

PROGRAMME UPDATE



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FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES AND HUMANITARIAN VALUES

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“At a Glance”

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Description of Appeal

Strategy 2010 recognizes the “Promotion of the Movement’s Fundamental Principles and Humanitarian Values” as the first of the four strategic core areas for the decade. In doing so it accepts that it is no longer enough to assume that a Movement identity is tacitly understood and shared, but that the Federation has a responsibility to address this in a more explicit way, opening up some new ways of thinking and working together. The Plan of Action adopted by the 27th International Conference reflects this desire to revitalize the Movement’s work with the Fundamental Principles. It calls on national societies to reassess programmes in the light of the Principles and to work within communities to combat discrimination and calls on governments to support the Movement’s initiatives to promote the Principles in schools and universities.

The focus of this work for the Federation will be the application of the Principles in non-conflict situations and in the everyday work of the Movement. It is therefore evident that the Secretariat needs to strengthen training materials and methodologies in this core area, while acting as a catalyst for the development of new tools and the renewal of commitment to the promotion of humanitarian values, both inside the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and the communities in which we work. The purpose of this is not simply to ensure that staff, volunteers, public/private authorities or the community in general know of these Principles and values, but to influence their behaviour.

Implementation and Achievements

Objective 1: Availability of training materials on the Fundamental Principles and evidence of their use by national societies.

- **“From Principles to Action”**: The main focus of the global programme was the preparation and production of a comprehensive, CD-rom training package for national societies and delegations, “From Principles to Action”, produced in English, French and Spanish. Work on this programme continued until end of September 2001. A first test run had been carried out with a group of representatives from key humanitarian organisations, who had gathered together for the first “think tank” on humanitarian values. A test group of potential customers for this CD-ROM kit, comprising those from inside and outside the Movement and integrating ICRC’s approach, was also set up to ensure the kit adequately identified and responded to the needs for training and self-training in the field. Prototypes were piloted over the following three phases: 15 persons from 1-2- May, 2001; 50 individuals testing the CD ROM from June to August 2001; a final test during two 3-day-workshops in Santo-Domingo (October 2001) with 16 national societies of the region). Following feedback, proposals for one, three and five-day courses were suggested, with each subject presented in modular form to allow for flexibility in the training. The content and methodology for each module was systematically presented with detailed facilitator’s notes, reference materials and exercises. A ‘take-away’ reference package is available for participants (printing phase, second half October 2001). This project has been undertaken in three phases:- phase one, a detailed outline of the concept, style, content and methodology, started in 2000; phases two and three undertaken in 2001. An updated version will be provided at least every two years on the basis of the adoption of new Federation policies, Council of Delegates’ resolutions, and International Conference Plans of Action.
- **“Mystery Course -7 steps for 7 principles”**: this initiative was intended and designed as an interactive way for everyone in the Movement to grasp the importance, complexity and dimension of the founding principles (discovery of the seven Fundamental Principles through a seven-step Mystery course). The concept of the “Mystery Course” was tested at the Secretariat on 8 May 2001, and also at the MENA Conference, Teheran- Iran, (27-30 May, 2001).
- Finally, in the framework of the **“Sharing of Knowledge”** approach (to know, know how to do, make known and know how to be), identification of **“Best Practices”** and **“Good Practices”** through which the lessons of the National Societies’ various experiences (all at the heart of the issue of “changing behaviour in the community”) can be shared, has been pursued and integrated into a more general data base.

Objective 2: Red Cross and Red Crescent programmes show a direct application of the Fundamental Principles in service delivery and advocacy.

- As the global programme was only effectively running for a few months (since the set up of the new Secretariat structure), the training programme was one of the main objectives and achievements of the programme. Further work in this area will be pursued once the ‘From Principles to Action’ training package is available in its final version as this will provide an opportunity to improve the training pack with trainees.
- The programme was also involved in preparations for the **UN World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance**, (Durban-South Africa, 31 August to 7 September, 2001). This was an important opportunity to position the Federation alongside existing programmes. The Federation, by virtue of the programmes implemented on a day-to-day basis, is an important actor in the fight against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance. At a plenary session, a Federation Vice-President reminded the States, United Nations observers, and non-governmental organizations present, of the historical commitment of the International Federation to the fight against discrimination, as well as of the commitment made by the states and national societies at the 27th International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent (Geneva, 31 October to 6 November 1999)¹ to “cooperate and take initiatives to promote tolerance, non-violence in the community and respect for cultural diversity” under the title “new initiatives to respond to the needs of vulnerable people and to reduce discrimination and violence in the community”. A strong emphasis was laid on the specific role of the millions of volunteers, as well as the nature of the Fundamental Principles of the Movement and in particular

¹ Plan of Action - Final objective 3.2.12 under the title “new initiatives to respond to the needs of vulnerable people and to reduce discrimination and violence in the community”.

that of Impartiality, recalling that the Red Cross and Red Crescent does not tolerate discrimination either in its work or within the ranks. This speech was seconded by the representative of the ICRC.

- A global programme related to “action to reduce discriminations and violence in the community” has been designed for 2002-2003 implementation.
- A second meeting of the “**Principles and Values Department - Think Tank**” was held in Jesolo, Italy at the end of September 2001. Similar to the first “Think Tank” meeting in Geneva in December 2000, (where participants, including representatives from a variety of organisations - national societies, delegations, the Secretariat, the ICRC, the UN Peace Keeping Operations Division or UNDPKO, and the UN High Commission for Human Rights UNHCHR, came together to discuss key issues of humanitarian principles), the participants met to present scenario of the fight against discrimination. The group provided examples of issues that fell within this area and discussed possible responses. Feedback from the group provided inspiration for drawing up a strategic direction for the new department. Other “think tanks” will be organized in 2002 in the main languages of the Federation to ensure that various mindsets are captured and shared.

Outstanding needs

While this appeal has received positive support from donors (coverage of over 100%), funds are still required to ensure adequate follow-up to certain activities associated with the Fundamental Principles initiatives (translation of the CD-rom training package, printing of the "Mystery Course").

Problems and Constraints

The main problem faced by the programme was the change of the Federation’s personnel and structure. While this delayed some of the initiatives and the ongoing work of the programme, major disruptions were avoided.

Lessons learned:

This core area requires a horizontal or organization-wide involvement which will provide many opportunities to interact with colleagues and to work within the framework of knowledge sharing with national societies, Federation delegations and the ICRC, among others. Potential areas for technical partnerships have already been identified with the ICRC, to ensure better sharing of tools and networks, and joint training sessions have been proposed for 2002.

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Fundamental Principles and Humanitarian values						ANNEX 1
APPEAL No. 01.77/2001		PLEDGES RECEIVED			18.02.2002	
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
CASH						
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				376'373		TOTAL COVERAGE 108.1%
CASH CARRIED FORWARD				140'391		
BRITISH - GOVT (DFID GRANT)				150'000	03.02.01	PARTNERSHIP IMPLEMENTATION PLAN 2001
ITALIAN - RC				48'550	25.01.01	
SWEDISH - RC		200'000	SEK	33'980	28.02.2001	METHODOLOGY & TOOLS, CAPTURE KNOWLEDGE
SWEDISH - GOVT		200'000	SEK	33'980	21.05.2001	METHODOLOGY & TOOLS, CAPTURE KNOWLEDGE
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				406'901	CHF	108.1%
KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)						
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				0	CHF	0.0%
ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET						
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED				0	CHF	