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### In Brief

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### Operational developments

In 2005, the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan (RCST) and the Federation targeted the most vulnerable population of the country through the implementation of its three main programmes: disaster management (disaster preparedness and response), health and care (including water-sanitation) and organisational development. To implement the activities planned for 2005, the RCST, through the Federation network, appealed for **CHF 3,670,610**. The appealed amount included the expected proposals to European Commission Humanitarian Aid Office (ECHO) scheduled for May 2005. However, the Netherlands and Finnish Red Crosses decided to implement the new ECHO funded programmes (health and care, supplementary food and disaster preparedness) on a bilateral basis with RCST. By the end of the current ECHO funded programmes the Federation handed over all the programmes implementation and management responsibilities to the national society (NS) respective departments in headquarters. As a result of this bilateral arrangement, the RCST/Federation revised the initial Appeal budget to **CHF 2,320,195**.

Thanks to the Swedish and Finnish Red Crosses contribution and Norwegian and Canadian Red Crosses funds carried over from last year. This allowed RCST to continue programme implementation until new pledges arrived and also made a contribution to 2005 Appeal budget.

*For an overview of the initial appeal budget, balance, income, expenditure to date and revised appeal figures per each project please refer to Table 1.*

Programme	Initial Appeal	Revised Appeal	Opening Bal	Income Cash	Due Pledges	Total Income	Total Expend	Revised Appeal Coverage %
			01.01.05	/In Kind	/Allocations	May-2005	Apr-2005	
Development/Youth	500 000	500 000	15 959	42 000	82 750	140 709	42 749	28,1%
Disaster Preparedness	569 000	569 000	-3 433	58 837	131 216	186 620	11 290	32,8%
DIPECHO	283 140	129 821	-33 777	24 800	139 065	130 088	109 617	100,2%
ECHO Food	955 185	120 247	-206 851	0	326 148	119 297	107 011	99,2%
Relief	50 000	0	-11 539	30 372	0	18 833	0	n.a
Water & Sanitation	400 000	400 000	85 236	50 400	51 300	186 936	107 833	46,7%
Improved Health	220 000	331 112	-466	157 394	64 200	221 128	67 264	66,8%
ECHO Health	693 285	270 014	59 072	24 800	175 480	259 352	242 972	96,1%
	3 670 610	<b>2 320 195</b>	-95 799	388 603	970 159	<b>1 262 963</b>	688 736	<b>54,4%</b>

As is evident from the figures, all the main programmes in 2005 are under-funded. Still, the received funds will enable the RCST to achieve most of the planned activities, but the Federation/RCST would be able to carry out more activities with a better appeal coverage.

Integration of various community-based programmes, such as disaster preparedness, health promotion and water-sanitation that started in 2004 continued in 2005. The educational activities on disaster preparedness and first aid implemented by RCST volunteers in the target branches contributed to their ability to respond to small-scale disasters adequately. The RCST branches demonstrated their ability to conduct the assessment of the situation in the affected areas, to respond to disasters with available resources and to render first aid to the affected people.

*For RCST branches' response, please see the following information bulletins:*

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Reduction of ECHO funded programmes and poor donor response to the appeal was also reflected in the reduction of the Federation staff and field offices. Since the beginning of 2005 the Federation staff was reduced 33% and offices in GBAO and Khatlon oblast were closed.

## **Strengthening the national society**

### **Health and care**

**Goal:** The health status of the targeted vulnerable population in Tajikistan on TB, HIV/AIDS and preventable communicable diseases has improved.

*This section includes two programme components: 1) Health and Care; 2) Water and Sanitation*

**Objective:** By the end of 2005, a strengthened NS will contribute to the improved health status of the population through: community based health promotion and first aid, provision of medicines and medical supplies, as well as focus on TB and HIV/AIDS activities.

## **Progress/Achievements**

Funds allocated by ECHO, the Norwegian Red Cross/Government and the Swedish Red Cross for the 2004 Appeal health programme contributed to implementation of RCST activities under Appeal 2005. During the reporting period, CHF 67,264 (ECHO 2004 budget and partially appeal 2005 budget) were spent for the implementation of the health programme. These funds enabled RCST/Federation staff to successfully achieve all the planned activities. During the reporting period, the RCST/Federation health department mainly focused on the implementation of ECHO funded projects (drug relief and CBFA). By the end of April 2005, the projects were finalized and handed over to the RCST HQ staff.

Until the end of the year, it is planned to conduct:

- public health campaigns on TB, HIV/AIDS;
- actions dedicated to significant health dates (World TB day, World HIV/AIDS day and World First Aid day);
- a training of trainers (TOT), a refresher training for 20 trainer-volunteers and CBFA trainings for 400 volunteers in Rasht valley;
- printing of relevant information materials and other visibility items (caps, T-shirts) on TB, HIV/AIDS, health promotion and first aid;
- training for 20 volunteers of the TB programme,
- distribution of first aid kits for Rasht valley volunteers,
- monitoring of the programme, establishment of trust point and other activities.

As the initially appealed budget (CHF 220,000) was not enough to cover all the planned activities under the health programme, it was revised to CHF 331,112. The Federation has already received in cash and pledges CHF 221,128. In order to accomplish all the planned activities the Federation needs more CHF 100,000.

**Expected result 1:** The RCST has contributed to TB reduction through promotion and support in the implementation of DOTS strategy in Dushanbe and Rudaki rayon covering 200 TB patients at a time, and through health education, targeting 32,000 people and TB patients' families.

**Activities:** The observation of TB patients conducted by 20 trained volunteers enabled successful implementation of the DOTS strategy in Dushanbe city and Rudaki rayon. As a result, 84 TB patients out of the observed group (an average of 196 TB patients at a time) completed the treatment successfully. Moreover, the trained volunteers rendered psychological support to the TB patients during home-to-home visits. The volunteers also, traced people who had contact with TB patients and people who are suspected to have TB, in order to refer them to hospital for diagnosis and treatment. In total, 244 people were referred to dispensary. 21 cases were confirmed

In May 2005, a refreshment seminar for 20 RCST volunteers from Dushanbe and Rudaki rayon was conducted. At the end of the seminar the volunteers were provided with hygiene kits.

The RCST volunteers disseminated health knowledge to 5,598 people (TB patients and their neighbours, schoolchildren and general population) in Dushanbe and Rudaki on TB prevention and control as well as on DOTS strategy. 1,080 information booklets, leaflets and posters were distributed during the activity. According to the monitoring carried out by the TB program coordinator and her assistant, about 80% of randomly selected families gained general knowledge on TB (communicable disease, ways of transmission, main signs of TB and DOTS strategy).

From 14 to 24 March 2005, to mark the World TB day, the RCST conducted several related events (auto marathon, performances, quizzes and small-scale actions) in Dushanbe and Rudaki rayon, Khatlon and Sughd oblasts. In total, 5,370 people attended the events and 1,342 educational materials (booklets, leaflets and posters) were distributed. The RCST activity on TB was highlighted in a local newspaper and broadcasted on Tajik TV.

**Expected result 2:** By the end of 2005, 50,000 people from marginal groups (commercial sex workers, injecting drug users, 'in and out of school' youth) have increased their knowledge and skills on responsible behaviour to prevent HIV/AIDS/STI and to reduce discrimination towards people living with HIV/AIDS.



***RCST volunteers conduct an action on HIV/AIDS prevention, stigma and discrimination among the youth in Kulyab region.***

**Activities:** In March 2005, five refresher seminars for, in total, 100 RCST volunteers from five regions (GBO, Sughd, RRS, Kulyab and Kurgan-tube) were held. During the seminars the following topics were discussed: STD/HIV/AIDS transmission mode, signs and symptoms of AIDS, working with people living with AIDS (PLWA), prevention of STD/HIV/AIDS including demonstration of proper use of condoms and stigma and discrimination. The trained volunteers, in their turn, disseminated knowledge to 10,005 people (commercial sex workers, injecting drug users, 'in and out of' school youth) through small-scale actions, conversations, discussions and lectures. The conducted actions helped to increase the targeted people's knowledge on the above mentioned topics and to avoid the risk of HIV/STI contamination and thereby to decrease the spread of HIV/STI.

During the events 5,100 condoms and 3,500 information materials (posters and booklets) were distributed. Additionally 5,170 booklets and posters were prepared and printed for further distribution to the target population.

**Expected result 3:** Communities are less vulnerable to the effects of disease outbreaks, emergencies and disasters through community based health promotion and first aid to 1000 volunteers and 30,000 households.

**Activities:** The RCST capacity to respond to diseases outbreaks, emergencies and disasters has strengthened through training of RCST volunteers, who in their turn educated the communities. From January to May 2005, the RCST regional health coordinators and trainers conducted 47 CBFA workshops for 940 volunteers from five regions (Sughd, GBO, RRS, Kulyab and Kurgan-Tube). The trained volunteers, in their turn, disseminated health messages among the targeted population in the five regions. During the period under review, they visited 22,033 households (88,449 people). The educated population increased their knowledge on how to prevent diseases outbreaks, emergencies and disasters. The RCST oblast health coordinators and CBHP/FA trainers conducted follow-up monitoring of the volunteers' activities. They visited the selected villages and interviewed 3,513 people. The interviews on knowledge revealed that 84.9% of respondents knew about common diseases, while 83.8% knew basic disease symptoms and prevention measures.

In May 2005, the RCST health department conducted five trainings of trainers' seminars in five regions for 32 staff of medical and social programmes at rayon level.

**Expected result 4:** Communities' access to essential health service is improved through provision of medicines and medical supplies and training of MoH staff on rational use of drugs, case management and record keeping in 300 primary health institutions in Khatlon and RRS.

**Activities:** Health services of 557 primary health care facilities in Khatlon and RRS has improved through provision of 232 SVA and 355 FAP medical kits and on-the-job training of MoH staff on rational use of drugs, case management and record keeping. During the reporting period, the targeted health care facilities served 679,278 people. Out of them, 498,632 (73.4%) received medicines and medical supplies free of charge.

Monitoring visits to the PHC facilities conducted by the RCST monitoring teams, evidenced improvement of the facilities' work in stock management, rational use of drugs and record keeping. About 50% of

targeted health institutions met the Federation/RCST requirements. The objective of the facilities' monitoring is also to conduct health education among health staff and population of the facilities' areas. 45,830 people were educated. The improved awareness of the targeted people enabled them to better manage health problems.

In accordance with the action plan, the RCST held two meetings for 15 monitoring teams and two supervisors in April 2005. The main objectives of the meeting were to introduce the RCST strategy on its health programme to the participants and to evaluate the monitoring teams' work. An evaluation committee of five people (RCST staff and the Federation and NLCR representatives) was established. By the end of the meeting the most active and skilled monitors were selected for the next ECHO programme.

**Impact:** As a result of programme implementation, the health status of the targeted beneficiaries has improved. They are equipped with the basic knowledge on TB, HIV/AIDS/STD and their preventive measures. Consequently the targeted beneficiaries are less vulnerable to those diseases. 91.6% of TB patients who completed the treatment completely recovered.

Public awareness on first aid and health promotion is raised. 88,449 people of targeted regions gained essential knowledge and skills and were able to apply first aid at household level. Communities' access to essential health service has improved through curative health care provided to 679,278 people.

**Constraints:** No major constraints were experienced during the programme implementation though some delays in fund transfer occurred. This hampered the achievement of the programme objective.

## **Water and Sanitation**

**Programme Objective:** By the end of 2005, the health condition of targeted communities is improved through better access to clean water, use of latrines and increased health promotion.

### **Progress/Achievements**

During the reporting period the Norwegian and Canadian funds carried over from last year were used to implement the activities targeted under the Appeal 2005 and to finalize some of the activities targeted under the Appeal 2004. In 2005, a total of CHF 400,000 was appealed for the implementation of activities planned under the water and sanitation programme. Thanks to the Swedish Red Cross contribution into 2005 Appeal, the programme coverage reached 46,7%, by the end of May 2005. With the available funds the RCST/Federation will be able to conduct the following activities in the second part of the year to:

- construct five spring water supply systems in Sughd Oblast, using low-cost techniques;
- improve sanitation and hygienic condition in the project area through the construction of 50 individual latrines; and
- conduct awareness sessions on changing the hygienic behaviour of the targeted village population using PHAST methodology.

For 100% implementation of all activities planned under Appeal 2005 on the construction of 20 water supply systems and 600 latrines, the RCST needs some CHF 213,064.

**Expected result 1:** 25,000 inhabitants from 20 villages of GBAO, Sughd oblast and RRS have access to potable water through the construction and/or rehabilitation of 20 water systems based on low cost techniques involving community mobilization.

**Activities:** During the reporting period, the RCST used the funds carried over from last year to finalize the construction of spring water supply systems in three villages of RRS (Chavalyai village, Rudaki rayon and Pistamazor village, Vahdat rayon and Shohon village, Gissar rayon) and a mountainous part of Dushanbe city, as well as the rehabilitation works in Kanibadam city (Sughd oblast). As a result, 9,770 people received access to drinking water. A Water User Committee was established in each of these villages to maintain the water supply systems. All the construction works (trench digging, pipe laying and construction of spring catchments) were completed through the active participation of communities.

Also, the RCST/Federation water and sanitation program engineers conducted an assessment of spring water supply systems in Sughd Oblast and RRS. Two spring water supply systems in Sughd Oblast (40 years Dilvarzon village in Matcha rayon and Dakhana village in Asht rayon) and one in RRS (Darozi village, Gissar rayon) were selected. By the end of May 2005, all the required construction materials (PVC and steel pipes, gate valves, cement, reinforcement, bitumen, timbers and etc.) were delivered to both villages in Sughd Oblast and to one village in RRS. Currently, activities on community mobilization for construction works are going on.

**Expected result 2:** Sanitation conditions in the project area are improved through the construction of 600 latrines adaptable to the local regulations and cultural sensitivity in GBAO, RRS and Sughd oblast.

**Activities:** The activity was not carried out due to construction limitations during the winter season.

**Expected result 3:** Awareness on health and sanitation issues has increased by 30% among the communities involved in construction of water & sanitation facilities and hygienic behaviour has changed on household level

**Activities:** In February 2005, four two-day PHAST trainings were conducted for 49 volunteers from Vose rayon (Khatlon oblast) and three rayons of RRS (Vahdat, Gissar and Rudaki). The trained volunteers, in their turn, conducted awareness sessions for 4,482 people in their areas/villages. During the PHAST trainings the quality of water from the local water supply sources (irrigation channels, which are the main drinking water source for the population) in the above mentioned villages was tested using the Del Agua kit. The test result showed that the drinking water from the irrigation channels in these villages does not correspond to necessary standards and causes water-borne diseases. This convinced the population of the necessity to construct the spring water supply systems and cooperation was ensured.

In June 2005, it is planned to conduct PHAST trainings in those selected villages of Sughd Oblast and RRS where the RCST will construct the water supply systems.

**Activities outside the Appeal objectives:** In March and April 2005, rehabilitation of boreholes in Dehkanabad village of Gissar rayon and Zargar village of Vahdat rayon was finalized. All the rehabilitation works were implemented by the villages' inhabitants. As a result of these activities, 5,560 people got access to potable water.

**Emergency Appeal:** During the reporting period, 2,783,910 purification tablets were distributed to RCST committees. These purification tablets will be distributed among the population and used in case of emergency situations.

**Impact:** During the reporting period, 15,330 people benefited from the projects through rehabilitation/construction of water supply systems.

**Constraints:** Lack of funds was the main constraint to implement all the activities planned under the appeal. Late delivery of construction materials and problems with connection of the pumps to electricity has delayed the project implementation in Kanibadam city.

## **Disaster Management**

**Overall Goal:** Vulnerability of population in Tajikistan towards disasters has reduced

**Objective:** RCST's capacity to respond to future disasters has improved through a consolidated disaster preparedness and response approach by enhancing the active involvement of the communities

### **Progress/Achievements**

During the period from January till May 2005, the funds allocated by ECHO for disaster preparedness and supplementary food distribution projects (Appeal 2004) were spent to successfully finalize the projects. For activities planned for 2005 under DM programme, the RCST appealed for CHF 569,000. Thanks to the Finnish and Swedish Red Crosses donation into the disaster management component, 32% of the revised appeal was covered. The received funds will be used to:

- organize 20 Local Disaster Comities (LDC) in Kurgan-Tube region;
- conduct disaster preparedness (DP) and FA refreshment courses for 32 LDCs from six rayons of Rasht valley;
- form a Disaster Response Team (DRT) in Vanch rayon and to equip it appropriately;
- replenish a DP stock in Dushanbe RCST central warehouse;
- conduct two refreshment courses for RCST DRTs; and
- print and distribute 16,000 disaster awareness booklets and brochures to communities and schoolchildren all over the country.

CHF 382,380 would contribute to successful implementation of all planned activities under the disaster management programme in 2005.

**Expected result 1:** Communities frequently affected by disasters have enhanced their capacities to counter effects of disasters.

**Activities:** A disaster awareness poster competition was announced at the end of January 2005 and 347 posters were collected in RCST HQ Office. Four posters sent from Sughd oblast and GBAO were chosen as winners and will be printed and distributed to disaster-prone areas.



*The RCST/Federation DM department is conducting a competition between DRTs in Kurgan-Tube. The volunteers are setting up a camp for potentially affected families in accordance with the standards of SPHERE project*

In order to test the DRTs' knowledge and skills, two disaster response competitions were conducted for six RCST disaster response teams from GBAO, Ayni rayon, Khujand, Kulyab Kurgan-Tube and Dushanbe cities. The competition has proved to be a successful tool to identify the strengths and weaknesses of each team. All teams participated actively and learned from each others strengths and approaches. Nevertheless, all teams were recommended to continue with similar activities to strengthen their capacities through training, competition and joint activities.

The pledge of all participants to continue in serving the RCST disaster response teams on a voluntary base indicates the team's sustainability and their important role in national RCST disaster preparedness and response.

On 18 May 2005, an annual Appeal DM meeting was conducted for 30 RCST/Federation key staff at the RCST HQ office in Dushanbe. The DP-activities implementation in 2004-2005, the review of the DIPECHO programme, the DP-experience exchange, the new DP programme proposals and the integration of DP activities with other programmes (health, water-sanitation and organisation development) were discussed during the meeting. Annual meeting have resulted in significant organisational development steps for the RCST and all its departments.

During the reporting period, more than 38 disasters in the form of wildfire, snowfall, mine explosion, flood and mudflow occurred all over the country. In total, 2,953 people were affected. Red Crescent Society and RC volunteers have responded to the disasters through applying first aid and provision of non-food items.

No	Item	Total units	Sughd oblast	GBAO	Dushanbe city	Khatlon oblast	RRS
1	Mattresses	57	34	0	0	16	7
2	Blankets	940	45	0	60	16	819
3	Quilts	161	9	0	0	16	136
4	S/H Clothes	25,605	0	0	0	0	25,605
5	Buckets	81	23	0	0	40	18
6	Water cans	40	0	0	0	40	0
7	Bed-linen	82	39	0	0	0	43
8	Hygiene kits	130	0	0	19	20	91
9	Kitchen sets	57	17	0	0	20	20
10	Hoes	79	20	20	0	39	0
11	Shovels	84	20	25	0	39	0
12	Family tents	31	1	0	0	0	30
13	Plastic rolls	1 roll	0	0	0	0	1
14	Kerosene stoves	32	14	0	0	8	10
15	Liquid soap	96 ltr	0	0	80	16	0
16	Soap	290	0	0	0	0	90

**Expected result 2:** The effects and threats of landslides and floods in the most vulnerable mountainous areas are reduced through the implementation of eight mitigation micro projects.

**Activities:** The implementation of a tree planting project funded by DIPECHO was completed in Jirgital rayon, Karashoro village. In total, 13,000 trees were planted and 2,400 benefited from this project. The tree planting was implemented according to a community based participatory approach. Approximately 80 community volunteers worked for 14 days to complete the project. All works were satisfactorily completed within the scheduled timeframe.

**Expected result 3:** Daily nutritional needs of 17,500 beneficiaries are met and 610 elderly people become less vulnerable to malnutrition through the provision of food parcels.

**Activities:** The supplementary food distribution programme funded by ECHO was finalized on 31 March 2005. The third round of supplementary food distribution was carried out in February 2005. 17,500 beneficiaries under the category of isolated elderly and the poorest of the women-headed households have received the allocated food rations. Each ration consisted of 25 kg of wheat flour, 5 kg of split peas, 2 litres of vegetable oil and 0.5 kg of iodized salt. A total of 437,500 kg of wheat flour, 87,500 kg of split peas, 35,000 litres of vegetable oil and 8,750 kg of iodized salt were distributed. Four articles in two languages (Tajik and Russian) were published in the local newspapers (Charkhi Gardun, Asia Plus, Kurier Tadzhiqistana and Minbari Khalq) to highlight the ongoing programme.

The final post-distribution monitoring was held in March 2005. According to the monitoring result, out of 5,249 randomly selected beneficiaries, 5,199 received the allocated food rations, 39 beneficiaries had died and 11 had moved. The obtained information is beneficial for future programme ensuring that RCST maintains the updated beneficiary list.

**Impact:** By implementation of disaster preparedness poster campaign competition among schoolchildren, the disaster awareness of the schoolchildren raised in disaster prone area schools.

The DRTs disaster preparedness and response capacity has improved and strengthened through the conducting of disaster response team competition, setting up the refugee camp and the application of first aid.

The risk of landslide in Karashoro village was reduced through the implementation of tree planting project.

**Constraints:** The fixing of the DRT competition in one place was a constraint in terms of participation.

## **Organizational development**

**Goal:** The RCST has become a well-functioning NS, effectively & efficiently rendering services to the vulnerable of the country.

**Objective:** By the end of 2005, RCST capacity in working with the vulnerable will be increased through the process of organizational changes.

### **Progress/Achievements**

In 2005, the organisational development component was covered only by 28.1%. Thanks to the DFID and the Swedish Red Cross' contribution (including some funds carried over from last year), RCST supported branch development, volunteers' management and other activities. The allocated funds will be used to implement the following activities in the second part of the year to:

- conduct PPP trainings in Dushanbe and Khujand cities;
- conduct five workshops on human resources management in five oblasts;
- conduct five workshops on governance and management;
- conduct five fundraising seminars in five oblasts; and
- deliver construction materials in order to repair the RCST branch offices in Aini, Penjikent, Jabor Rasulov, Shakhriyev, Pyanj and Jilikul rayons.

To conduct two semi-annual management and coordination meetings, a RCST congress, the governance and management workshops at rayon level and some other important activities, the RCST needs CHF 359,291.

**Expected result 1:** The Red Crescent has shifted to the new structure with clear division of governance & management contributing to effective programme and branch management

**Activities:** During the reporting period, the RCST draft statute was further discussed at rayon/city levels. All motions to the statutes were gathered from 9 RCST rayon/city committees. The revised draft of the Tajik NS statutes was submitted to and approved by the RCST mandatory commission at its sitting on 28 April 2005. Later, on 29 May 2005, it was approved by the RCST HQ Presidium.

**Expected result 2:** Systems and procedures aimed at development of human resources, management, financial managements and logistics at all levels has improved leading to a 5% increase of volunteers and members in the branches, efficient use of staff, finances, warehouses and the NS fleet, and improved procurement procedures saving time and money for the RCST. Financial sustainability is improved through development and adoption of a financial development plan that includes a fundraising strategy

**Activities:** To find out the real number of RCST members, volunteers and primary organizations, a new registration system was developed. According to the registration system there are 6,324 RCST members, 6,477 RCST volunteers and 915 primary organizations accounted by the end of the reporting period. In May 2005, a monitoring of the information, received from the branches, and activity was conducted in 8 rayon branches, 5 city branches and 27 primary organisations. The result of the monitoring will be reflected in the next report.

A project planning process (PPP) training was conducted for RCST branches chairpersons, staff as well as health and disaster preparedness programmes' volunteers in RRS. In total 25 people participated. The training was regarded as useful.

**Expected result 3:** The public awareness of the Red Crescent, locally as well as on regional and republican levels, has increased via greater visibility and credibility.

**Activities:** During the reporting period, two internal RC bulletins of "Nuri Shafkat" were issued and information with pictures for the next issue were prepared.

The World TB day (24 March) was marked by a specific action of the RCST, which was also covered by the local national main channel, in one of the news programmes and an article on TB prevention was issued by the local newspaper "Muhabbat va oila".

The RCST staff and volunteers conducted 67 information campaigns during the period under review. Out of them 14 campaigns were conducted on RC/RC Movement principles and humanitarian values in Kulyab and Kurgan-Tube and 53 information campaigns on HIV/AIDS prevention in Sughd oblast, Kulyab and Kurgan-Tube rayons. In total 2,070 people (students, school children and state workers) participated in the events.

On 8 May 2005, activities to celebrate the World Red Cross Day under the slogan “Protect human dignity” were held in central park of Dushanbe city. In order to reduce discrimination towards people living with HIV/AIDS and TB and to encourage a more tolerant and caring environment for them the Red Crescent youth volunteers showed plays on HIV/AIDS and TB prevention, drug addiction, stigma and discrimination. Over 1,000 information materials on different activities were distributed during the event. The celebration gave good visibility for the Red Crescent in the local media.

**Expected result 4:** The capacity of the regional and local branches in assessing vulnerability and capacity in the local communities and needs based programming has increased.

**Activities:** On 10 January 2005, a VCA process in seven rayons of GBAO started. 33 trained RCST volunteers and trainers questioned 600 families, health and state institutions. In May 2005, the process of summarising and analysing the collected information was conducted.

The assessment in 18 rayons of Sughd oblast, which started in late July 2004 was finalised in March 2005. In total the RCST volunteers questioned 1,350 households and 54 state institutions (three in each rayon). The findings from the VCA process will be published in June 2005.

According to the working plan, in March 2005, a three-day VCA ToT was held for 10 trainers from NS local branches in Kulyab city. The trainers, in their turn, trained 20 RCST volunteers on how to carry out the assessment and to collect information. The trained trainers and volunteers questioned 750 households and state institutions in 9 rayons and one city.

Three RCST branches (Matcha, Kanibadam and Isfara) received construction materials to repair their offices. Due to the late delivery of funds, six RCST branches (Aini, Pendjikent, Jabor Rasulov, Shakhrinav, Pyanj and Jilikul) will be provided with the resources in the second part of the year.

**Expected result 5:** RCST capacity in working with the vulnerable has increased through functioning of the improved and strengthened youth programme at all levels.

**Activities:** During the reporting period, 14 information campaigns on dissemination of RC/RC Movement principles and HIV/AIDS prevention were carried out under the youth programme. In total the volunteers covered 4,542 people all over the country.

The RCST staff and volunteers conducted several fundraising actions dedicated to the International Children’s Day in Dushanbe, Kurgan-Tube and GBAO. In total 647 Somoni (USD 233) was collected through various types of fundraising in the markets and public places. All the collected funds will be used to meet the needs of orphans and children from vulnerable families in the respective areas. In addition, the RCST Kurgan-Tube branch youth coordinator, with the local Khukumat support, organized a 15-day summer camp for 50/60 children from needy families. An art competition and discussions about RCST activities were conducted for them.

The RCST HQ, jointly with the Governmental Youth Committee and other programs working with youth, conducted a charity action. Humanitarian assistance was provided to orphanage No. 1 in Muminabad district of Khatlon oblast. The assistance equalled 223.6 Somoni (that included 200 kg of wheat flour, 20 litres of vegetable oil) and RCST HQ allocated 200 bars of soap, 16 litres of liquid soap and two large first-aid kits.

**Constraints:** Delay in recruitment of a Youth programme Coordinator hampered the implementation of a workshop on “Tolerance and resolution of conflicts”.

Due to the under-funding and also late delivery of funds some activities were not implemented as planned.

## **Federation Coordination**

**Goal:** Effective assistance is provided to the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan to develop into a better functioning national society.

**Objective:** The Federation has facilitated better coordination between Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan and partners both within and external to the Movement.

**Expected result 1:** Federation coordination contributes to improved and transparent communications among all partners, resulting in effective use of resources and more focused programmes.

**Activities:** Regular meetings between the RCST, Federation, ICRC and PNSs in the country were held during the reporting period. Issues related to operational aspects, close working relationships and future programming were discussed.

**Expected result 2:** The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan, the Federation and the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement's profile in Tajikistan is strengthened resulting in further programme support from donors.

**Activities:** Thanks to the high profile of the RC/RC Movement, the presence of RCST in all rayons and long presence of the Federation in the country, both the RCST and the Federation have been invited to various meetings, discussions and planning sessions held by aid agencies, donors and also by various ministries.

**Expected result 3:** The operational capacity of the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan will be strengthened through quality financial, material and technical support from the Federation Delegation.

**Activities:** During the reporting period, the element of capacity building in the various programmes supported by the Federation has been high on the agenda. The Delegation provided necessary tools and equipment, advisory services and trainings to the various RCST departments and structures. A lot was done also on a daily basis through discussions, meetings and trainings.

## **5. International Representation and Advocacy**

**Goal:** The national society and Federation better represent the work of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and continue to provide a strong voice and presence among influential forums on behalf of vulnerable people and the issues that affect them.

**Objective:** The national society and Federation better represent the work of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and continue to provide a strong voice and presence among influential forums on behalf of vulnerable people and the issues that affect them.

**Expected result 1:** Partnerships with other organisations are strengthened and increased in number, benefiting the national society and its programmes

**Expected result 2:** Networking with the government, UN agencies, NGOs and other stakeholders is increased through better coordination and exchange of information.

**Activities for both expected results:** The RCST and the Federation are among the most experienced and capable humanitarian organizations both of which are seen by international organisations and local authorities as a valuable partner. As a result, the RCST is working in partnership with the Project Hope, Merlin, UNDP, Helwick, the Health and Emergency Ministries. The RCST is also a member of the rapid emergency assessment coordination team (REACT).

**Expected result 3:** Advocacy materials, drawing from community assessments, are produced and influence the authorities and various partners and organisations in their approach to humanitarian work.

**Activities:** The RCST is continuing to take the leading role in the field of disaster management and in provision of trainings on first aid to international organizations and embassies' staff in the country. As part of the training syllabus, the information about fundamental principles and humanitarian values as well as the history of the RC is disseminated.

**Expected result 4:** Government relations are strengthened leading to a reinforcement of the Red Crescent's role and mandate, enshrined in a Red Crescent Law and new national society statutes.

**Activities:** Discussions are underway with the relevant ministries on issues related to the change of Cross or Crescent logos on ambulances, sign boards and medical facilities to the Medical logo.

## PROGRAMME BUDGETS SUMMARY

Appeal no.(s) selected: 01.74/2005

Delegation code(s) selected: 00, T1, TJ

PROGRAMME:	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	Emergency	Total
	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF
Shelter	0	75,563	0	0	0	0	75,563
Construction	0	58,302	0	33,267	0	0	91,569
Clothing & Textiles	5,602	30,340	0	1,061	0	0	37,003
Food	0	10,130	0	256	0	0	10,386
Seeds & Plants	0	21,626	0	128	0	0	21,753
Water & Sanitation	188,182	0	0	0	0	0	188,181
Medical & First Aid	44,568	0	0	128	0	0	44,695
Teaching Materials	2,395	0	0	2,214	0	0	4,608
Utensils & tools	1,727	36,984	0	153	0	0	38,864
Other Supplies & Services	2,555	7,668	0	3,000	0	0	13,223
<b>SUPPLIES</b>	<b>245,029</b>	<b>240,613</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>40,207</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>525,849</b>
Land & Buildings	0	0	0	3,836	0	0	3,835
Vehicles	0	12,785	0	3,000	0	0	15,785
Computers & Telecom	3,604	819	0	3,748	0	0	8,171
Medical equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Equipment	1,821	3,023	0	0	0	0	4,843
<b>LAND, VEHICLES &amp; EQUIPMEN</b>	<b>5,425</b>	<b>16,627</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10,584</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32,635</b>
Storage	19,132	21,512	0	0	0	0	40,643
Distribution & Monitoring	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transport & Vehicles cost	107,583	32,051	0	31,174	0	0	170,808
<b>TRANSPORT &amp; STORAGE</b>	<b>126,715</b>	<b>53,563</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>31,174</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>211,452</b>
International Staff	157,839	220,642	0	148,876	0	0	527,356
Regionally Deployed Staff	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
National staff	139,337	77,848	0	61,687	0	0	278,872
National Society Staff	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Consultants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>PERSONNEL</b>	<b>297,176</b>	<b>298,490</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>210,563</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>806,229</b>
Workshops & Training	21,575	19,506	0	75,850	0	0	116,930
<b>WORKSHOPS &amp; TRAINING</b>	<b>21,575</b>	<b>19,506</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>75,850</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>116,930</b>
Travel & related expenses	16,908	1,341	0	8,329	0	0	26,577
Information & Public Rela	124,065	58,873	0	46,206	0	0	229,144
Office Running Costs	37,439	20,103	0	11,442	0	0	68,984
Communication Costs	22,474	16,779	0	10,078	0	0	49,331
Professional Fees	544	726	0	12,729	0	0	13,999
Other General Expenses	55,482	35,713	0	8,560	0	0	99,754
<b>GENERAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>256,912</b>	<b>133,535</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>97,344</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>487,791</b>
Asset Depreciation	2,241	3,496	0	1,777	0	0	7,515
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>	<b>2,241</b>	<b>3,496</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,777</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7,515</b>
Contributions & Transfers	-19,020	0	0	0	0	0	-19,020
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS &amp; TRANSFERS</b>	<b>-19,020</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-19,020</b>
Programme Support	65,073	53,239	0	32,500	0	0	150,812
<b>PROGRAMME SUPPORT</b>	<b>65,073</b>	<b>53,239</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32,500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>150,812</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET:</b>	<b>1,001,126</b>	<b>819,069</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>499,999</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,320,195</b>