

# Programme Update 2007



International Federation  
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

## Bangladesh

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This report covers the period 01/01/07 to 31/05/07  
of the 2006-2007 appeal.

In a world of global challenges, continued poverty, inequity, and increasing vulnerability to disasters and disease, the International Federation with its global network, works to accomplish its Global Agenda, partnering with local community and civil society to prevent and alleviate human suffering from disasters, diseases and public health emergencies.



Rally in Dhaka to celebrate World Red Cross Day on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2007

### In brief

**Programme Summary:** The Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) developed its plan of action for 2007, based on activities that were implemented under all its programmes. An unstable political situation in the country (with a state of emergency being declared and a new chief adviser of the caretaker government sworn in at the beginning of the year) resulted in activities delayed and difficulty in communicating with BDRCS personnel. Despite the challenges, however, all programmes progressed steadily in their delivery of services to local communities.

The national society responded to a series of natural catastrophes like cold waves, fires and tornadoes that affected Bangladesh during the reporting period, and made progress in its disaster preparedness initiatives. Under its health and care programme, BDRCS conducted a HIV and AIDS baseline survey, while communities benefited from installed water and sanitation facilities and strengthened blood and avian influenza components. The national society also initiated a process of organizational restructuring and the development of effective systems and procedures like financial and volunteer management systems. Progress continued to be made in integrating humanitarian values as a crosscutting issue in all programme activities.

A mid-term review of the United Kingdoms Department for International Development (DFID)-funded risk reduction programme, was conducted in May. BDRCS also began programme planning exercises for 2008/2009.

**Needs:** Total 2006-2007 budget CHF 6.49 million (USD 5.28 million or EUR 3.92 million) out of which 61% covered. Outstanding needs are CHF 2.53 million (USD 2.06 million or EUR 1.53 million).

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**Our Partners:** Approximately 41 community-based, national, government-based, international organizations, UN, developmental agencies and partners within the Movement.

Main donors for 2007 so far include the Swedish, Kuwait, Japanese Red Cross societies, Hong Kong branch of the Red Cross Society of China, SIDA through Swedish Red Cross and DFID through British Red Cross.

**No. of people we help:**

| Year            | Project title               | Target population | Total # of people we help | % Women | % Men | % Children under the age of 18 |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|---------|-------|--------------------------------|
| Jan to May 2007 | Health & Care               | 110,000           | 35,930                    | 35%     | 65%   | 50%                            |
|                 | Disaster Management         | 11,605,000        | 399,689                   | 45%     | 55%   | -                              |
|                 | Humanitarian Values*        | 2466              | 860                       | 45%     | 55%   | 15%                            |
|                 | Organizational Development* | 1688              | 780                       | 30%     | 70%   | 20%                            |

*Note\*: The figures for the 'health and care' and 'disaster management' programmes include both direct and indirect beneficiaries, while the figures for the 'humanitarian values' and 'organizational development' programmes include only direct beneficiaries.*

## Progress towards objectives

### Health and care

**Objective:** Capacity of BDRCS health department and selected existing health programmes are supported to ensure more appropriate health services to the most vulnerable and contribute to reduce the burden of HIV through community based, integrated intervention.

#### Project 1: HIV and AIDS

A baseline survey on the level of knowledge, attitude and practice of the community on HIV and AIDS was conducted in five selected districts with the involvement of volunteers. The survey, which provides the basis for good monitoring and evaluation, highlighted the persisting misconceptions that exist regarding the spread of the HIV infection, especially among school and community youth. Of the survey participants, 38 percent were women. The survey report was shared with the national societies, the Federation's country delegations and South Asia regional delegation, during the regional health meeting held in Dhaka from 23 to 26 April, which was hosted by BDRCS and supported by the Federation Bangladesh delegation.

An estimated 20 officers from the cyclone preparedness programme (CPP) attended a HIV and AIDS anti-stigma and discrimination session, organized by the BDRCS on 8 February in Dhaka. They will share the knowledge acquired at this session with CPP volunteers in the cyclone shelter areas, who will provide further training to communities in the CPP areas, which will help to increase the community awareness on these issues.

Under the blood component of the programme, it is proposed that the unit in Rajshai district in the north-west will start an eighth centre. This adds to the five blood centres attached with the BDRCS national headquarters and two centres established by district units in 2006. BDRCS currently provides 12 percent of the total blood collection in the country. The Bangladesh government provided equipment and furniture, valued at CHF 135,100, to the blood banks in the Dinajpur and Jessore units.

At a two-day workshop in March, participants discussed an outline for a national safe blood policy and provided some useful recommendations, including organizing trainings on voluntary non-remunerated blood donor motivation, for the volunteers. Consequently, five BDRCS personnel were included in a training programme, organized by the Bangladesh government and the World Health Organization (WHO), on voluntary blood donor motivation, donor retention and organizing voluntary blood donation camps. Plans were also made for World Blood Donor Day which is on 14 June 2007.

#### Project 2: Public Health

On 22 March 2007, the Bangladesh government announced the virus infection H5N1 in poultry birds in Dhaka. Two persons from the BDRCS and one from the Bangladesh delegation were among 60 participants from different

parts of the country to take part in a three-day training of trainers programme on avian/human pandemic influenza, organized by the government's institute of epidemiology, disease control and research. Training was provided on material developed by the institute, with the financial and technical support of United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), to enable those trained to, in turn, train other health personnel and volunteers. The BDRCS was also a part of the process for revising the Bangladesh government's 'national avian influenza and human pandemic influenza preparedness and response plan'.

The BDRCS health and care programme trained 100 key staff members and volunteers on communicating the risk of avian influenza over three awareness-raising sessions, to enable them to further disseminate the information through their community programmes.

### **Project 3: community health and care, water and sanitation**

In two districts of the Chittagong Hill Tract (CHT), Bandarban and Rangamati, BDRCS staff and volunteers were trained in water and sanitation implementation procedures and site selection facilities. They were also trained to involve communities in the implementation and maintenance of those facilities.

For the installation of the facilities, care was taken to select the most vulnerable population without any safe drinking water facilities in the area. A total number of 36 tube wells (15 deep set pumps and 21 shallow tube wells) were installed in 36 communities in the two districts. Each tube well provides safe drinking water and water for other household purposes for 8-15 families, and approximately 525 families have benefited from the installations. Each community formed local committees-five members, to maintain the tube wells.



Tube well installed in Bandarban district in April 2007

In addition, 425 vulnerable families were selected from two sub-districts of Bandarban for the installation of slab latrines. The installation will involve communities and receive financial and technical support from BDRCS. Also, 36 tube wells and 425 slab latrines, benefiting 1,100 to 1,200 families, will be installed in two sub-districts of Rangamati by the end of June.

Water facilities provided by BDRCS during previous years were also repaired, with the involvement of concerned communities.

### **Constraints**

Limited human resources available under the programme at BDRCS national headquarters and rapid turnover of trained personnel led to difficulties in the smooth and timely implementation and monitoring of programme activities. This is being addressed through the recruitment of more staff at national headquarters, the process for which is currently underway.

### **Working in partnership**

The existing relationship with the World Health Organization (WHO) was strengthened. BDRCS and the Bangladesh delegation are working closely with the government's Health Ministry and the WHO in jointly organizing a major programme on World Blood Donor Day. A representative from WHO facilitated sessions during the voluntary non-remunerated blood donor motivation workshop.

The Bangladeshi people living with HIV (PLHIV) network was actively involved in the HIV and AIDS baseline survey and is showing interest in developing an income generation programme for PLHIV, with the support of BDRCS and the Federation.

Selection of appropriate water and sanitation facility sites and specifications of materials was done through consultations and discussions with stakeholders, including the government's department of public health engineering, the International Committee of the Red Cross, UNICEF, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), as well as NGOs like World Vision, Green Hill and other local NGOs, which helped avoid duplication of work.

### **Contributing to longer-term impact**

The HIV and AIDS baseline survey will assist in addressing and overcoming issues related to stigma and discrimination in the long term. Training volunteers and involving them in the survey helped them gain an understanding of the magnitude of the HIV and AIDS problem and the stigma and discrimination attached with it.

The provision of water facilities ensured adequate safe drinking water and water for other household purposes, within easy reachable distance, which saves time and energy for community members, especially women. Slab latrines situated in close proximity to houses improved privacy, especially for women/girls, as well as basic hygiene practices. This is especially essential for disaster prone communities, in keeping with the Federation's second Global Agenda goal, which is the reduction in the number of deaths, illnesses and impact from diseases and public health emergencies.

Involving communities in the implementation has improved the programme's sustainability as it creates a sense of ownership of the programme among community members. For example, during the installation of tube wells in Bandarban and Rangamati districts in CHT, committees of community members were formed to select the sites for installation, set up and maintain the tube wells. This has helped in better maintenance and use of these facilities.

## Disaster Management

**Programme objective:** The BDRCS disaster management (DM) programme is capable of rendering effective services to reduce vulnerability in disaster-prone areas, thereby contributing to achieve the characteristics of a well-functioning national society

The year started with several cold waves affecting almost the entire country. The BDRCS responded by distributing 24,066 Federation-supplied blankets in the affected areas, supplemented by more than 12,000 blankets and 3,000 shawls provided through funds raised by BDRCS's local units.

There was also rapid response by the national society and the Bangladesh delegation to a number of other disasters such as fires and tornadoes, with significant support from the government, at both local and national levels. Often BDRCS/Federation and the government were the first and only responders.

| Disaster type | Number of incident | Location                                      | Number of families supported | Type of support   |
|---------------|--------------------|---|------------------------------|---|
| Cold wave     | 01                 | Country wide                                  | 42,000                       | Blankets  |
| Fire          | 09                 | Dhaka city; Matlab and Chandpur districts     | 1,277                        | Family kits*<br>144 casualties treated<br>89 blankets distributed in Matlab |
| Nor'wester    | 01                 | Bhola district                                | 800                          | Family kits, blankets   |
| Tornado       | 03                 | Tangail, Netrakona and Brahmanbaria districts | 895                          | Family kits   |

*\*Family kits contain clothing, utensils, a large bucket, plastic sheeting, soaps, candles, matches and a sturdy sack*

Vulnerability and capacity assessments (VCAs) were conducted in four disaster prone communities of Sirajganj district, under the community based disaster management (CBDM) programme. These exercises gave the communities an opportunity to identify and voice their needs for disaster risk reduction, and enhanced the BDRCS's understanding of participatory approaches essential for community based programme implementation. The VCAs also provided the BDRCS a chance to ascertain small-scale mitigation interventions needed to reduce community vulnerabilities. Thirty participants from the CBDM project, officers from other units, Nepal Red Cross personnel, a Red Crescent Youth chief as well as volunteers and staff from the Bangladesh delegation received hands-on training on VCA.

Interventions on community awareness and capacity building for disaster response were conducted regularly. These include micro-group (community self-help group) sessions, meetings of community and unit disaster response teams (CDRTs and UDRTs) and community disaster management committees, as well as community-based first aid training sessions for health volunteers. CDRT members took a proactive role in beneficiary selection and blanket distribution during the emergency response to the cold wave in Bangladesh. First aid kits were provided to all 80 target communities. Buffer stocks of non-food items (family kits) and search and rescue equipment will be positioned at ten units to further boost their response capacity.

Under the cyclone preparedness project (CPP) the existing cyclone early warning equipment was repaired to improve dissemination of cyclone warnings in high risk areas. Awareness about the threat of cyclone-related

disasters was promoted through 93 awareness-raising rallies across all CPP target areas, with participation from 18,600 volunteers and 279,000 beneficiaries. This includes:

- evacuation drills in six CPP areas (1,260 volunteers and 21,000 beneficiaries),
- awareness raising meetings in 30 educational institutions (covering 8,400 school and college students),
- advocacy meetings with religious leaders and local elites in two CPP areas (64 participants), and
- art competitions for community children in two districts with 80 participants.

Community involvement was reinforced through monthly meetings of the CPP community volunteer base (1,077 volunteers participated in these meetings).

The CPP was also successful in promoting gender sensitization through the initiatives taken by 440 newly-recruited women community volunteers, who arranged household-level forums on cyclone preparedness measures in their villages in 12 sub-districts. A total of 1,290 community women participated in these meetings.

In order to ensure proper maintenance of cyclone shelters, repair and renovation work was initiated after a technical survey to identify their structural condition. Assessments of 51 shelters and renovation work on 25 were successfully completed in one district. Repairs on another eight shelters in a sub-district are in progress. In January, a monitoring team visited five repaired shelters and one that has deteriorated/been damaged and made recommendations for the next round of repair work.



A cyclone shelter.

A refresher training-of-trainers on the basics of disaster management, first aid, tracing, and search and rescue is being conducted for officers and community trainers. This is in addition to micro group discussions and demonstrations of preparedness measures at household level, revision of volunteer guidelines, and co-ordination meetings with the government and NGOs on cyclone preparedness.

Restructuring of the Chittagong Hill Tract (CHT) development project was completed and the action plan for this project was redesigned. Leadership training for the community development committees (CDCs) was conducted at the sub-district level and is continuing into the next reporting period. Basic medicines were provided to community organizers and their first-aid kits were replenished, for the provision of basic primary health care support to the targeted communities. Other ongoing activities include awareness raising on health, hygiene and nutrition, the proper use of water and water wells, and sanitation. Dissemination of Red Cross Movement principles, humanitarian values and misuse of the emblem were also addressed through the micro-group forums. The CDCs held regular monthly meetings and formed a good connection among communities and the BDRCS. A coordination meeting, involving all the units, is being organized at the district level, to ensure proper implementation of activities.

Under the earthquake preparedness and response project (EPRP), squads were reorganized and a simulation exercise for community volunteers was conducted in an effort to establish a trained community volunteer base. Refresher trainings on disaster management, Movement principles and community-based first aid for unit squad members, took place regularly. Subsequently, about 21 EPRP squad members and project personnel took the lead in an emergency fire response in Dhaka city, providing first aid support to nearly 80 injured people, who were affected with minor burns and/or breathing problems.

Interaction with school authorities was initiated for a safety programme in selected locations prone to earthquakes. Schools with structural vulnerabilities were identified for retrofitting or minor structural support, while, at other schools, awareness raising on earthquakes was taken up among students, teachers and staff through orientation sessions, film shows and simulation exercises. Newly developed project implementation guidelines for EPRP are being utilized effectively for various components of the project.

Progress was made in the area of capacity building of the BDRCS national headquarters and units, which was visible in the prompt and effective response of the national society to the disasters that struck the country. For example, when a cyclonic storm formed in the Bay of Bengal in mid-May, the BDRCS CPP and the Bangladesh delegation quickly went on high alert, in full coordination with government authorities and other agencies. Efforts

were made to improve the level of buffer stocks despite financial constraints, and a well-balanced store of non-food items is on hand. A joint BDRCS-Federation team developed a contingency preparedness plan for emergencies, which will enable the BDRCS to respond more effectively at the time of a disaster.

### **Constraints**

Political instability in the country caused a number of BDRCS units to be only partially functional, if at all. Combined with current administrative processes, this has had an impact on the implementation of some activities. These factors are being addressed through close monitoring and follow-ups.

### **Working in partnership**

The BDRCS cyclone preparedness staff, with financial and technical assistance from the European Commission and the British, German and Swedish Red Cross Societies, is implementing a bilateral project on building community disaster preparedness capacity, which covers areas included under the multilateral programme (20 sub-districts of nine CPP districts). The Bangladesh delegation provided technical assistance through the repairing of cyclone shelters in project areas.

During the cold wave operation, coordination with the ministry of food and disaster management, through the disaster emergency response group<sup>2</sup>, enabled BDRCS and the Federation to revise their primary allocation of blankets for northern Bangladesh (as the north was largely covered through government distribution), and instead focus on distributing in other areas.

Coordination and cooperation was maintained within the Movement. Two BDRCS officials served for a month with the regional disaster response team, as part of the earthquake relief operations in Pakistan. Project implementation guidelines, with technical inputs from the Federation, are being used for both the CBDM and earthquake projects. The regional disaster management working group meeting, organized by the Federation and hosted by BDRCS, was held from 7 to 9 May in Dhaka.

### **Contributing to longer-term impact**

Clear progress has been made in addressing the need for more gender-sensitized projects. This is reflected in the rise in women community volunteers and initiatives that involve an increasing number of community women in programme activities. This includes initiatives like the construction of wooden partitions and separate toilet facilities for women under the CPP cyclone shelter renovation work.

The water and sanitation activities under the CHT development project further demonstrates that BDRCS interventions are designed to have a longer-term impact within communities, as they improve the health status of vulnerable communities through better access to hygienic toilet facilities and close proximity to clean drinking water.

## **Organizational Development**

**Objective:** BDRCS capacity is improved at all levels in assisting the most vulnerable.

The national society, with the technical support of the Federation, is in the process of carrying out an organizational restructuring for the proficient use of human resources. A proposed organizational structure has almost been finalized and approved by the BDRCS managing board. In January 2007, BDRCS, with financial and technical support from the Federation, provided retirement benefits to 32 of its staff members, which is part of the retrenchment process.

The head of the Bangladesh delegation facilitated an orientation for the BDRCS managing board and senior management on 26 January. The role of governance and management was discussed with the newly assigned chairman and secretary general of BDRCS. The managing board identified the shortcomings of 2006 and set deadlines to address the major issues.

In March, a joint meeting between BDRCS and the Federation helped facilitate better integration between programmes. This was held with the aim to improve understanding of programmes, share information and address general issues. There was also continued information sharing and discussion between BDRCS units and the

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<sup>2</sup> An in-country body coordinating during disasters, jointly chaired by the UN and the Ministry of Disaster Management

Bangladesh delegation to develop improved programmes at unit level. BDRCS is translating a manual from the Swedish Red Cross on organizational development, to be used as an assessment tool for the BDRCS units.

Twenty reporting focal points from the BDRCS and the Bangladesh delegation passed a 16-day course conducted by the British Council from 20 February to 12 April 2007 in Dhaka to develop their writing skills for better reporting. Furthermore, a planning, monitoring, evaluation, reporting training for 36 staff from the BDRCS and the Bangladesh delegation was held from 15-19 April. The training, facilitated by the Federation's Asia Pacific service centre and the South Asia regional delegation, was a refresher for those involved in the planning process for 2008/09, thereby enabling them to better plan, monitor and evaluate programmes.

The development of the BDRCS financial management system began. This system will allow BDRCS to enhance its capacity to manage its financial resources effectively and to ensure accountability and transparency to donors. BDRCS, with the support of the Federation, systematically replaced a manual accounting system with a computerized one. Following training on this system from 14 to 21 January, all finance staff of the BDRCS are able to feed in data into the Navision accounting software on a daily basis.

A well-defined volunteer management cycle was developed to have a common and integrated approach of managing the wide range of diversified BDRCS volunteers in different programmes. A group is working to develop the terms of reference of different areas of the volunteer management cycle, to make it more user-friendly for all programmes. Two BDRCS representatives participated in a volunteering in emergencies workshop in Kuala Lumpur from 17 to 19 April. The workshop developed a set of practical guidelines for volunteering management in emergencies, an implementation plan for the guidelines and some suggestions for the Federation's disaster commission and the governing board.

BDRCS celebrated International Women's Day on 12 March, in collaboration with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the Federation, to share views on and emphasize the significance of the event. The national society, with assistance from the Federation, also observed World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day on 8 May. A rally with 500 people was held in Dhaka, and the foreign affairs advisor to the Bangladesh government inaugurated the event. Art and cultural competitions were also conducted to mark the occasion.

In May, the communications team from the South Asia regional delegation and the Bangladesh delegation visited BDRCS's units in Jessore and Bagerhat districts, to collect information for case studies and success stories that are being compiled into a brochure for the Federation as a marketing tool to promote BDRCS activities.

BDRCS formed a fund raising committee at the beginning of the year, headed by its treasurer and members from different departments. The committee is developing a database on potential donors and is also exploring opportunities for the collection of donations on a more regular basis. It has also started maximising its property and assets utilization. The programme coordinator and organizational development programme officer from the Bangladesh delegation participated in an organizational development team meeting organized by the Asia Pacific Service Centre in Kuala Lumpur from 1 to 3 March. The meeting was an opportunity to discuss common approaches in the fundamental aspects of organizational development work in the region, maximize and coordinate shared resources, and share innovative/creative experiences and techniques.

The regional organizational development consultant joined the Bangladesh delegation, to equally between the delegation and the South Asia regional delegation.

### **Constraints**

As with other programmes, the political instability mentioned slowed down overall programme implementation and some planned activities, such as the coordination meeting among units and training for unit level officers, could not be carried out.

Change in the senior management and governance also affected the process of restructuring BDRCS, which hindered the timely and smooth implementation of programme activities.

### **Working in partnership**

A meeting involving all BDRCS partners working in Bangladesh was held on 29 and 30 May, to discuss issues relating to the partnership and future courses of action. An estimated 45 participants, including representatives from the American, British, German, Swedish and Swiss Red Cross Societies, the ICRC, the Federation's Geneva

secretariat and the South Asia regional delegation, besides the BDRCS and the Bangladesh delegation, participated in the meeting.

The Bangladesh delegation also organized regular coordination meetings with in-country partner national societies (including the German, Swiss and British Red Cross Societies), as well as the European Commission and the ICRC, to improve coordination with BDRCS and discuss issues related to supporting the national society. One of the outcomes of these meetings was an agreement, by Movement partners, not to provide a project allowance (an additional benefit over and above staff salaries) to BDRCS staff.

The close collaboration between BDRCS, the Federation and ICRC, for organizing the International Women's Day celebration, with the financial support of ICRC, strengthened the relationship of all involved.

### **Contributing to longer-term impact**

Through the development of effective systems and procedures, as well as the organizational restructuring initiative, the BDRCS is increasing its capacity to provide timely and effective assistance to the most vulnerable communities in Bangladesh.

The replacement of BDRCS's manual accounting system with a computerized one will ensure accountability, transparency and timeliness in reporting to donors, and will enable the national society to reach a global standard of financial management.

The progress made by BDRCS on restructuring and addressing issues of programme integration, management and governance are laying good foundations for tackling some of BDRCS's long-standing issues.

## **Humanitarian Values**

**Objective:** A better understanding of humanitarian values is reflected in existing BDRCS programmes and projects and contributes to influencing behaviour of staff, volunteers, beneficiaries and other stakeholders.

### **Progress towards objectives**

The BDRCS emphasized the importance of humanitarian values as an integrated aspect of all other programmes, focusing on an active application of the crosscutting issues of anti-discrimination and tolerance. Potential areas for intervention are HIV and AIDS and gender and ethnic conflict. The BDRCS has developed a HV training module, to be used when organizing trainings of the BDRCS programmes, both at national headquarters and branch levels.

BDRCS volunteers increasingly understand the importance of humanitarian values and are integrating it as an important crosscutting issue in all their activities. Field visits and reports from branches demonstrate that this improved understanding has led to consideration of HV during relief operations, and BDRCS staff and volunteers are increasingly aware of treating beneficiaries with dignity and respect. HV has been included as an integral part of the training curriculum for Red Crescent youth.

A core group was formed in BDRCS to disseminate HV issues under all its programmes. Monthly meetings of this group are held to better understand the concept of HV and discussions include approaches to take to disseminate the idea and practice of HV in all BDRCS programmes. A two-day HV workshop was conducted in Bandarban district in the Chittagong Hill Tracts for 30 staff members, volunteers and executive committee members.

### **Constraints**

As with most crosscutting issues, the HV programme was not a priority for the national society and the main challenge remained for the BDRCS senior management to further emphasize and prioritize the programme. The programme requires additional funding, but despite the challenges, some improvements could be seen this year, as highlighted above.

### **Working in partnership**

On International Women's Day on 8 March, the Bangladesh delegation worked closely with the ICRC to address discrimination issues, through discussions and interactive sessions, particularly on violence and ways of increasing tolerance, with different stakeholders and other agencies.

Following a meeting between BDRCS and ICRC on the emblem campaign, ICRC sought to work more closely and effectively with the Bangladesh delegation. It will do this by adopting an integrated approach through the introduction of emblem awareness in all trainings and workshops held for BDRCS staff and volunteers.

## Contributing to longer-term impact

Through the HV programme, BDRCS is working towards promoting the Federation's fourth Global Agenda goal, which addresses the reduction of intolerance, discrimination and social exclusion and promotion of respect for diversity and human dignity. For example, the BDRCS relief manual highlights the importance of addressing the specific needs of people with disabilities and issues of gender equality in relief operations. This has been specifically mentioned and adhered to during recent relief operations, including ensuring that distribution packs include essential items for women.

## Looking Ahead

As a number of planned activities could not be carried out during the reporting period due to the political developments in the country, which made a number of BDRCS units non- or partially functional and created difficulties in maintaining contact with personnel at these units, these activities may have to be carried over to 2008-2009. This will increase the number of activities to be implemented during the next two years. It is expected that the organizational restructuring process, which will be completed soon, will enable the organization to function more smoothly for the efficient and effective implementation of these activities.

## How we work

All International Federation assistance seeks to adhere to the [Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations \(NGO's\) in Disaster Relief](#) and is committed to the [Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response \(Sphere\)](#) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

### The Federation's Global Agenda

The International Federation undertakes activities that are aligned with its Global Agenda, which sets out **four broad goals** to meet the Federation's mission to "improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity".

### Global Agenda Goals:

- Reduce the numbers of deaths, injuries and impact from disasters.
- Reduce the number of deaths, illnesses and impact from diseases and public health emergencies.
- Increase local community, civil society and Red Cross Red Crescent capacity to address the most urgent situations of vulnerability.
- Reduce intolerance, discrimination and social exclusion and promote respect for diversity and human dignity.

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MAABD001 - BANGLADESH

Interim Financial Report

| Selected Parameters |                |
|---------------------|----------------|
| Reporting Timeframe | 2006/1-2007/5  |
| Budget Timeframe    | 2006/1-2007/12 |
| Appeal              | MAABD001       |
| 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            |
|--|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>A. Budget</b>   | 773,187        | 4,277,765           | 71,792              | 1,370,745                  | 0                             | 6,493,489        |
| <b>B. Opening Balance</b>  | 261,511        | 1,779,343           | 11,542              | 6,257                      | -22,688                       | 2,035,965        |
| <b>Income</b>  |                |                     |                     |                            |                               |                  |
| <u>Cash contributions</u>  |                |                     |                     |                            |                               |                  |
| British Red Cross  |                | 368,703             | 0                   | 45,600                     |                               | 414,303          |
| DFID Partnership   |                |                     | 7,234               | 24,946                     |                               | 32,180           |
| ECHO   |                | 35,915              |                     |                            |                               | 35,915           |
| Hong Kong Red Cross  |                | 528,250             |                     |                            |                               | 528,250          |
| Italian Red Cross  | 69,468         |                     |                     |                            |                               | 69,468           |
| Japanese Red Cross   | 63,703         | 0                   |                     |                            |                               | 63,703           |
| Swedish Red Cross  | 0              | 109,096             |                     | 215,154                    |                               | 324,250          |
| <b>C1. Cash contributions</b>                                      | <b>133,171</b> | <b>1,041,964</b>    | <b>7,234</b>        | <b>285,700</b>             |                               | <b>1,468,069</b> |
| <u>Outstanding pledges (Revalued)</u>                              |                |                     |                     |                            |                               |                  |
| British Red Cross  |                | 163,738             |                     |                            |                               | 163,738          |
| Hong Kong Red Cross  |                | -534,828            |                     |                            |                               | -534,828         |
| Italian Red Cross  | -69,437        |                     |                     |                            |                               | -69,437          |
| Japanese Red Cross   | 60,600         | 50,500              |                     |                            |                               | 111,100          |
| Swedish Red Cross  |                | 291,908             |                     | 106,020                    |                               | 397,928          |
| <b>C2. Outstanding pledges (Revalued)</b>                          | <b>-8,837</b>  | <b>-28,682</b>      |                     | <b>106,020</b>             |                               | <b>68,501</b>    |
| <u>Reallocations (within appeal or from/to another appeal)</u>     |                |                     |                     |                            |                               |                  |
| Italian Red Cross  | 9,445          |                     |                     |                            |                               | 9,445            |
| Kuwait Red Crescent  | 10,555         | -10,000             |                     | 47,071                     | 23,407                        | 71,034           |
| Norwegian Red Cross  |                |                     |                     | 263,692                    |                               | 263,692          |
| <b>C3. Reallocations (within appeal or from/to another appeal)</b> | <b>20,000</b>  | <b>-10,000</b>      |                     | <b>310,763</b>             | <b>23,407</b>                 | <b>344,170</b>   |
| <u>Inkind Personnel</u>  |                |                     |                     |                            |                               |                  |
| Swedish Red Cross  |                |                     |                     | 43,400                     |                               | 43,400           |
| <b>C5. Inkind Personnel</b>  |                |                     |                     | <b>43,400</b>              |                               | <b>43,400</b>    |
| <b>C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C6)</b>                               | <b>144,334</b> | <b>1,003,282</b>    | <b>7,234</b>        | <b>745,883</b>             | <b>23,407</b>                 | <b>1,924,141</b> |
| <b>D. Total Funding = B + C</b>                                    | <b>405,845</b> | <b>2,782,625</b>    | <b>18,776</b>       | <b>752,140</b>             | <b>719</b>                    | <b>3,960,106</b> |

**II. Balance of Funds**

|   | Health & Care | Disaster Management | Humanitarian Values | Organisational Development | Coordination & Implementation | TOTAL            |
|---|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>B. Opening Balance</b>               | 261,511       | 1,779,343           | 11,542              | 6,257                      | -22,688                       | 2,035,965        |
| <b>C. Income</b>                        | 144,334       | 1,003,282           | 7,234               | 745,883                    | 23,407                        | 1,924,141        |
| <b>E. Expenditure</b>                   | -333,060      | -1,710,647          | -17,235             | -589,301                   | -10,730                       | -2,660,974       |
| <b>F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)</b> | <b>72,785</b> | <b>1,071,978</b>    | <b>1,541</b>        | <b>162,839</b>             | <b>-10,011</b>                | <b>1,299,132</b> |

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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>                           |                  | <b>773,187</b> | <b>4,277,765</b>    | <b>71,792</b>       | <b>1,370,745</b>           | <b>0</b>                      | <b>6,493,489</b> |                  |
| <b>Supplies</b>                             |                  |                |                     |                     |                            |                               |                  |                  |
| Shelter - Relief                            | 113,956          |                | 11,291              |                     |                            |                               | 11,291           | 102,664          |
| Construction Materials                      |                  | 19,683         | 3,803               |                     |                            |                               | 23,486           | -23,486          |
| Clothing & textiles                         |                  |                | 114,351             |                     |                            |                               | 114,351          | -114,351         |
| Food  |                  |                | 93,255              |                     |                            |                               | 93,255           | -93,255          |
| Seeds,Plants                                | 29,486           |                | 2,921               |                     |                            |                               | 2,921            | 26,565           |
| Water & Sanitation                          | 122,779          | 19,843         | 43,291              |                     |                            |                               | 63,133           | 59,646           |
| Medical & First Aid                         | 92,249           | 225            | 3,215               |                     |                            |                               | 3,440            | 88,809           |
| Utensils & Tools                            | 1,736            |                |                     |                     |                            |                               |                  | 1,736            |
| Other Supplies & Services                   | 350,036          |                | 157,715             |                     |                            |                               | 157,715          | 192,320          |
| <b>Total Supplies</b>                       | <b>710,242</b>   | <b>39,751</b>  | <b>429,842</b>      |                     |                            |                               | <b>469,593</b>   | <b>240,650</b>   |
| <b>Land, vehicles &amp; equipment</b>       |                  |                |                     |                     |                            |                               |                  |                  |
| Vehicles                                    | 157,212          | 21,611         | 33,757              |                     |                            | -3,752                        | 51,615           | 105,596          |
| Computers & Telecom                         | 150,937          | 832            | 23,833              |                     | 4,328                      | 1,058                         | 30,050           | 120,886          |
| Office/Household Furniture & Equipm.        | 4,804            | 14,191         |                     |                     |                            |                               | 14,191           | -9,387           |
| Others Machinery & Equipment                | 28,511           |                |                     |                     |                            |                               |                  | 28,511           |
| <b>Total Land, vehicles &amp; equipment</b> | <b>341,463</b>   | <b>36,634</b>  | <b>57,590</b>       |                     | <b>4,328</b>               | <b>-2,694</b>                 | <b>95,857</b>    | <b>245,606</b>   |
| <b>Transport &amp; Storage</b>              |                  |                |                     |                     |                            |                               |                  |                  |
| Storage                                     | 95,400           | 1,261          | 4,502               |                     | 9                          |                               | 5,773            | 89,627           |
| Distribution & Monitoring                   |                  | 33             | 25,925              |                     | 711                        |                               | 26,669           | -26,669          |
| Transport & Vehicle Costs                   | 253,005          | 7,666          | 71,076              | 85                  | 10,325                     | 1,688                         | 90,840           | 162,166          |
| <b>Total Transport &amp; Storage</b>        | <b>348,405</b>   | <b>8,960</b>   | <b>101,503</b>      | <b>85</b>           | <b>11,045</b>              | <b>1,688</b>                  | <b>123,281</b>   | <b>225,124</b>   |
| <b>Personnel Expenditures</b>               |                  |                |                     |                     |                            |                               |                  |                  |
| International Staff Payroll Benefits        | 401,922          | 134,134        | 196,220             | 168                 | 87,213                     | 11,041                        | 428,776          | -26,854          |
| Delegate Benefits                           | 337,640          |                |                     |                     |                            |                               |                  | 337,640          |
| National Staff                              | 245,769          | 19,627         | 86,917              | 161                 | 40,829                     | -7,976                        | 139,559          | 106,210          |
| National Society Staff                      | 1,391,998        | 8,714          | 396,441             | 5,078               | 368,287                    | 7,976                         | 786,496          | 605,502          |
| Consultants                                 | 6,300            |                | 6,728               |                     |                            |                               | 6,728            | -428             |
| <b>Total Personnel Expenditures</b>         | <b>2,383,630</b> | <b>162,474</b> | <b>686,306</b>      | <b>5,408</b>        | <b>496,329</b>             | <b>11,041</b>                 | <b>1,361,560</b> | <b>1,022,070</b> |
| <b>Workshops &amp; Training</b>             |                  |                |                     |                     |                            |                               |                  |                  |
| Workshops & Training                        | 668,154          | 32,249         | 146,057             | 8,272               | 27,260                     |                               | 213,838          | 454,316          |
| <b>Total Workshops &amp; Training</b>       | <b>668,154</b>   | <b>32,249</b>  | <b>146,057</b>      | <b>8,272</b>        | <b>27,260</b>              |                               | <b>213,838</b>   | <b>454,316</b>   |
| <b>General Expenditure</b>                  |                  |                |                     |                     |                            |                               |                  |                  |
| Travel                                      | 131,593          | 1,946          | 31,592              | 829                 | 2,141                      |                               | 36,508           | 95,086           |
| Information & Public Relation               | 1,179,980        | 9,216          | 69,854              | 436                 | 19,906                     |                               | 99,411           | 1,080,569        |
| Office Costs                                | 207,147          | 3,423          | 23,073              | 1                   | 6,448                      | 34,245                        | 67,190           | 139,958          |
| Communications                              | 73,159           | 1,453          | 20,108              | 6                   | 2,412                      | 35,301                        | 59,279           | 13,880           |
| Professional Fees                           | 5,262            | 6,974          |                     |                     | 7,780                      | 12,557                        | 27,311           | -22,049          |
| Financial Charges                           | 18,507           | 4              | 7,500               |                     | 6                          | -9,075                        | -1,565           | 20,072           |
| Other General Expenses                      | 3,869            | 7,772          | 27,741              | 38                  | 5,416                      | -73,028                       | -32,060          | 35,929           |
| <b>Total General Expenditure</b>            | <b>1,619,518</b> | <b>30,789</b>  | <b>179,867</b>      | <b>1,309</b>        | <b>44,109</b>              | <b>-0</b>                     | <b>256,074</b>   | <b>1,363,444</b> |
| <b>Depreciation</b>                         |                  |                |                     |                     |                            |                               |                  |                  |
| Depreciation                                |                  |                | 4,146               |                     |                            |                               | 4,146            | -4,146           |
| <b>Total Depreciation</b>                   |                  |                | <b>4,146</b>        |                     |                            |                               | <b>4,146</b>     | <b>-4,146</b>    |
| <b>Program Support</b>                      |                  |                |                     |                     |                            |                               |                  |                  |
| Program Support                             | 422,077          | 21,638         | 111,168             | 1,120               | 38,106                     | 695                           | 172,727          | 249,350          |
| <b>Total Program Support</b>                | <b>422,077</b>   | <b>21,638</b>  | <b>111,168</b>      | <b>1,120</b>        | <b>38,106</b>              | <b>695</b>                    | <b>172,727</b>   | <b>249,350</b>   |
| <b>Operational Provisions</b>               |                  |                |                     |                     |                            |                               |                  |                  |
| Operational Provisions                      |                  | 566            | -5,832              | 1,041               | -31,875                    |                               | -36,101          | 36,101           |
| <b>Total Operational Provisions</b>         |                  | <b>566</b>     | <b>-5,832</b>       | <b>1,041</b>        | <b>-31,875</b>             |                               | <b>-36,101</b>   | <b>36,101</b>    |

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|                              |           | Health & Care | Disaster Management | Humanitarian Values | Organisational Development | Coordination & Implementation |           |           |
|                              | A         |               |                     |                     |                            |                               | B         | A - B     |
| <b>BUDGET (C)</b>            |           | 773,187       | 4,277,765           | 71,792              | 1,370,745                  | 0                             | 6,493,489 |           |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)</b> | 6,493,489 | 333,060       | 1,710,647           | 17,235              | 589,301                    | 10,730                        | 2,660,974 | 3,832,516 |
| <b>VARIANCE (C - D)</b>      |           | 440,127       | 2,567,118           | 54,557              | 781,444                    | -10,730                       | 3,832,516 |           |