

Mid-Year report



Macedonia

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This report covers the period
1 January 2010 to 30 June 2010

In brief

Programme Purpose: In line with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies' (IFRC) Strategy 2020 the aim of the Federation supported programmes in Macedonia is to *save lives, protect livelihoods, and strengthen recovery from disasters and crises; to enable healthy and safe living; and to promote social inclusion and a culture of non-violence and peace.*

For the period 2010-2011, the secretariat's key areas of support to the Macedonian Red Cross include guiding National Societies in their development process of transformation, strengthening their human resource capacities to provide quality services to the most vulnerable and improving their capacities in disaster preparedness and response to address the most urgent situations of vulnerability.

Programme(s) summary: No activity in any of the Federation supported programmes covered by the annual plan has taken place. For most of the year no funding channelled through the Federation for these activities was available and the Macedonian Red Cross has been active in seeking other sources of funding, partners and opportunities as well as in implementation of the developmental activities funded through the Intensified Capacity Building plan from the Federation's ICB Fund. In late May some funding was provided by the Norwegian Red Cross through the Federation, earmarked for Disaster management activities. The national Society is currently preparing plan of action that will outline the activities in this area.

Financial situation: The total 2010 budget is CHF 35,000, of which CHF 41,301 (118%) covered during the reporting period. Expenditure against the budget was zero. The expenditure will take place in the second part of the year. [Click here to go directly to the attached financial report.](#)

See also [Macedonia country plan for 2010-2011](#)

No. of people we have reached: N/A

Our partners: The Norwegian Red Cross provided funds for the Disaster Management activities

that will take place in the second part of the year.

Context

The political situation in Macedonia has been fairly stable in the first half of 2010. However, the economy is still suffering the effects of the economic crisis although gradual recovery is predicted by the experts. The unemployment rate is still extremely high, hovering around 30% and the budget deficit is projected at 2.5% while the revision of the corporate income tax lead to lowered revenue as the reduction of social contributions (in order to stimulate employment) added pressure to the budget.

A largely obsolete industrial infrastructure has not seen much investment during the transition period. Labour force education and skills are competitive in some technical areas and industries but significantly lacking in others. Without adequate job opportunities, many with the best skills seek employment abroad. A relatively low standard of living, high unemployment rate, and modest economic growth rate are the central economic problems.

Progress towards outcomes

Disaster Management

Programme purpose

Reduce the numbers of deaths, injuries and impact from disasters.

Programme component 1: Disaster Management Planning

Component outcome 1: Contingency and response plans are updated to mitigate their impact on vulnerable communities.

Programme component 1: Organizational Preparedness

Component outcome 1: Improved capacity in skilled human resources at both branch and national level.

No funding for these activities was available until the end of May. The National Society is in the process of preparing the plan of action for the available funds and the activities will be taking place in the second half of the year.

Health and Care

Programme purpose

Reduce the number of deaths, illnesses and impact from diseases and public health emergencies.

Programme component: Maternal, newborn and child health (MNCH)

Improved MNCH through National Society community based activities, including safe motherhood and child health initiatives, vaccination and nutrition activities.

Programme component: Preventive health activities with focus on HIV and TB

Increase awareness and reduce stigma associated to TB/HIV through program advocacy, communication and social mobilisation.

Programme component: Voluntary non-remunerated blood donation

Increased awareness of the population for voluntary non-remunerated blood donation through development of Club 25.

Achievements: No funding was available for this activity

Organizational Development/ Capacity Building

Programme purpose

Increase local community, civil society and Red Cross Red Crescent capacity to address the most urgent situations of vulnerability.

Programme component: Supporting National Society OD process

Red Cross law and statutes including other documents and regulations are amended and approved.

Programme component: Volunteering and Youth development

Strengthened youth and volunteer base with aim of providing effective and quality services in all programme areas.

Achievements: No funding for this activity was available through the annual country plan, however the National Society has worked on these objectives using the support provided through the Intensified Capacity Building plan.

Working in partnership

N/A

Contributing to longer-term impact

N/A

Looking ahead

N/A

How we work	
<i>All 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.</i>	
The IFRC's vision is to: Inspire, encourage, facilitate and promote at all times all forms of humanitarian activities by National Societies, with a view to preventing and alleviating human suffering, and thereby contributing to the maintenance and promotion of human dignity and peace in the world.	The IFRC's work is guided by Strategy 2020 which puts forward three strategic aims: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Save lives, protect livelihoods, and strengthen recovery from disaster and crises.2. Enable healthy and safe living.3. Promote social inclusion and a culture of non-violence and peace.
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