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### In Brief

**Appeal No. MAA43001; Programme Update no. 4, Period covered: 1 August to 31 October, 2006; Appeal coverage: 70.2 %; Outstanding needs for 2006: CHF 919,119 (USD 736,265 or EUR 569,070). ([click here to go directly to the attached interim financial report](#)).**

**Appeal target for 2006-2007: Revised from CHF 6,945,882 (USD 5,565,540 or EUR 4,312,490) to CHF 5,803,015 (USD 4,649,490 or EUR 3,602,750) with Programme Update no.1. With Programme Update no.3, the 2006-2007 target was revised for the second time, amounting to CHF 5,975,903 (USD 4,787,850 or EUR 3,710,280) and the 2006 appeal target revised to CHF 3,089,418 (USD 2,474,825 or EUR 1,912,785).**

### Related Emergency or Annual Appeals:

**Central America and Mexico Annual Appeal. For details, please go to the website at: [http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf\\_appeals.pl?annual06/MAA43001.pdf](http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?annual06/MAA43001.pdf)**

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**Central America and Mexico Annual Appeal – Programme Update no.3 (Outlook for 2007). For details, please go to the website at: [http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf\\_appeals.pl?annual06/MAA4300103.pdf](http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?annual06/MAA4300103.pdf)**

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### Programme summary:

The goal of the regional delegation in 2006 continues to be, as in past years, to provide support to National Societies in the core programme areas, in accordance to the Plan of Action of the Inter-American Conference and the Strategy 2010, by strengthening links and building the capacities of National Societies through regional networks, the harmonizing of regional methodologies and campaigns, and the promotion of

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humanitarian principles and values. The regional delegation is also providing increased focus in preparation for the next 18<sup>th</sup> Inter-American Conference to be held in Guayaquil on 4-7 June 2007. Preparations for the conference include revisions of the programme area Plans of Action as well as the implementation of a number of projects and consultancies to help determine the impact of regional projects carried out since the last Inter-American Conference in Santiago de Chile.

The regional health programme is expanding the promotion and use of common methodologies with real measurable scaling-up in HIV/AIDS and work on “Mother & Child Health” (MCH), Psychosocial Support Programmes (PSP) and Avian Influenza. REDCAMP-SALUD, the Central America regional health network, is providing support to all these initiatives, and in a meeting in October in Panama, the network worked towards revising indicators to measure impact on the road to the XVIII Inter-American Conference, to be held in Guayaquil in 2007. The focus has been on the harmonization of methodologies at the continental level and in this regard there has been close collaboration and coordination with the Lima Regional Delegation health team.

The regional risk reduction programmes has worked towards shifting the focus of risk reduction in the region from projects to programmes, seeking to establish links between individual projects and a common approach to risk reduction within each country. Tools and methodologies developed through the Centres of Reference in El Salvador and Costa Rica have been adopted by all National Societies in the region, and the regional risk reduction programme has been working on disseminating the importance of guides such as the National Intervention Team (NIT) Training Curriculum and the “Better be Ready” Series on an international level.

The Organizational Development programme plays a pivotal role in developing the capacity of National Societies through the strengthening of regional networks, institutional structure and volunteer management and recruitment. The OD team has focused on implementing the Regional Volunteering Strategy, institutionalizing electoral policy, aiding in the drafting of national strategic plans and carrying out cross-border integrated community programmes.

The regional humanitarian principles and values coordinator aims to incorporate humanitarian principles and values into each core area by making HPV tools accessible to National Societies through the regional HPV website, working closely with different regional programme networks and conducting training sessions in different regional events that have taken place. The regional humanitarian principles and values coordinator is also working with the regional health programme in the REDCAMP-SALUD Regional Taxis Initiative, whereby taxi drivers are used as transmitters of HIV/AIDS messages focusing on prevention in high prevalence city environments and on promoting the message of tolerance and respect for people living with HIV and AIDS.

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## Regional Context

A relatively calm Hurricane Season has provided the regional delegation with the opportunity to take important steps in the revision of Plans of Action for 2007, in preparation for the 18<sup>th</sup> Inter-American Conference to be held in Guayaquil and continue to support regional programmes.

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At National Society (NS) levels, long term projects such as HIV/AIDS campaigns (“The Faces Campaign”, “Taxis Initiative”, “Together We Can”) have continued to expand and reach more people with their important messages on HIV/AIDS prevention and non-discrimination towards People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA). The Guatemalan Red Cross Hurricane STAN rehabilitation phase has also continued its success and it is estimated that the project will be closed by its 31 December deadline.

### **Health and Care**

**Programme Objective: National Societies in the region are increasingly adhering to the commitments in health as set out in the *Plan of Action of the XVII Inter-American Conference*, particularly with respect to the development of their health departments, and in the areas of HIV/AIDS, health in emergencies, community health, the promotion of voluntary non-remunerated blood donation (VNRBD) and water and sanitation.**

**Expected Result 1: The capacity of National Society Health departments has been strengthened and effective partnerships have been secured in line with Strategy 2010 and the Santiago de Chile Commitment.**

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

The Central American Health Network REDCAMP-SALUD held an important three-day workshop in early October in Panama City focusing on the health component of the 18<sup>th</sup> Inter-American Conference to be held in Guayaquil, Ecuador on 4 to 7 June 2007. All seven Central American National Societies of the region (Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama and Mexico) were present as well as representatives from the Dominican Red Cross and the American and Italian Red Cross Societies. In addition to key health representatives from the region the workshop was attended by key National Society and Federation staff from Risk Reduction, Humanitarian Principles & Values, Organizational Development, Communication and Youth departments. The participants produced the first draft of the Health Plan of Action for the 18<sup>th</sup> Inter-American Conference based on the newly approved Global Health Strategy using the six strategic areas of the Global Health Strategy as objectives with corresponding expected results and indicators. This is a key document as in the move towards the fine-tuning of the Continental Plan of Action 2007 – 2011.

#### **Impact**

The regional health programme can now benefit from having a document originating from the region with the full participation of all National Societies for discussion and hopefully approval during the planning process for the 18<sup>th</sup> Inter-American Conference in 2007. This document will help guide the harmonisation and scaling-up process in all areas of the Continental Health Programme 2007 – 2011.

**Expected Result 2: The response of National Societies in the HIV/AIDS epidemic has been refined and scaled up in the areas of prevention, care and the fight against stigma and discrimination.**

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

The regional HIV/AIDS programme, especially in the areas of youth peer education, social mobilization and anti-stigma campaigns, continues to strengthen in terms of numbers reached and impact. The programme would like to recognize the funding from the Norwegian and Swedish Red Cross Societies in aiding in the achievements of these objectives.

#### **HIV/AIDS Youth Peer Education – “Together We Can”**

The regional health programme is expanding the “Together We Can (TWC)” youth peer education methodology throughout the Central America region with a greater focus on impact and on monitoring and evaluation, using the newly produced TWC Monitoring and Evaluation Toolkit.

The Red Cross Society of Panama continues to reach more and more peers with appropriate HIV/AIDS prevention messages with an increase of **697** peers reached in the first two months (August to September) of this reporting period.

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The following tables illustrate the increase in peers reached over April – July. The most recent figures are in bold.

<b>Red Cross Society of Panama TWC Statistics to the end of September 2006</b>			
National Trainers	6	Peer Educators	77
Instructor Trainers	16	Peers Reached	(883) <b>1580</b>

In **Costa Rica** the National Society has had challenges with finding a replacement for the previous TWC - Coordinator but still managed to reach **227** more peers over the reporting period. With the assignment of the new coordinator there is an anticipation that greater numbers will be reached in the final two months of 2006.

<b>Costa Rican Red Cross TWC Statistics to the end of September 2006</b>			
National Trainers	5	Peer Educators	132
Instructor Trainers	7	Peers Reached	(300) <b>527</b>

In **Honduras** the Red Cross continues to work with the TWC methodology in at risk communities and increased the number of peers reached by **1,000** during the reporting period.

<b>Honduran Red Cross TWC Statistics to the end of September 2006</b>			
National Trainers	18	Peer Educators	(103) <b>253</b>
Instructor Trainers	20	Peers Reached	(561) <b>1561</b>

In **El Salvador** the National Society recently begun TWC in June 2006 but so far has already reached **270** peers in three months (by the end of September 2006). The Salvadorean Red Cross Society has indicated that they propose reaching approximately 1,000 peers before the end of the year as the interest level so far in the branches has exceeded initial estimates.

<b>Salvadorean Red Cross Society TWC Statistics to the end of September 2006</b>			
National Trainers	(8) <b>10</b>	Peer Educators	(6) <b>50</b>
Instructor Trainers	(3) <b>28</b>	Peers Reached	(0) <b>270</b>

In **Guatemala** the National Society also began to work in TWC after an initial TWC Workshop held in late June to early July with 26 participants. They have now reached 201 peers but the continuing focus on the closing of the Operation Stan Programme is limiting the full implementation of the methodology. Given the recognized strength of the Guatemalan Red Cross in HIV/AIDS there is confidence that the numbers of peers reached will dramatically increase when the Hurricane Stan Operation closes and the NS can focus on its day-to-day operations.

<b>Guatemalan Red Cross TWC Statistics to the end of September 2006</b>			
National Trainers	4	Peer Educators	(8) <b>17</b>
Instructor Trainers	8	Peers Reached	(0) <b>201</b>

In **Nicaragua** the National Society, with support from the Italian Red Cross and the Federation, is gradually moving with its TWC programme. After the first TWC Workshop held in July they reached three peers in the August- September period.

<b>Nicaraguan Red Cross TWC Statistics to the end of September 2006</b>			
National Trainers	4	Peer Educators	10
Instructor Trainers	5	Peers Reached	3

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### **Transporting Respect for People Living with HIV/AIDS (The Taxis Initiative)**

In coordination with the regional humanitarian principles and values coordinator the regional health team continues to increase impact in the Taxis Initiative in **Guatemala, El Salvador** and **Honduras**. With over 300 taxi drivers active in the initiative in the three countries, it is estimated that based on 10 – 12 passengers per day, the NSs are reaching about 90,000 people with key messages on promoting tolerance for PLWHA and on HIV/AIDS prevention per month. In **Nicaragua** the Italian Red Cross and the Federation are assisting the Nicaraguan Red Cross in replicating the Taxi Initiative in Managua.

The Taxis Initiative has exceeded expectations since it began as a four month pilot project in late 2005. The initiative has received very positive praise from other key allies such as the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) and other most particularly national networks of People Living with HIV/AIDS (See objective no.1 of the Humanitarian Principles and Values Section of this report for more information).

Plans are now underway to produce a case study and film focusing on the taxis initiative. Funding is provided through the DFID Institutional Strategy II and is being led by the Principles & Values Department in Geneva in close coordination with the regional delegation. The film and case study should be available in time for the Inter-American Conference.

The regional delegation is grateful to the Swedish Red Cross for their assistance in supporting the Taxis Initiative.

### **Nobody has the Truth Written on their Face. Protect Yourself. Use a Condom**

This campaign promoting condom use amongst the sexually active segment of the population is now being implemented in Panama, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Guatemala with the images being displayed on bus stops, billboards, youth internet sites, posters and T-shirts. It was also the focus of the Federation Booth at the International AIDS Conference in Toronto in August where over 3,000 t-shirts were sold and 5,000 posters distributed to campaign participants throughout the world. The campaign is now being promoted throughout the Caribbean and will be a focus of the World AIDS Day Celebrations on 1 December.

### **Impact**

Through the “Together We Can” HIV/AIDS youth peer education methodology, a total of **4,812** adolescents (Red Cross implementers and school youth) have been reached with correct and precise HIV/AIDS prevention messages: an increase of 2,171 over the previous reporting period. With El Salvador, Guatemala and Nicaragua basically just starting to replicate the methodology gradual and measurable increase in impact in terms of numbers reached is anticipated. In addition to the quantitative aspects of the scaling-up process the regional health programme will be in a position to measure qualitative impact through the use of the new TWC Monitoring and Evaluation Toolkit.

Through “The Taxis Initiative” in Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador approximately **270,000** taxi passengers have been reached with HIV/AIDS messages focusing on prevention and on showing respect and tolerance for People Living with HIV/AIDS.

Whilst it is difficult to measure the impact of “The Faces Campaign” representatives from the Public Health Department of the University of South Florida expressed an interest in assisting the regional health team in developing a toolkit to measure impact in this campaign.

### **Constraints**

Until an instrument to measure the impact of the “The Faces Campaign” is in place it will be difficult to measure the true effect of the campaign.

**Expected Result 3: National Societies have scaled-up integrated health interventions in the area of mother and child health, VNRBD, and health in emergencies in partnership with Pan American Health Organisation (PAHO), the Ministries of Health (MOH) and other partners (including vulnerable communities).**

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

**Mother and Child Health**

The Regional Health Delegate paid visits to **El Salvador** and **Haiti** during the reporting period to follow up on mother & child health initiatives. In El Salvador visits were paid to communities being assisted by the Salvadorean Red Cross Society through British Red Cross funding. A new Plan of Action was agreed upon and target communities were visited to assess program implementation to-date. The intervention is in favour of 5,000 of the most vulnerable members of isolated communities affected by seasonal flooding and more recently droughts. The Salvadorean Red Cross Society has put together an effective methodology which includes components of health, humanitarian principles and values and risk reduction: all which have involved the community from the onset.

In **Haiti** the Regional Health Delegate working with the in-country Health Delegate and the Haitian Red Cross Health Department put together a concept paper for the European Commission call for proposals on “Sexual and Reproductive Health”. The Regional Health Delegate also undertook discussions with the Spanish and Norwegian Red Cross Societies in assessing how they can also contribute to the success of the application through the use of common methodologies and with alliances with strategic partners such as the University of Tromso. More information about this can be found in documentation related to the Haiti appeal.

In **Panama** the Regional Health Programme is supporting the implementation of a dengue campaign focusing on preparedness and community mobilization with the Ministry of Health (MoH) and the Ministry of Education (MoE). The NS held two meetings with the key ministries and carried out focus groups at a number of schools to put together a campaign that would be effective and sensitive to community perceptions. The Red Cross Society of Panama subsequently produced a campaign with the MoH and has reached vulnerable communities in Panama City and in three provinces with high dengue prevalence through its volunteer network and branches.

**Voluntary Non-Remunerated Blood Donation (VNRBD)**



The region continues to focus on building up capacity in this key area. Following on from the successful “Continental Club 25 Workshop” attended by National Societies from the Americas in July most NSs now report on activities on Club 25. The Nicaraguan, Salvadorean and Honduran Red Cross Societies have begun Club 25 activities and the Guatemalan Red Cross has submitted a budget and Plan of Action to the regional delegation to begin as soon as possible. A regional delegation “Club 25 Consultant” has visited El Salvador, Panama, Honduras, Nicaragua and Haiti and is planning to visit Guatemala, Mexico and the Dominican Republic in November. The consultant has also sent questionnaires to the Mexican, Suriname, Guyana, Dominican and Guatemalan Red Crosses. The consultant will soon be in touch with the last NS to be included on the preliminary list for National Societies introducing Club 25 – the Trinidad & Tobago Red Cross. The information that the consultant is obtaining from all NSs is important in helping to put together a regional map on voluntary non-remunerated blood supply programmes and a baseline on current statistics. It will also help share lessons learned and ensure that “Club 25” is rolled-out and scaled-up throughout the region in the same format.

In September the Red Cross Society of Panama and the International Federation met with the Panamanian Ministry of Health and representatives from the Social Security Department and the National Blood Service to discuss the implementation of Club 25 in-country. A decision was taken to write up and sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) whereby the Red Cross Society of Panama and the International

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Federation would give technical assistance to the MoH in the introduction of Club 25 and the Red Cross Society of Panama would provide a secure area in their headquarters where donors could donate blood and Club 25 members could meet. Panama, with 3.1% rate, has one of the lowest levels of non-remunerated blood donations in the Americas and the Ministry of Health sees Club 25 as an ideal methodology to increase donations amongst adolescents. A follow-up meeting during October agreed final details of the MoU.

The Finnish Red Cross has replied positively to the proposal presented to them on the “Continental Scaling-Up of Club 25” for a three-year period (2007 – 2009) by committing 75,000 EUROS per year for the three year implementation period. Further positive news was received when the McCann Erickson Worldwide Advertising Agency agreed to support the regional delegation in the launch of a regional Club 25 campaign, providing assistance with advertising and a mass media campaign. The regional health team met with McCann Erickson on the 2 October and hope to soon have some concrete examples of material that can be used to promote Club 25.

### **Avian Influenza Preparedness**

The reporting period saw the fine-tuning of “Continental Strategic Plan on Avian Influenza/Pandemic Influenza” with the Lima Regional Delegation and in working on IEC material and in the planning of the “1<sup>st</sup> Continental Workshop on Avian Influenza / Pandemic Influenza” to be held in Panama City on 20 – 21 November 2006.

### **Psychosocial Support Programmes (PSP)**

Meetings were held with a Panamanian foundation on supporting a post-graduate course on “Psychological Support Programmes in Emergency Settings” through the University of Panama. The Regional Health Delegate is also working on increasing the visibility of PSP throughout the region through a PSP consultancy based in the Caribbean that will hopefully result in the development of a regional PSP methodology based on the work already done in the Costa Rican Red Cross and the Costa Rican Reference Centre and material originating from the Jamaican Red Cross.

### **Impact**

The “Club 25” methodology shows real promise in assisting in a significant scaling-up in impact in Voluntary Non-Remunerated Blood Donation (VNRBD). The financial support from the Finnish RC and the technical advice from McCann Erickson will be key to increasing impact in 2007.

The “1<sup>st</sup> Continental Workshop on Avian Influenza/Pandemic Influenza” to be held in Panama City in November 2006 will provide support in increasing Continental focus and capacity in this key area.

The regional health programme would like to note the financial assistance of the Norwegian Red Cross in the implementation of the Community Health component.

## **Disaster Management**

**Programme Objective: Strengthened National Societies are working at the community, national and regional levels with better prepared communities which are less vulnerable to the impact of disaster.**

**Expected Result 1: The regional reference centre for education in community based disaster management based in Costa Rica is fully operational and supports peer Red Cross Societies.**

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

The Centre of Reference for Community Based Disaster Preparedness in Costa Rica is revising the modules of the “Better Be Ready Series” in order to make the adjustments necessary for the next edition. This series is the cornerstone of community based education in disaster preparedness in the region and serves an important role in the follow up of Vulnerability Capacity Assessment (VCA) and the establishment of early warning systems and community plans of action.

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During August, the Centre of Reference for Community Based Disaster Preparedness (CRCBDP) revised the results of the regional community education meeting held in July in Panama. The CRCBDP also imparted a workshop to train VCA trainers in El Salvador on 18-22 October and 30 new VCA instructors are now available to provide support throughout the region. A VCA trainer for CRCBDP, a volunteer from the Red Cross Society of Panama, provided logistical support in two VCA workshops held in August in the departments of Yucatan and Quintana Roo together with the Mexican Red Cross.

The coordinator of the Costa Rica Centre of Reference participated in the Presidents and Technical Seminars Meeting of Sub-Region 2 (South America), which took place on 25-29 September in Rio de Janeiro, and provided an opportunity for the CRCBDP to provide key achievements and present tools and methodologies developed in the past year.

### Impact

Aside from aiding communities in the identification of risks and threats and their capacity to respond to disaster situations, VCA workshops have also been used by the Centre of Reference in order to make revisions on the methodology for 2007.

### Constraints

None to report.

**Expected Result 2: The regional reference centre for disaster preparedness in El Salvador contributes to saving lives in disaster situations and is fully consolidated to offer regular peer support to sister Red Cross Societies.**

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

The Centre of Reference for Disaster Preparedness (CRDP) in El Salvador is fully functional and provides integral support in strengthening National Intervention Teams (NIT) and contingency and disaster response plans in the region. The coordinator of the Centre of Reference is also undergoing intensive English courses in order to expand the centre's work in other regions.



**A National Intervention Team workshop was held in Guatemala on with the support of the Centre of Reference for Disaster Preparedness**

The revision of the National Intervention Teams Basic Training Manual has been completed after several validations took place in El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. This Basic Training Manual was officially introduced in a meeting held on 23-27 October in San Salvador in which National Society members from Mexico, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama and representatives from Pan American Disaster Response Unit (PADRU) and the regional delegation participated.

This meeting is the first in a series of activities scheduled to draft a field manual for National Intervention Teams, which will consist of key steps and processes to uphold during a disaster situation. An independent consultant, who is executing a consultancy on NIT for the Federation on a global level, was also present

during this meeting and took advantage of the opportunity to carry out personal interviews and hand out questionnaires. The field manual is currently around 70% complete and is expected to be completed in November.

The CRDP also supported several National Societies in the implementation of NIT workshops in Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua.

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The Contingency and Disaster Response Plan Guide is completed, and efforts to implement its publication, dissemination and carry out training sessions are being coordinated with PADRU.

### **Constraints**

None to report.

**Expected Result 3: Communities are better prepared and more organized to respond to and recover from the effects of natural hazards and have recognized potential mitigation needs and actions to take.**

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

In Guatemala, four VCA diagnostics have been carried out in the Department of Izabal using the modules from the “Better Be Ready...” series, and 30 community VCA diagnostics have been implemented in municipalities affected by Hurricane Stan (El Palmar, Tecun Uman, Coatepeque, Retalhuleu and Mazatenango – see operational updates for further details) as a part of the disaster preparedness component of the Guatemalan Red Cross Hurricane STAN rehabilitation phase. The STAN rehabilitation phase diagnostics have resulted in the implementation of 30 micro projects in disaster preparedness including pedestrian bridges, emergency response equipment procurement, early warning systems, community kitchens, shelters and temporary health posts. Furthermore, 45 volunteers are working on the community preparedness education component of the Guatemalan Red Cross.

During the reporting period, three Early Warning Systems were put in place in the municipalities of Mazatenango, Coatepeque and Tecún Umán by the Guatemalan Red Cross. These early warning systems consist of the installation of river level meters and radio communication equipment coupled with the organization and training of the community on steps to take during an emergency situation.

The Salvadorean Red Cross Society, with the support of funding received via the Federation, carried out three VCA workshops in communities of the municipalities of San Vicente, Verapaz, Apastepeque and San Cayetano Istepeque. A total of 95 people participated in these workshops, which indirectly benefited about 9,200 people through the identification of threats and risks and the implementation of early warning systems and risk reduction practices.

Two early warning workshops were carried out in the communities of El Desvio and San Isidro, finalizing a community based project which reached 207 women and 107 men in 15 communities. The early warning workshops also benefited from the installation of radio communication systems in the communities in which they were carried out.

In Mexico, the Regional Delegation, the CRCBDP and the Mexican Red Cross worked together to strengthen vulnerable populations and Mexican Red Cross branches in Yucatán and Quintana Roo. Branches received training in community education and early warning systems and worked with communities to identify threats and risks in disaster situations, carrying out two VCA workshops in the community of Chelem Puerto.

### **Impact**

The regional risk reduction programme is working towards incorporating risk reduction as a key programme in NSs of the region, establishing links between projects in order to establish a common approach to risk reduction within each country.

### **Constraints**

A lack of funding has resulted in the suspension of long term activities, directing programme budgets towards specific activities and providing technical support to NSs.

**Expected Result 4: The National Societies’ capacity to undertake disaster preparedness programming and to assist and advocate on behalf of disaster-affected people is strengthened.**

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



**On 11 October, the global “Disaster Reduction Begins at School” campaign was launched in Panama**

On 11 October, International Disaster Risk Reduction Day, a global campaign titled “Disaster Reduction Begins at School” was launched in the Puerto Rico Elementary School in Panama. The event was coordinated together with International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR), United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), PLAN International, Pan American Health Organisation (PAHO), the Red Cross Society of Panama, the Ministry of Education and SINAPROC (national system for civil protection in Panama) and consisted of the unveiling of the global campaign and a giant version of the “Riskland” board game, which teaches early warning and risk reduction practices. Children were able to play the “Riskland” board game as well as receive

first aid demonstrations from the Red Cross Society of Panama.

The regional delegation is organizing a SPHERE trainer of trainers workshop with the support of the secretariat in Geneva, which will be carried out between 8-15 December in Panama City. A Sphere workshop will also be held by the Costa Rican Red Cross in November and preparations for both workshops include the drafting of a code of conduct, the translation of case study videos from Guatemala and the adaptation of Sphere material used in Guatemala.

National Society Disaster Management directors have been in close coordination with the regional delegation and the Red Cross Society of Panama in preparation for the REDCAMP-DISASTERS meeting that will be held in November in Panama. This meeting will discuss the basic standards during a disaster situation, as well as disaster management policies in the region.

With the support of the Centre of Reference for Disaster Preparedness several National Societies in the region have implemented NIT workshops:

- The Nicaraguan Red Cross held its first NIT workshop in Masachapa between 27 August and 1 September with a total of 20 participants.
- The Honduran Red Cross carried out a NIT workshop in Sigatepeque on 24- 29 September with a total of 22 participants.
- The Guatemalan Red Cross held a NIT workshop in Quetzaltenango on 1- 6 October with a total 20 participants.

**Impact**

In a joint effort with REDCAMP-DISASTERS, the centres of reference, and the regional delegation, NIT and VCA trainers are being mobilized throughout the region to support National Societies in the development of courses and the carrying out of trainer of trainers courses that will allow NSs to better respond to disaster situations.

**Constraints**

None to report.

**Expected Result 5: Disaster risk reduction information management is effectively used to increase awareness and identify hazards.**

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

The regional risk reduction programme continues to support the joint production of the Continental Risk Reduction Bulletin, which is prepared by the regional delegations in Panama and Lima and launched throughout the region. In September, the Continental Bulletin highlighted the launching of the global risk reduction campaign “Disaster Reduction Begins at School” as well as climate change and the road to the Inter-American Conference in Guayaquil in 2007.

### **Constraints**

None to report.

**Expected Result 6: Cross Border communities are better supported by their Branches, and are interacting and coordinating with cross border neighbour communities.**

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

On 13-17 September, the Centre of Reference for Community Based Disaster Preparedness in Costa Rica provided support to the cross-border Integrated Community Programme carried out between the Red Cross Society of Panama and the Costa Rica Red Cross. 32 members of bordering branches participated in the workshop and representatives from the board of directors and the different programme areas also were present. This project is being implemented in coordination with the regional Organizational Development programme (see OD Objective no.3 for more details).

### **Impact**

The results of the VCA were presented to local authorities and community leaders and provided the background needed to select the key activities that will be carried out in the branches of Talamanca (Costa Rican Red Cross) and Changuinola (Red Cross Society of Panama) during November and December.

### **Constraints**

None to report.

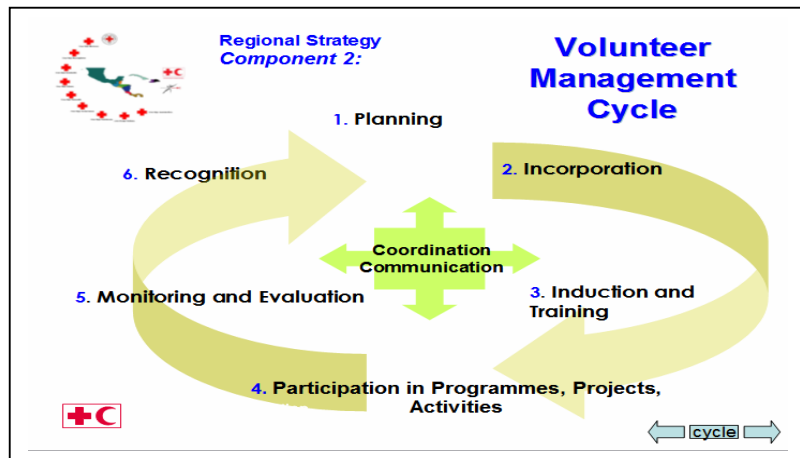
## **Organizational Development**

**Programme Objective: The National Societies in the region are increasingly adhering to the criteria of a “Well Functioning National Society”, and are improving their capacity to work with vulnerable communities.**

**Expected Result 1: National Societies will have improved their capacity to organise their volunteers in programmes that assist vulnerable people, through application of the regional volunteering strategy.**

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

National Societies of the region are adopting and implementing different components of the Regional Volunteering Strategy after its validation on 25 July in the National Society President’s Meeting in Panama. During the reporting period several National Societies prioritized certain aspects of the Regional Volunteering Strategy, with most NSs focusing on volunteering policy and management and volunteer census. The Costa Rican Red Cross, with the support of the regional organizational development (OD) programme and the humanitarian principles and values (HPV) coordinator, drafted educational tools and methodologies to serve as guidelines and to aid both instructors and students in teaching and learning some of the main components of the volunteering strategy including volunteer policy and management, and youth and gender.



The Costa Rican and Mexican Red Cross Societies have approved drafts of their volunteer policy and management cycle. The Mexican Red Cross has also approved guides and manuals that will be used to disseminate the importance of volunteering policy, youth and gender and will be handed out in the National Volunteer Convention to be held in November 2006. The Red Cross Society of Panama, through its training centre and with the support of the regional networks, has submitted a final draft of its training curriculum for volunteers, which will be published in November.

The Red Cross Society of Panama has started developing a data base for the registration of all volunteers to serve as an overall census of the human resource capacity of the NS. A similar process has already been put in place by the Nicaraguan Red Cross, with database design for storing membership information already established and personnel allocated for registration and member verification receiving training in the registry process.

The Guatemalan Red Cross has approved the restructuring of its Youth programme, with the support of the Nicaraguan and Costa Rican Red Cross. This process will include the training of 22 youth leaders and 11 branch presidents in a workshop in November. It is expected that this training will provide the Guatemalan Red Cross with candidates that can effectively represent the Youth programme in the next National Council elections to be held in December.

The Honduran Red Cross is carrying out the final monitoring of its project to strengthen volunteering and NS branches and the final stages of this project, which will end in December, are to restructure volunteering and the board of directors in 3 branches. This project has been funded through the Capacity Building Fund. Three tools and guides on volunteer management have been developed by these branches to aid in the restructuring process.

### Impact

The implementation and appropriation of the Regional Volunteering Strategy by National Societies will ensure more efficient volunteer management and an increase in the ability of recruiting and maintaining volunteers. This strategy ensures a more prominent role of volunteers in programmes, projects and activities, more efficient incorporation and training for volunteers as well as the recognition of volunteer efforts.

### Constraints

None to report.

**Expected Result 2: The integrity, institutional capacities and development of the National Societies are strengthened, in particular by utilizing the expertise of the regional organizational development network.**

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

The Guatemalan Red Cross is receiving support from the regional OD programme in strengthening the electoral process in preparation for the National Council elections to be held on 9 December. The Guatemalan Red Cross is seeking to reorganize their governing bodies in order to strengthen governance and the overall capacity of the National Society. The Nicaraguan Red Cross is also working to strengthen electoral processes, approving electoral statutes and an election calendar for the National Council and is being closely accompanied through this process by the OD programme.

The Red Cross Society of Panama, with the support of the regional OD delegate, established a system of tools for the elaboration of operational plans and budgets based on its own Strategic Plan. These tools will allow NSs of the region to follow and adopt guidelines in the elaboration of programme and project operational plans and budgets. The Red Cross Society of Panama also drafted branch statutes and is in the process of strengthening its own electoral process through the drawing up of electoral statutes.

A highlight of the period was the holding of the Continental Forum for Financial Resource Development in August 2006. As a result of this forum seven National Societies of the region (Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama and Mexico) each have one representative trained in resource mobilization. Techniques learned during the forum included an assessment of new trends and global fundraising strategies for non-profit organizations and a breakdown on how to establish a resource plan and budget. Training in resource mobilization will allow NSs to maximize resources by maintaining donors and attracting new investors. Both the Salvadorean and Costa Rican Red Cross Societies have drafted Resource Mobilization Plans of Action as a result of attending this Forum, whilst the Guatemalan Red Cross has begun the drafting process and the Honduran Red Cross has decided to establish an office for resource development.

Members of the regional Organizational Development network were invited by REDCAMP-SALUD to provide support in the drafting of proposals for the next Inter-American Conference to be held in Guayaquil in 2007. The regional OD network took advantage of this opportunity to define an agenda for its last meeting of the year, to be held in November, which will revolve around three key points: carry out a monitoring and evaluation of the results obtained from the XVII Inter-American Conference in Santiago, Chile; define proposals for OD and Volunteering for Guayaquil 2007; and introduce and evaluate existing tools developed for implementation of the Regional Volunteering Strategy.

### **Impact**

During the reporting period the strengthening of institutional capacities and development of National Societies focused on improving electoral processes and drafting statutes, establishing tools for the drafting of Plans of Action, improving resource mobilization and establishing tools and monitoring methods for the OD network in preparation for the 2007 Inter-American Conference in Guayaquil.

### **Constraints**

The National Board of the Costa Rican Red Cross has requested the Federation to extend the process of drafting a strategic plan in order to give priority to the restructuring of various branches. The Costa Rican Red Cross has requested that funding allocated towards the drawing up of a Strategic Plan be transferred to Integrated Community Programmes developed in the border with Panama.

**Expected Result 3: The National Societies and their networks of branches have developed the capacity to manage integrated programmes at the community level.**

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

Vulnerability Capacity Assessment trainings were carried out with members of the board of directors of the Changuinola branch of the Red Cross Society of Panama and the Talamanca branch of the Costa Rican Red Cross on 13-17 September. These workshops were implemented with the support of the Centre of Reference on Community Based Disaster Preparedness in Costa Rica and trainees were able to implement their community practice with the vulnerable communities of Sixaola (Costa Rica) and Guabito (Panama), both which were affected by floods during the rainy season. Members of the board of directors of both branches, together with members of Headquarters, met with local authorities and community leaders to present the findings of the VCA and establish the

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following areas for intervention: community based disaster preparedness and early warning systems against floods, community health, HIV/AIDS and basic water and sanitation and prevention against exploitation of minors and trafficking of children.

The main activities in this Integrated Community Project will be carried out by the Community Education, OD, Disaster Management, Youth, Health and Communication Programmes of the two bordering branches during the months of November and December. Topics addressed in OD will include, leadership, volunteer management and branch logistics, and the project will benefit from regional tools and methodologies such as the “Better Be Ready...” series modules.

### **Constraints**

Severe flood, which often hits this region during the end of the rainy season (November and December) could have a negative impact on the project’s development.

## **Humanitarian Principles and Values**

**Programme Objective: Humanitarian principles and values are integrated in each of the core programme areas within the National Societies in the region, in accordance with Strategy 2010.**

**Expected Result 1: The National Societies are systematically disseminating the fundamental principles and humanitarian values, using regional tools.**

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

During the reporting period, close coordination was maintained with regional networks, in order to provide follow up on the dissemination of humanitarian principles and values tools, the unveiling of new initiatives and take advantage of regional meetings to share National Society experiences in different projects and activities.

**Organizational Development Network:** Support in the revision and dissemination of the Regional Volunteering Strategy and methodology for its implementation, which includes educational and interactive material designed in coordination with the Costa Rican Red Cross.

**REDICOM:** Follow up has been provided, with the support of the Costa Rican Red Cross, to the development of a humanitarian principles and values educational tool for communicators. This tool will be accompanied by a methodological guide, which is in the process of being drafted. The network has also had a strong focus on the publication of articles on HIV/AIDS, violence prevention, network organization and gender in the regional website [www.cruzroja.com](http://www.cruzroja.com)

**RED CROSS YOUTH:** Youth volunteer training was carried out in preparation for the monitoring of the Taxi Initiative. This training workshop involved the introduction of tools and methodologies used in the subject of non-discrimination, which include humanitarian values flipchart and manual, as well as an interactive CD with the principles of action.

**REDCAMP DISASTERS:** Support was provided in the final revision of the Regional Guide for Training in Disaster Policy, as well as in the coordination of a regional workshop for the validation of this regional tool, which will be carried out in November, in Honduras.

**REDCAMP-SALUD:** In two workgroup meetings a document was drafted for a proposed log frame for the Inter-American conference in Guayaquil, which includes components of both the health and humanitarian principles and values programmes.

As can be seen in the following tables, during the reporting period, the humanitarian principles and values programme provided important workshops on humanitarian principles and values for NS volunteers and directors.

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**Honduran Red Cross:** Several workshops have been carried out with members of NS personnel, including leadership, volunteers and youth.

Type of Training	Number	Volunteers Trained
Non Discrimination	25	Directors
Humanitarian Principles and Values	35	Communicators
Humanitarian Principles and Values	25	Members of headquarters
<b>Total</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>Volunteers</b>

**Mexican Red Cross:** The National Society benefited from the development of the 1st national volunteer coordinator meeting. Volunteer coordinators have the important responsibility of orienting and training new volunteers on subjects such as non discrimination and tolerance, with particular emphasis on the Promise of the Federation.

Type of Training	Volunteers Trained
Humanitarian Values Workshop	30 coordinators
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>

**Costa Rican Red Cross:** The first humanitarian principles and values national workshop for communicators was held in Cartago, Costa Rica.

Type of Workshop	Volunteers Trained
Humanitarian Values Workshop	26 Communicators

The webpage is updated regularly and National Societies are regularly using the webpage to share information on humanitarian principles and values.

As the following table shows, this reporting period saw large amount of contributions from National Societies for the Humanitarian Principles and Values website:

National Society	Type of Information	Number of Articles
El Salvador	HIV/AIDS	3
Honduras	HIV/AIDS, Violence and Gender	6
Guatemala	HIV/AIDS	2
Nicaragua	HIV/AIDS	1
Costa Rica	Humanitarian Values and Youth	1
Panama	Humanitarian Values and Youth	2
Mexico	Humanitarian Values and Volunteers	1
<b>Total articles</b>		<b>16</b>

### Impact

During the reporting period, major achievements were obtained in the training of volunteer monitors in the subject of HPV, with at least seven NSs participating in the training process. Greater participation in humanitarian principles and values by NSs has been noted through an increase in the sharing of experiences through the regional website and the electronic bulletin published by the Red Cross youth network.


Close collaboration has also been maintained with the regional Health and Organizational Development programmes in the implementation of projects and the design of regional tools and methodologies.

**Expected Result 2: The National Societies are developing activities that promote tolerance, non-discrimination and respect for diversity, both within and outside the Movement.**

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

During this period the Federation Promise of Non Discrimination was disseminated through workshops in the National Societies of Costa Rica, Honduras and Mexico.

	National Society	Volunteers Trained
	Costa Rican Red Cross	26 National Communicators
	Honduran Red Cross	60 Volunteer Directors 30 Staff members
	Mexican Red Cross	35 Volunteer Directors
	Health Network	25 Regional Health Representatives
	<b>Total</b>	176 people



In coordination with the regional health programme, the regional humanitarian principles and values programme has continued to implement the regional “Transporting respect to people living with HIV/AIDS” initiative in Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and El Salvador.

**Guatemala:** The first stage of 2006 was finalized with 82 taxi drivers trained, with the non-discrimination and tolerance towards People Living with HIV/AIDS reaching 7,000 passengers in October. This project was carried out with the two main taxi cooperatives of Guatemala City.

**El Salvador:** The initial phase of the Taxi initiative, in which more than 100 taxi drivers participated, has drawn to a close, with an estimated 30,000 taxi passengers receiving key messages on non-discrimination towards people living with HIV/AIDS.

**Honduras:** The Taxi initiative has shown important advances during the reporting period, which include:

- The incorporation of three Taxi cooperatives (Torocagua-Centro, San Francisco-21 de Febrero and Kennedy-Centro), which cover six neighbourhoods, into the initiative.
- A total of 88 new Taxi drivers trained, adding to the 31 drivers who were already actively participating in the project.
- A team which includes members of Honduran Red Cross Youth, rapid HIV testing teams and health department representatives.

### Impact

The regional humanitarian principles and values programme has been encouraging HPV representatives in projects and workshops in order to promote the dissemination of new documents and the Pledge of Non-Discrimination after obtaining approval from National Societies.

The main achievements within the Taxi Initiative include:

- Use of functional tools and methodologies, which have helped the implementation of workshops and the visibility of the initiative (hats, seat covers, fliers).
- Constant written media and television coverage.
- The creation of discussion spaces in communities where individuals can learn about and discuss HIV/AIDS.
- Involvement of People Living with HIV/AIDS as key actors in the initiative through testimonials and the sharing of experiences.
- Strengthening the Guatemalan Red Cross HIV/AIDS programme.

## **Coordination, Cooperation and Strategic Partnerships**

**Programme Objective: Strengthened and improved cooperation, coordination and support mechanisms are in place, facilitating collaboration amongst Movement partners and with strategic partners.**

### **Cooperation and Coordination**

An identified added value of the Federation is support complementarity between the different Movement partners who are active in the region. This strategy has led to the adoption of common methodologies and materials (in vulnerability and capacity analysis, community based disaster preparedness, peer education in HIV/AIDS, psychological first aid, community health, volunteer management etc). The Federation during the period continued to maintain close dialogue and collaboration with the main Participating National Societies working in the region.

As mentioned previously, the Federation continues to collaborate with the Spanish Red Cross in the implementation of the regional anti-violence strategy adopted by the presidents of the Central American National Societies in September 2005.

### **Networks**

The first draft of the review of experience within the region of working through networks being funded through the DFID Institutional Strategy was delivered and extensively reviewed by the regional delegation, with a second revised version of the report delivered at the end of October.

The review, not an evaluation due to the nascent nature of a number of the networks, offers an external perspective of the strengths and opportunities of the networks, as well as highlighting some of the difficulties that some of the networks are facing. The report provides some valuable recommendations to different stakeholders in networks on how to confront some of the challenges that networks face and some practical ideas as to how to ensure that the networks can realise their full potential.

The review report will be available in Spanish and English and will be circulated early in the New Year to all National Societies and networks in the region so that they can start responding to the recommendations. The report will also input into the global discussions related to networks and collaborating centres, as part of the Global Agenda focus.

### **International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)**

During the reporting period the regional delegation and ICRC were in regular communication although no particular activities were implemented.

### **Alliances and strategic partnerships which are delivering valuable services to vulnerable people**

As mentioned in previous programme updates, the "Faces" programme being implemented throughout Central America and the Caribbean continues to build on the strategic alliance between McCann Erickson and the International Federation. The campaign was chosen to front up the Federation presence at the global HIV/AIDS meeting held in Toronto in August, drawing great interest on behalf of the 24,000 participants in the work of the Red Cross in the region. McCann Erickson is now working with the regional delegation to design a campaign to support the voluntary, non-remunerated blood donation programme.

In the risk reduction programme, the regional programme continues to build on its relationships with other organisations such as Plan International, ISDR and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). One particular initiative is to focus on activities around International Disaster Risk Reduction Day which is celebrated in October every year. A regional campaign focusing on safer schools will culminate in a whole range of activities in October 2007.

### **Constraints**

The issue of how to advance cooperation, and specifically Cooperation Agreement Strategies (CAS), within the region remains an open question within the Central American region, with little appetite being

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shown for adopting CAS as a strategic tool. At the same time, day-to-day cooperation between National Societies is progressing, in part through their increased contact through networks, together with increasing use of certain internet-based communications tools such as internet telephony, which has been strongly encouraged by the Federation delegation. The delegation remains concerned at the low level of funding for this objective, with modest contributions so far received from British and Norwegian Red Cross Societies.

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Reporting Timeframe	2006/1-2006/10
Budget Timeframe	2006/1-2007/12
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**I. Consolidated Response to Appeal**

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
A. Budget	2'113'859	1'795'799	268'317	1'326'505	471'425	5'975'903
B. Opening Balance	168'865	123'973	31	159'678	51'027	503'574
<b>Income</b>						
Cash contributions						
British Red Cross	95'615	178'047	0	0	1'235	274'897
Canadian Red Cross Society	18'895					18'895
Capacity Building Fund		46'720		0		46'720
DFID Partnership	72'998	70'078	17'462	102'342	37'810	300'690
Norwegian Red Cross	413'582			138'631	19'290	571'504
Swedish Red Cross	176'896		42'419	84'838		304'152
C1. Cash contributions	777'986	294'845	59'881	325'811	58'335	1'516'858
Outstanding pledges (Revalued)						
Swedish Red Cross	-15'744					-15'744
C2. Outstanding pledges (Revalued)	-15'744					-15'744
Reallocations (within appeal or from/to another appeal)						
American Red Cross	0			0		-0
Australian Red Cross				6'015	-6'015	0
British Red Cross		0			0	0
Capacity Building Fund				-0		0
DFID - British Government	-14'624			-0		-14'624
DFID Partnership					40'000	40'000
Irish Red Cross Society	0					0
Italian DREF		2'641				2'641
Netherlands Red Cross		40'000		20'000	15'594	75'594
Norwegian Red Cross					0	0
Swedish Red Cross	0			0		-0
C3. Reallocations (within appeal)	-14'624	42'641		26'015	49'579	103'611
Inkind Personnel						
British Red Cross					62'000	62'000
C5. Inkind Personnel					62'000	62'000
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C6)	747'617	337'486	59'881	351'826	169'914	1'666'724
D. Total Funding = B + C	916'483	461'460	59'912	511'504	220'941	2'170'299

**II. Balance of Funds**

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance	168'865	123'973	31	159'678	51'027	503'574
C. Income	747'617	337'486	59'881	351'826	169'914	1'666'724
E. Expenditure	-621'304	-380'440	-44'764	-377'195	-234'632	-1'658'337
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	295'179	81'019	15'147	134'308	-13'691	511'962

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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>		2'113'859	1'795'799	268'317	1'326'505	471'425	5'975'903	
<b>Supplies</b>								
Shelter - Relief	28'000							28'000
Construction Materials	14'000		54				54	13'946
Clothing & textiles	7'000	1'003	1'736		656		3'394	3'606
Food		265					265	-265
Medical & First Aid		2'436	622				3'058	-3'058
Teaching Materials	85'730	836	7'190				8'026	77'704
Utensils & Tools	54'000		42				42	53'958
<b>Total Supplies</b>	<b>188'730</b>	<b>4'539</b>	<b>9'644</b>		<b>656</b>		<b>14'838</b>	<b>173'892</b>
<b>Land, vehicles &amp; equipment</b>								
Computers & Telecom	13'750		3'572		1'113		4'685	9'065
<b>Total Land, vehicles &amp; equipme</b>	<b>13'750</b>		<b>3'572</b>		<b>1'113</b>		<b>4'685</b>	<b>9'065</b>
<b>Transport &amp; Storage</b>								
Storage	14'750	376					376	14'374
Distribution & Monitoring	310	313					313	-3
Transport & Vehicle Costs	15'648	1'625	887	236	1'391	58	4'197	11'452
<b>Total Transport &amp; Storage</b>	<b>30'708</b>	<b>2'314</b>	<b>887</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>1'391</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>4'885</b>	<b>25'823</b>
<b>Personnel Expenditures</b>								
Delegates Payroll	928'107	103'153	40'848		56'740	11'917	212'659	715'448
Delegate Benefits	250'579	38'899	27'655		29'807	162'956	259'318	-8'739
Regionally Deployed Staff	203'303	72	7'868			144	8'084	195'219
National Staff	385'548	31'354	27'683	8'177	2'061	7'854	77'129	308'419
National Society Staff	194'058	28'459	74'099	10'304	8'082		120'944	73'114
Consultants	409'304	18'989	8'598		14'629	17'306	59'523	349'781
<b>Total Personnel Expenditures</b>	<b>2'370'898</b>	<b>220'925</b>	<b>186'752</b>	<b>18'481</b>	<b>111'319</b>	<b>200'178</b>	<b>737'655</b>	<b>1'633'243</b>
<b>Workshops &amp; Training</b>								
Workshops & Training	2'070'059	146'153	50'253	4'643	101'156	5'693	307'898	1'762'161
<b>Total Workshops &amp; Training</b>	<b>2'070'059</b>	<b>146'153</b>	<b>50'253</b>	<b>4'643</b>	<b>101'156</b>	<b>5'693</b>	<b>307'898</b>	<b>1'762'161</b>
<b>General Expenditure</b>								
Travel	406'383	52'533	40'750	2'717	21'509	18'881	136'390	269'993
Information & Public Relation	385'633	32'609	20'233	3'220	8'775	756	65'592	320'041
Office Costs	78'040	5'156	14'641	806	3'305	917	24'825	53'215
Communications	35'744	12'365	11'495	2'012	7'093	2'952	35'918	-174
Professional Fees	4'000	2'628	3'840		1'475		7'943	-3'943
Financial Charges		958	5'676	437	1'913	-4'418	4'566	-4'566
Other General Expenses	3'525	572	534		532	249	1'888	1'637
<b>Total General Expenditure</b>	<b>913'325</b>	<b>106'821</b>	<b>97'169</b>	<b>9'192</b>	<b>44'601</b>	<b>19'338</b>	<b>277'121</b>	<b>636'204</b>
<b>Program Support</b>								
Program Support	388'434	40'385	24'729	2'910	24'518	14'989	107'530	280'904
<b>Total Program Support</b>	<b>388'434</b>	<b>40'385</b>	<b>24'729</b>	<b>2'910</b>	<b>24'518</b>	<b>14'989</b>	<b>107'530</b>	<b>280'904</b>
<b>Operational Provisions</b>								
Operational Provisions		100'167	7'435	9'304	92'442	-5'624	203'724	-203'724
<b>Total Operational Provisions</b>		<b>100'167</b>	<b>7'435</b>	<b>9'304</b>	<b>92'442</b>	<b>-5'624</b>	<b>203'724</b>	<b>-203'724</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)</b>	<b>5'975'903</b>	<b>621'304</b>	<b>380'440</b>	<b>44'764</b>	<b>377'195</b>	<b>234'632</b>	<b>1'658'337</b>	<b>4'317'567</b>
<b>VARIANCE (C - D)</b>		<b>1'492'555</b>	<b>1'415'358</b>	<b>223'552</b>	<b>949'309</b>	<b>236'792</b>	<b>4'317'567</b>	