

Programme Update



East Asia

Appeal No. MAA54001

30 June 2009

This report covers the period
1 January to 30 June 2009.



Young volunteers of the Mongolian Red Cross Society gather at the Ovorkhangai Provincial Red Cross Chapter Office which is 430 km from Ulaan Baatar. Rob Few/International Federation

In brief

Programmes summary:

The International Federation's East Asia regional office serves to support and build capacities within the national societies of the East Asia region. The region includes China, Mongolia, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Republic of Korea, and Japan. The International Federation has programmes that support the national societies in China, Mongolia and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK).

The International Federation continues to support the Red Cross Society of China (RCSC) in the recovery efforts for the areas struck by the 8.0 magnitude earthquake on 12 May 2008. The regional office hosted, with the RCSC, a partnership meeting specifically on the earthquake recovery activities in April, in conjunction with the annual partnership meeting of East Asia national societies.

At the same event, the International Federation organized specific sessions on the Global Alliance on HIV in East Asia, a Cooperation Agreement Strategy (CAS) partnership meeting for the DPRK Red Cross Society, and the exploration of a possible CAS process for the Mongolia Red Cross Society.

The regional disaster management team hosted a regional disaster management team meeting in March, followed by an emergency assessment workshop. The team also continues to support each national society on contingency planning, the development of national disaster response teams and integrated programming.

The regional health team also organized and hosted a regional health team meeting in March where focus on community based health and first aid as well as water and sanitation initiatives were introduced and discussed in detail. The development of the A (H1N1) virus into a global pandemic has stirred the International Federation's health team into action to make sure all country offices and national societies in the region have pandemic preparedness plans updated and ready for the inevitable spread of the virus. Furthermore, support to national societies in dealing with hand, foot and mouth disease and the concerns over the avian influenza (H5N1) virus are ongoing.

The International Federation's regional office has worked on raising the profile of Red Cross societies in the region through both advocacy and communications. The regional office was able to assist in the production of a number of marketing documents this spring regarding community based disaster preparedness and HIV prevention programmes in the region. This will continue on into the second half of this year.

Financial situation: The total 2009 budget is CHF 1,335,027 (USD 1.23 million or EUR 875,500), and is 60 per cent covered. Expenditure over income received up to June 2009 was 40 per cent.

[Click here to go directly to the attached financial report.](#)

No. of people we help:

During this reporting period, headquarters and branch staff of the Mongolian, Chinese and DPRK Red Cross Societies directly benefited through support of the International Federation's initiatives. Indirect beneficiaries include the branch staff, volunteers and communities that gain further knowledge and better services through the workshops and trainings that are held at the regional level. Furthermore, through support of the regional office, the national societies have been made better able to reduce risks in the communities they serve both from disasters and public health concerns.

Our partners: The International Federation's East Asia regional office works closely with the national societies in the region, their governments, and local communities. Other partners include the American Red Cross, Australian Red Cross/Australian government, British Red Cross/British government, Canadian Red Cross/Canadian government, Danish Red Cross/Danish government, Finnish Red Cross/Finnish government, German Red Cross/German government, Japanese Red Cross, Netherlands Red Cross/Netherlands government, Norwegian Red Cross/Norwegian government, Spanish and Swedish Red Cross/Swedish government. The United Kingdom Department of International Development (DFID) is also a supporter in the region. Close coordination with other Movement partners, such as the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the Asian Red Cross Red Crescent Network on HIV (ART) is a key element of our work. Maintaining and building relations within the United Nations system continues to be a priority, especially with partners such as World Health Organization (WHO), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), UNFPA and other international and non-government organizations. Furthermore, the regional office works with international media agencies and other partners to promote the work of the Red Cross national societies in the region. The national societies in the region have many Red Cross partners engaged in both bilateral and multilateral projects. The International Federation supports the national societies in their coordination with partner national societies, specifically the CAS established in DPRK and the initiation of the process in Mongolia and the Global Alliance on HIV/AIDS in both Mongolia and China.

The International Federation, on behalf of the national societies in the East Asia region, would like to thank the abovementioned partners for their generous support.

Context

Much focus of attention these past few months has been on the political tension on the Korean peninsula. Following condemnation from the UN Security Council at the launch of a satellite, and nuclear and short range missile tests, the DPRK announced that they would withdraw from the six-party talks and the truce agreement signed in 1953. Little progress has been made as of yet, but supporters of humanitarian work in the DPRK from the European Union, the United Nations and other governments have clearly stated the importance of differentiating political issues from the valuable contribution of international organizations in the DPRK. The head of the International Federation's East Asia regional office made a trip this spring to the DPRK to ensure continued cooperation and mutual support between the Ministries, the DPRK Red Cross Society and the International Federation.

Countries in East Asia have been greatly affected by the global economic downturn in the first half of this year. China felt a 22.6 per cent year-on-year drop in exports in April, which was the sixth consecutive month showing a decrease. Job loss across the nation spiked and an estimated 23 million migrant workers were unable to find work as of the end of the first quarter. Although, some are estimating that the economy is showing slow signs of doing better towards the end of the second quarter, the impact of these economic uncertainties are taking their

toughest toll on the most vulnerable populations in rural areas, where migrant workers are desperately trying to find ways to support their families.

Likewise, companies in Mongolia are closing their doors as the effects of the crisis deepen. Unemployment has risen and fear that this may push many thousands more into poverty is a reality already taking hold. Estimates by the ADB are as high as 5-7 per cent of the population could fall into poverty this year. A decrease in the international market value of Mongolia's raw materials has also greatly affected the stability of the nation's economy. All the while, the presidential elections that took place in May brought about debate and controversy as the Democratic Party candidate was elected into power.

While the economic crisis has spread deep into East Asia, the A (H1N1) virus has also spread throughout many East Asian countries, with the numbers of cases increasing daily into the hundreds for China, Japan and South Korea. Precautionary measures taken in these countries have put Red Cross Societies on alert for their own contingency planning as well as consideration of public prevention activities.



Red Cross Society disaster management programme officers were able to practice emergency assessment skills in a field exercise in Malong county, Yunnan, China. This was part of a regional workshop hosted for all East Asian national societies in March to help build the capacities of these staff when disaster strikes. International Federation

At the same time, hand, foot and mouth disease continues to plague China and Mongolia with hundreds of thousands of new cases this year, even though the severity of the outbreaks have been reduced. The avian influenza (H5N1) virus continues to circulate in China, with another seven human contracted cases of the virus. Concerns of continuing outbreaks of the H5N1 virus in birds and the transmission to humans puts support of avian influenza prevention messages still at a priority.

A year after the devastating earthquake hit China's southwest region, recovery efforts are still ongoing, with rapid construction going on throughout the areas. Other disasters continue to challenge the branches of the region's national societies, including harsh cold weather in Mongolia and China, flooding and the onset of the tropical storm season, and drought which is a silent killer of crops and livestock that greatly affect vulnerable populations across the region.

The Red Cross Societies in the region continue to serve some of the most vulnerable populations in their countries, and work together through support of the International Federation's regional office to deepen partnerships and share valuable knowledge in order to strengthen the impact of Red Cross work in East Asia.

Progress towards outcomes

Disaster management

Outcomes/Expected results

Programme component	Component outcome
Disaster management planning and organizational preparedness	National society disaster management strategies and contingency plans are developed and implemented, promoting national societies as respected humanitarian organizations with effective disaster management capacity in their country
	Capacity of the three national societies in the region to respond to disasters is strengthened.
Community preparedness/disaster risk reduction	The capacity of East Asia national societies is strengthened to support hazard-prone communities in reducing the impact of disaster through increased awareness and preparedness activities.
Coordination and cooperation	The East Asia disaster management programme is supported through the effective coordination and cooperation with international and external groups.

Achievements

As this region has many various types of disasters that greatly affect the national Red Cross Societies and the populations they serve, the International Federation's East Asia office strives to improve each national society's capacity for disaster response. All operational national societies in this region are prioritizing their disaster management actions in line with strategies of the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement. Underlying this has been the emphasis on improving preparedness, refining and developing capacity and scaling up of their disaster management and disaster risk reduction actions all within the context of their own national Red Cross strategy.

National societies in the region are continuing to actively work with vulnerable communities on disaster risk reduction. The regional disaster management programme continues to provide technical support to the national societies in the East Asia region, and share experiences of disaster risk reduction activities with other regions in the Asia Pacific zone.

In China, the disaster management programme is working closely with the Red Cross Society of China headquarters' disaster management department to review the lesson learned from the Sichuan earthquake operation. Discussions on the possibility to develop a national disaster response team (NDRT) to further develop the RCSC's response capacity have been a priority in the first half of the year. An NDRT concept paper has been developed and agreed upon with the RCSC, and a further action plan will be developed.

In the DPRK, the regional disaster management programme has participated in the DPRK Red Cross Society's disaster management review in November 2008, where key recommendations have been made to improve the disaster management programme there. The regional disaster management programme is working with the DPRK Red Cross Society to plan a refresher national disaster response team (NDRT) training and to facilitate their contingency planning process.

In Mongolia, the regional disaster management programme has been supporting the MRCS to develop a more integrated disaster management programme. During this reporting period, the regional disaster management delegate visited the Mongolian Red Cross Society to support the development of a community-based disaster preparedness project proposal and facilitate the disaster management review process which is currently ongoing. The expectation from the disaster management review is to provide strategic direction to formulate the long term disaster management strategy and policy.

The 2009 regional disaster management meeting was conducted on 14-15 March in Kunming, China. Disaster management managers from the DPRK Red Cross, Mongolian Red Cross and China Red Cross attended the meeting. The meeting focused on regional exchanges and updates from each national society on their 2008 programmes, disaster management strategies, longer term plans and key priorities for 2009. This was undertaken within a positive environment of regional exchange. Importantly throughout the meeting there was a clear emphasis from all national societies towards the prioritising of their disaster management actions in line with overarching Red Cross Red Crescent strategies.

Directly following that meeting, a regional emergency assessment workshop was conducted from 16-20 March also in Kunming, China, with technical support from the regional office and the zone disaster management unit. A total of 23 participants from the East Asia region participated in the five-day training, which took a participatory approach to learning. Participants included three participants from the Mongolian Red Cross, two from the DPRK Red Cross, two from the Red Cross Society of China headquarters, two from the Hong Kong branch of the RCSC, two from Macau branch of the RCSC, and 12 from eight other provincial Red Cross branches throughout China.



Participants were able to discuss disaster scenarios and come up with joint solutions during the emergency assessment workshop organized and hosted by the regional disaster management team in March. International Federation



The regional disaster management meeting brought together managers and partners from the region to discuss important issues and share experiences. International Federation.

The workshop aimed to improve the response capacity of the national societies in the region. The workshop started with some emergency assessment experience sharing among the national societies and the International Federation. This activity enabled the regional office to gain a clearer understanding of the issues in the region while providing national societies an opportunity to understand each others' specific country context in which current assessment practices and strategies have been developed. The rest of the workshop followed a four-day training that encompassed both classroom-style learning, as well as hands on simulation exercises. The course covered specific details on what to in preparation of, during and after an emergency assessment. The daily one hour simulation exercise involved participants creating their own disaster scenario and then being a part of its evolution, which worsened each day. Simulated situation reports, local government reports, and other realistic details provided the groups to role play and strategize how to best handle the situation.

A field exercise was conducted in Yang Guan Tian village, of Malong county, two hours east of Kunming. The groups were required to produce an assessment report and a plan of action and present it to the workshop participants at the end.

The workshop has successfully fostered exchanges among national societies in this region, the regional office and the Asia Pacific zone office. While standard assessment practices were introduced, the workshop also promoted a more harmonized response to natural disasters by the Red Cross societies in the region.

The regional disaster management officer, along with the regional finance manager and one officer from the RCSC headquarters external liaison department, attended the International Mobilization and Preparation for Action (IMPACT) training together with others from the Asia Pacific zone in Hong Kong between 21-24 March 2009. The training gave the regional disaster management officer some valuable experiences in better understanding the roles and actions of the various components of the Movement, and gave hands-on experience with various tools.

Constraints or Challenges

Countries in this region have a very wide range of disasters and needs that are fulfilled by the Red Cross Societies in disaster risk reduction and response. Gathering representatives from all national societies in the region is often difficult due to schedule challenges, and last minute priorities, especially when disaster strikes. The regional office feels these opportunities to share knowledge and experiences are far too valuable to do without proper representation, and thus scheduling can be difficult. Opportunities to meet during other meetings, such as the annual partnership meeting, have also proven effective.

Health and care

Outcomes/Expected results

Programme component	Component outcome
HIV Prevention	Capacity of national societies to design, implement, monitor and evaluate effective HIV programmes has increased
Emergency health and water sanitation	Capacity of national societies to respond to public health issues and water and sanitation issues in emergencies has increased in emergencies has increased.
Blood donor recruitment	Capacity of national societies to manage non-remunerated voluntary blood donor recruitment programmes has increased.
Community-based health and aid	Capacity of national societies to provide quality community-based health and first aid services has increased.

Achievements

The regional health delegate conducted a week long mission in March to Mongolia, to support the national society's planning process for the 2010-2012 multilateral contribution from the Finnish Red Cross and provided briefings for the incoming technical advisor/head of office on the MRCS social care programme. Through joint facilitation from the regional health delegate and the country office, the national society drafted a joint three-year plan encompassing health, disaster management and youth programmes using a new innovative approach of community based, integrated programming.

Jointly with the RCSC, the regional health programme hosted an annual meeting of the International Federation's Global Tuberculosis Working Group in Beijing 3-5 April. The meeting was organized in conjunction with the World Health Organization's Global MDR-TB ministerial meeting held in Beijing at the same time and

provided an opportunity for 15 national societies from Europe, Asia and Africa to share their experiences in TB control and outline the Federation's support strategy for the next two years.

HIV:

A half-day meeting focused on the Global Alliance on HIV was organized during the East Asia partnership meeting in April. At this meeting, two East Asian members of the Global Alliance (China and Mongolia) shared their annual reports for 2008.

The MRCS reported very successful scale up of their HIV programme under the framework of the Global Alliance. Compared with the baseline of 2006, in the past one year, the MRCS has reached three times more people (scaled up from 19,000 people from 2006 to over 63,000 people) and expanded the programme to new areas and risk groups (with increased programme funding by 2/3). The RCSC reached more than six million people, which is due to a programme scale up to more provinces, and the RCSC reported that it is increasingly seen as a key player in HIV response at the national level. However, mobilizing resources to support such a large scaled programme, considering the sheer size of China, is a major challenge for the RCSC team working on the HIV Alliance.

The regional health unit provided support to the two national societies in preparing their annual Global Alliance reports, developing marketing documents and in Mongolia, also conducting an annual review of the Global Alliance on HIV.

With the International Federation's technical support and funding from the Luxemburg government, the MRCS and RCSC have started a joint cross-border project on HIV prevention on two border areas in the west and southern part of Mongolia and bordering areas of northern China.

Emergency health and water and sanitation:

Following the 2008 regional health in emergencies training, in an attempt to improve the measurement of the impact of regionally organized trainings and meetings, a follow up questionnaire has been sent out to all participants. The results are being compiled and will be incorporated in planning for future regional and national trainings in this area.

During the months of May and June, in response to the evolving situation and spread of A (H1N1) worldwide, the regional health team focused very heavily on supporting country offices and national societies in updating their pandemic preparedness plans. As the region's main pandemic focal point, the regional health delegate has facilitated the development of a business continuity plan for East Asia, coordinated the procurement of required personal protective items and medicines and provided guidance to the RCSC and MRCS in developing their pandemic preparedness plans. The regional office's planning, monitoring, evaluation and reporting (PMER) and health units have jointly maintained electronic weekly updates on A (H1N1) which has been sent to the national societies and country offices in the region. Support has been provided to the MRCS in developing key messages and appropriate materials to share A (H1N1) public risk information.

In response to ongoing outbreaks of hand, foot and mouth (HFMD) disease in China and Mongolia, the regional unit provided guidance to the RCSC and MRCS in developing key messages and communications materials on HFMD.

Blood donor recruitment:

With guidance from the International Federation, all national societies actively celebrated World Blood Donor Day on 14 June to promote 100 per cent voluntary non-remunerated donation of blood and blood products. The regional health officer attended the World Blood Donor Day celebration of the RCSC in Shenzhen. Also, to profile the work of the national societies in blood donor recruitment, two representatives from the region (the regional health officer and a Korean National Red Cross Society blood programme officer) will be attending the International Forum on Club 25 and health promotion (June 23-26, Kenya) and organize a display of promotional materials on voluntary non-remunerated blood donation activities from the region.



The East Asia regional office hosted a partnership meeting in April that included a half day session on the progress of both China and Mongolia national societies in their HIV alliances. International Federation.

Community-based health and first aid:

For the first time, the regional health programme organized a regional health team meeting 30 March – 1 April in Beijing, bringing together health directors from three national societies (Mongolia, China and the DPRK). The meeting was also attended by four partner national societies supporting health programmes in East Asia and all International Federation health and water and sanitation delegates and officers from the region. Relevant health officers from the Asia Pacific zone and the global health and care department also attended the meeting. The meeting resulted in increased motivation among all health colleagues to work together as a region, share experiences with each other and agree on concrete action points in 2009. It was agreed that such meeting could be held annually, during the first quarter of each year, and combine it with other regional technical meetings, where feasible. As a follow up to the meeting, a regional health mapping will be conducted in the coming months.



Participants are practicing the steps of taking action in community based health and first aid during the regional workshop held in Beijing in early April. International Federation

Constraints or Challenges

A heavy focus on pandemic preparedness during this month meant that some other regional and China- based activities scheduled for May and June months have been postponed.



Group work was an important part of the hands-on experience sharing and learning of the community based health and first aid workshop organized by the International Federation in Beijing. International Federation

While the 2009 plans for regional health were originally developed just before the China earthquake hit, due to time constraints in the emergency aftermath, these original plans were not properly adjusted to take into consideration the added workload for the regional health delegate in relation to earthquake support. In addition, the staff changes and the phase out of the China HIV delegate's position starting from mid-May, due to the lack of funding, has meant the support to China HIV functions had to be absorbed into the work of two remaining health staff. All these factors have affected the regional health unit's implementation capacity.

Humanitarian values

Outcomes/Expected results

Programme component	Component outcome
Promotion of humanitarian values and Fundamental	Advocacy and international representation.
	Capacity-building in principles and values / gender of national societies staff and volunteers.
	All national societies in the region have increased the capacity of their information departments.
	Enhancing understanding and sharing of best practices.
Integration of humanitarian values and gender into operational disaster management and health programming	Further development of tools and mechanisms to enhance principles and values-based programming.
	Further development of gender into programming.
Anti-discrimination and violence prevention/reduction programmes	Mapping of national society programmes which target discrimination, marginalization or exclusion of communities who fall outside the traditional health and disaster management programme areas.

Achievements

Although the Sichuan earthquake communications needs have taken up a significant portion of the communications delegate's time in recent months, there have also been other important priorities which he has focused on during the first half of this year.

The communications delegate has played a key role in writing and producing a brand new marketing document highlighting Red Cross disaster management activities in the DPRK, which stemmed from his November 2008 visit to the DPRK and drew on the expertise of the disaster management review team. This document highlighted many of the unique achievements of the disaster management work featured stories of how people's lives had been changed through support of the DPRK Red Cross Society.

Marketing documents on the Global Alliance on HIV for both China and Mongolia were developed in the first part of this year. These documents highlighted the progress over the past year since the launching of the alliance in East Asia in early April 2008. Much of the work of both national societies highlighted their achievements in promoting humanitarian values to reduce stigma and discrimination, as well as working with high risk, often marginalized groups.

A great opportunity for the Mongolia Red Cross Society came when a professional photographer, visited MRCS projects to document their work in disaster management, social care and other areas. The project resulted in a library of top quality photographs that can be used to represent and promote the work of the MRCS.

As part of a joint initiative with the ICRC, the communications delegate was involved in organizing reporting visits to Geneva and to Aceh and Nias by journalists from the Chinese news magazine Lifeweek, which published a 34-page cover story on RCRC in May. Lifeweek is a leading popular magazine in China with a wide readership nationwide, and its focus on the Red Cross Movement was a great opportunity to spread knowledge to the public about the work of the Red Cross Movement worldwide.

In February, the communications delegate also attended the Asia Pacific zone communications meeting in Bangkok, at which he gave a presentation on web writing and agreed to help set up an Asia Pacific photo database and to compile technical guidelines on how to do postings on new internet-based media, such as YouTube, CNN i-report, etc. This will hopefully bring to light other options that delegations and national societies can use for inexpensive and effective communications.



This photo was taken by a professional photographer who travelled through Mongolia to document the projects of the MRCS. In this one, a boy of Chingeltei District, a ger district of Ulaan Baatar, has learned proper hand washing techniques at a Red Cross chapter. Rob Few/International Federation

Constraints or Challenges

The scope of work still to be done in the earthquake zone, especially around the one-year commemoration, has meant that the workload of the communications delegate has been quite heavy in the first half of this year. Likewise, the potential work that could be done in highlighting the work of the Red Cross in the region, and the promotion of humanitarian values, is unending.

Working in partnership

The International Federation's East Asia regional office works closely with the region's national societies and their partners to help coordinate Red Cross activities in the region. At the continued request of the RCSC, the East Asia regional office has been playing a special role in coordinating Movement support to the earthquake operations. Communications with partners and the coordination and facilitation of the earthquake partnership meeting in April has been a priority of the East Asia regional office during these past months.

The International Federation's East Asia regional office also hosts representatives of four partner national societies, including American, Canadian, Japanese and Netherlands Red Cross, in its Beijing and Chengdu offices in China, as well as the Global Road Safety Programme representative for China.

There are a number of other coordination mechanisms in place in the region, namely the cooperation strategy agreement (CAS) lead by the DPRK Red Cross in the DPRK as well as the HIV alliances in both Mongolia and China. The East Asia regional office also facilitated a focused discussion with partners on coordinated support to the MRCS, with consideration of a possibility to initiate a CAS process during 2009.



Partners from all over the region and the world gathered in Hainan Island of China to discuss various issues pertinent and most pressing in our region. International Federation

In April, the East Asia regional office organized the annual East Asia partnership meeting in Hainan, China, which was co-hosted by the Red Cross Society of China. It brought together representatives of all five national societies and their partners for a four-day gathering to discuss critical issues in our region. A new approach to strengthening national societies' capacity through developing long-term partnership strategies was introduced by the zone's organizational development coordinator. Participants were able to break away into focused meetings on DPRK CAS, MRCS coordinated partner support, HIV alliances and China earthquake recovery support.

Another leadership meeting of East Asia National Societies is being planned for the end of June, which will be held in Ulaan Baatar at the same time as the 70th celebration of the MRCS. This meeting will allow the regional national societies to follow up on resolutions and talk about their preparations for the upcoming statutory meetings in Nairobi.

The East Asia regional office maintains close working relationships with the ICRC regional delegation in Beijing. Frequent meetings between the heads of office, as well as team members, enable close coordination within the Movement. In early June, the ICRC and International Federation jointly planned a workshop for all new staff which provided an introduction of the Movement history and principles, emblem usage, and the roles of each component of the Movement, including strategies and priorities of both the ICRC and International Federation. The workshop was well attended and both offices agreed to continue this tradition as needed in the future.

Both the regional disaster management team and regional health team continue to develop partnerships in the region. This is especially important in fostering good relations and partnerships amongst the national societies in the region, as well as with other stakeholders in the region. The regional teams often meet with UN partners, as well as other those representing other non-governmental organizations and potential funding sources for the region.

Together with Asia Pacific international disaster response law, rules and principles (IDRL) coordinator, the regional health delegate represented the International Federation at the Asian Development Bank's annual health forum in Guangxi province, China, on 23-25 February. As a result, the role of the Red Cross Red Crescent in cross border cooperation in public health emergencies has been acknowledged by the ADB countries in its their declaration of commitment from the forum.

The East Asia regional office continues to participate in both local and international events, representing the International Federation and its principles when there are opportunities. A representative of the regional office delivered a key note speech at the International Conference on health emergency response, convened by the WHO and the Chinese government on 1-2 April.

Contributing to longer-term impact

Activities supported by the East Asia regional office bring together representatives of the national societies in the regions, their partners and the ICRC, to discuss critical issues and share knowledge and experiences. It is hoped that this will contribute to strengthening the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partnership in the region, and create a friendly environment for developing shared vision and strategy.

Furthermore, the profile of the Red Cross is being raised and impacted by activities supported by the regional office. An example of this is how the Mongolian Red Cross Society has gained important recognition for its actions during the outbreak of hand, foot and mouth disease in 2008, which was supported by the International Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) and technical support of the regional health delegate. At the April national health forum in Mongolia, the response of the MRCS has been acknowledged by WHO at the regional level as one of the best regional examples of community response to public health emergencies. The unique aspect of the Red Cross to provide public risk communication using volunteers and secure collaboration

of communities in control of outbreaks, instead of relying on restrictive public health measures has helped to set public health emergency response standards at the national level in Mongolia.

Looking ahead

In light of the continuing spread of A(H1N1), the regional office will continue to support the national societies in the region in their pandemic preparedness planning and subsequent activities. The regional office will continue to share weekly updates to keep everyone updated on the latest information.

In addition, the regional health team will continue to focus its support on the HIV programmes of the RCSC and MRCS as they enter their second year as members of the Global Alliance. Further support will go to the region-wide roll out of the Federation's new approach on community based health and first aid.

The disaster management team will continue to support the national societies in the region on the continuing issues around contingency plans and NDRTs. But a focus on multi-hazard contingency planning will be a major focus on the next half of this year.

Other technical support from the region's financial manager, communications and PMER delegates will continue to look at how capacities can be built and partnerships can be better utilized to strengthen the work of the Red Cross in the region.

How we work	
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<p>The International Federation's activities 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".</p>	<p>Global Agenda Goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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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Mid-year report 2009

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2009/1-2009/6
Budget Timeframe	2009/1-2009/12
Appeal	MAA54001
Budget	APPEAL

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

I. Consolidated Response to Appeal

	Goal 1: Disaster Management	Goal 2: Health and Care	Goal 3: Capacity Building	Goal 4: Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
A. Budget	362,620	363,102	0	448,877	160,428	1,335,027
B. Opening Balance	114,451	102,382	0	147,550	134,338	498,721
Income						
<u>Cash contributions</u>						
<i>DFID Partnership grant</i>	21,801					21,801
<i>Japanese Red Cross</i>	49,382	49,382				98,763
<i>Sweden Red Cross (from Swedish Government)</i>				67,862		67,862
<i>Unidentified donor</i>		0				0
C1. Cash contributions	71,183	49,382		67,862		188,426
<u>Outstanding pledges (Revalued)</u>						
<i>DFID Partnership grant</i>	23,285					23,285
<i>Japanese Red Cross</i>	0	0				0
<i>Sweden Red Cross (from Swedish Government)</i>				69,734		69,734
C2. Outstanding pledges (Revalued)	23,285	0		69,734		93,019
<u>Other Income</u>						
<i>Services</i>					15,954	15,954
C5. Other Income					15,954	15,954
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C5)	94,468	49,382	0	137,596	15,954	297,399
D. Total Funding = B + C	208,918	151,764	0	285,146	150,292	796,121
Appeal Coverage	58%	42%	#DIV/0	64%	94%	60%

II. Balance of Funds

	Goal 1: Disaster Management	Goal 2: Health and Care	Goal 3: Capacity Building	Goal 4: Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance	114,451	102,382	0	147,550	134,338	498,721
C. Income	94,468	49,382	0	137,596	15,954	297,399
E. Expenditure	-99,626	-83,307		-115,349	-20,857	-319,138
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	109,293	68,457	0	169,797	129,436	476,983

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Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2009/1-2009/6
Budget Timeframe	2009/1-2009/12
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III. Budget Analysis / Breakdown of Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Goal 1: Disaster Management	Goal 2: Health and Care	Goal 3: Capacity Building	Goal 4: Principles and Values	Coordination		
A		B					A - B	
BUDGET (C)		362,620	363,102	0	448,877	160,428	1,335,027	
Supplies								
Shelter - Relief	96,000							96,000
Construction Materials	153,476							153,476
Clothing & textiles	205,420							205,420
Seeds, Plants	65,192							65,192
Water & Sanitation	1,908,240							1,908,240
Medical & First Aid	3,253,458							3,253,458
Teaching Materials	177,522							177,522
Utensils & Tools	88,744							88,744
Other Supplies & Services	709,628							709,628
Total Supplies	6,657,679							6,657,679
Land, vehicles & equipment								
Computers & Telecom	16,000							16,000
Total Land, vehicles & equipment	16,000							16,000
Transport & Storage								
Storage	22,500		122				122	22,378
Distribution & Monitoring	546,974							546,974
Transport & Vehicle Costs	122,581							122,581
Total Transport & Storage	692,055		122				122	691,933
Personnel								
International Staff	1,456,600	59,334	38,601		96,657	1,506	196,098	1,260,502
National Staff	243,026		46		6,627		6,672	236,354
National Society Staff	227,816							227,816
Consultants	96,000							96,000
Total Personnel	2,023,442	59,334	38,647		103,283	1,506	202,770	1,820,671
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	554,929	9,388	11,352		158	10,553	31,449	523,480
Total Workshops & Training	554,929	9,388	11,352		158	10,553	31,449	523,480
General Expenditure								
Travel	129,360	9,791	3,286		3,799	7,063	23,938	105,422
Information & Public Relation	91,500	13,482				166	13,648	77,853
Office Costs	88,510		293			-166	127	88,383
Communications	90,000	394	673		488	196	1,750	88,250
Financial Charges	1,200		32				32	1,168
Other General Expenses			197		123	185	504	-504
Total General Expenditure	400,570	23,666	4,480		4,410	7,443	39,999	360,571
Contributions & Transfers								
Cash Transfers National Societies			22,905				22,905	-22,905
Total Contributions & Transfers			22,905				22,905	-22,905
Programme Support								
Program Support	719,149	6,602	5,802		7,498	1,356	21,257	697,892
Total Programme Support	719,149	6,602	5,802		7,498	1,356	21,257	697,892
Operational Provisions								
Operational Provisions		635					635	-635
Total Operational Provisions		635					635	-635
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	11,063,824	99,626	83,307		115,349	20,857	319,138	10,744,686
VARIANCE (C - D)		262,994	279,795		333,528	139,571	10,744,686	