

# PROGRAMME UPDATE



International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies  
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## FEDNET

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### In Brief

Appeal No. AA00009;  
Programme Update no. 1;  
Period covered: 1 January to 30 June 2006;  
Appeal target for 2006-2007: CHF 1,281,476 (USD 974,810 or EUR 831,559);  
Appeal coverage: 11%;  
Outstanding needs: CHF 1,139,525 (USD 926,443 or EUR 725,812).

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#### Programme summary:

The FedNet Plan of Action 2006-2008 (available on FedNet) sets out a programme of consolidation, development, training and promotion. Despite some human resource and funding constraints, the Plan of Action is largely being carried out. FedNet was established as a core platform for information sharing in the Federation. Access is open to all Red Cross and Red Crescent staff and volunteers. Follow the instructions on the login page – <http://fednet.ifrc.org> – to request an account.

N.B. Expected results below are for the period 2006-2008 – for more information see the FedNet Plan of Action 2006-2008 (available on FedNet).

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**Goal: A universally accessible extranet system supports the information and communication needs of all components of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.**

**Indicators:**

- **Page retrievals exceed 200,000/month at end 2006:** currently 115,000/month (June figures).
- **Users active on FedNet exceed 3,000 at end 2006:** currently 7,000 registered users, although not all are active.
- **Number of pages on FedNet exceeds 5,000 at end 2006:** currently 4,100.

Page retrievals recorded have dropped owing to a side effect of a new implementation of some financial systems, and are in any case artificially low as file downloads are not included – measurements of this indicator will be stabilized in the second half of 2006. The page numbers now correctly exclude pages used for development purposes. The methodology for logging of registration figures has been reviewed – this figure continues to show strong growth.

The FedNet plan for 2006-2008 (available on FedNet) calls for development of better indicators to track FedNet's progress in the future. This will involve a certain amount of technical development, and take some time; these indicators will be used as they become available.

**Objective 1: Consolidate and extend the capabilities of FedNet.**

**Expected result:** FedNet is established on a stable and scalable IT platform and routine operations and administration are assured. Information presentation is of a consistently high and improving standard, and additional functionality is made available in response to the needs of users and information managers in national societies and delegations.

**Progress/Achievements (activities implemented within this objective):**

- Implementation of new photo library application;
- Installation of new statistics tracking package;
- Implementation of system to automatically identify page editors;
- Developed methodology for user integration with the Disaster Management Information System (DMIS), for implementation in the fourth quarter of 2006; and,
- Instituted platform review, for implementation in 2007.

**Impact:** Maintaining a stable and scalable platform continues to be a significant issue; as FedNet grows the performance of the system must be maintained, but also the performance of the team in supporting an ever-increasing number of users. The automation of processes will continue to ensure that the increasing load can be managed without requiring correspondingly increased resources. In parallel, a number of enhancements to user services have been added in the first half of 2006, various integration projects have been carried out or planned, and work has started on planning for a major system upgrade, probably in 2007.

**Objective 2: Train and equip Red Cross and Red Crescent leadership and staff worldwide to share their information on FedNet.**

**Expected result:** A worldwide network of information providers based in national societies, the Federation's Secretariat and delegations is in place to feed information into FedNet and provide FedNet access to their own constituencies.

**Progress/Achievements (activities implemented within this objective):**

- Continued editors training programme in Geneva;
- Trained regional delegation staff (Ankara and Budapest) to develop and manage regional content.

**Impact:**

Maintenance of a regular training programme in Geneva continues to contribute to the improving quantity and standard of information on FedNet, while the pace of training for editors outside Geneva gradually increases. In

the absence of funding to support a systematic training programme outside Geneva, work has started nonetheless with selected regional delegations to equip them to deliver expanded regional content.

**Constraints:**

Continuing lack of funding meant that the planned extension of training to national societies could not be carried out. Alternative training methods, using distance training over the Internet, continue to be used with some success, but the programme is critically hampered by lack of funding to carry out a systematic programme of contact and assistance to member national societies.

**Objective 3: Extend the scope and depth of content in FedNet.**

**Expected result:** Information is available on FedNet covering a wide range of Red Cross and Red Crescent activities, in all four official languages. The information content of FedNet develops in line with increasing demands from users, and is structured and presented to maximize ease of use.

**Progress/Achievements (activities implemented within this objective)**

- Introduction of a section with Russian language content;
- Cross-linked with external initiatives (e.g. Climate Centre, Legal Base Centre);
- Extensive support to statutory meetings, background on the Emblem issue, etc.;
- Support to partner national society meeting, management meetings, etc.;
- Expanded and quickly developing avian influenza section; and,
- Preparation of various database projects (operational alliances, glossary)

**Impact:**

The quantity of information on FedNet continues to grow, driven for the most part by demand from information providers. The diversity of content is also increasing, as a more sophisticated understanding of the potential is developed. Support for major meetings is now provided fairly routinely.

In principle, the specific information on FedNet should be considered the responsibility of the information providers, and thus only an indirect indicator (although of fundamental importance) of the progress of the project. In practice, the FedNet team anticipates active involvement in developing content in partnership with the content providers for the foreseeable future.

**Constraints:**

Staff and funding constraints continue to limit active promotion of content development, especially in languages other than English and for sources outside the Federation's Secretariat. Some new approaches to resolving these issues will be sought in 2006.

**Objective 4: Promote understanding and use of FedNet in the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement**

**Expected result:** The potential of FedNet is understood at all levels within the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement; FedNet is used to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the widest possible range of Red Cross and Red Crescent activities and to strengthen the sense of common identity and cooperation in the organization.

**Progress/Achievements (activities implemented within this objective)**

- Focal points meetings are held monthly;
- Steering group initiated;
- FedNet has been promoted at meetings in regional offices (Budapest and Kuala Lumpur); and,
- FedNet use is incorporated into staff inductions at some delegations (e.g. Harare, Budapest)

**Impact:**

Among certain groups (e.g. delegations, General Assembly attendees, the international departments of some national societies) awareness of the potential of FedNet is widespread. At the working level in national societies it is much more patchy; while it is spreading by word-of-mouth and as a result of promotional activities such as

those mentioned (as demonstrated by the steady increase in registered national society users), the rate of growth is slowed by lack of resources for a systematic programme of training and promotion.

**Objective 5: Manage the development of FedNet.**

**Expected result:** FedNet develops in a sustainable manner both technically and financially in response to the needs and objectives of national societies and the Federation's Secretariat and delegations.

**Progress/Achievements (activities implemented within this objective)**

- New statistical tools have been developed, to feed into development of new indicators; and,
- An ongoing user survey has been initiated.

**Impact:**

FedNet continues to develop in line with expectations and the objectives set out in the plan of action, despite some continuing funding and staffing issues. FedNet is well established as a core information and knowledge sharing platform for the Federation.

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MAA00009 - FEDNET: SHARING GLOBAL KNOWLEDGE

Interim financial report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2006/1-2006/5
Budget Timeframe	2006/1-2007/12
Appeal	MAA00009
Budget	APPEAL

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

## I. Consolidated Response to Appeal

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
A. Budget					1,281,476	1,281,476
B. Opening Balance					61,060	61,060
Income						
<u>Cash contributions</u>						
<i>DFID Partnership</i>					49,891	49,891
<i>C1. Cash contributions</i>					49,891	49,891
<u>Inkind Personnel</u>						
<i>Other</i>					31,000	31,000
<i>C5. Inkind Personnel</i>					31,000	31,000
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C6)					80,891	80,891
D. Total Funding = B + C					141,951	141,951

## II. Balance of Funds

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance					61,060	61,060
C. Income					80,891	80,891
E. Expenditure					-141,836	-141,836
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)					114	114

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**III. Budget Analysis / Breakdown of Expenditure**

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation		
A							B	A - B
<b>BUDGET (C)</b>						1,281,476	1,281,476	
<b>Land, vehicles &amp; equipment</b>								
Computers & Telecom	13,500							13,500
<b>Total Land, vehicles &amp; equipment</b>	<b>13,500</b>							<b>13,500</b>
<b>Personnel Expenditures</b>								
Delegates Payroll	868,000					88,407	88,407	779,593
Delegate Benefits						18,500	18,500	-18,500
<b>Total Personnel Expenditures</b>	<b>868,000</b>					<b>106,907</b>	<b>106,907</b>	<b>761,093</b>
<b>Workshops &amp; Training</b>								
Workshops & Training	29,500							29,500
<b>Total Workshops &amp; Training</b>	<b>29,500</b>							<b>29,500</b>
<b>General Expenditure</b>								
Travel	118,900							118,900
Information & Public Relation	9,800							9,800
Office Costs	39,600					5,500	5,500	34,100
Communications	118,880					309	309	118,572
<b>Total General Expenditure</b>	<b>287,180</b>					<b>5,809</b>	<b>5,809</b>	<b>281,372</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>								
Depreciation						20,032	20,032	-20,032
<b>Total Depreciation</b>						<b>20,032</b>	<b>20,032</b>	<b>-20,032</b>
<b>Program Support</b>								
Program Support	83,296					9,088	9,088	74,208
<b>Total Program Support</b>	<b>83,296</b>					<b>9,088</b>	<b>9,088</b>	<b>74,208</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)</b>	<b>1,281,476</b>					<b>141,836</b>	<b>141,836</b>	<b>1,139,640</b>
<b>VARIANCE (C - D)</b>						<b>1,139,640</b>	<b>1,139,640</b>	