to ceremonies and media coverage.	

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