

Mid-Year report



Romania

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



The National Society distributing relief items in Botoșani in June. Photo: Romania Red Cross.

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 Romania 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.*

The strategic objectives set by the Romanian Red Cross in its 2007-2010 strategy cover the four key priority areas outlined in the International Federation's Strategy 2010. Based on these strategic objectives, the National Society focuses on disaster preparedness and response, health and care, organizational development, community mobilization and promoting humanitarian values.

Disaster management remains a priority area for the National Society. As set out in its strategy document, the aim of the Romanian Red Cross is to develop joint actions with vulnerable communities and authorities focusing on disaster risk reduction at community level.

The health and care programme aims to scale up tuberculosis activities focusing on people with multi-drug resistant TB (MD-RTB) and prevention of HIV.

Programme(s) summary: No activity in any of the Federation supported programmes has taken place due to no funding being available. The Romanian Red Cross has been active in seeking other sources of funding, partners and opportunities.

Financial situation: The total 2010 budget is CHF 74,385, of which zero was covered during the reporting period. Expenditure against budget was equally zero. [Click here to go directly to the attached financial report.](#)

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

No. of people we have reached: N/A

Our partners: N/A.

Context

The political situation in Romania has been influenced by the economic crisis. The Romanian economy probably is expected to remain in recession for most of 2010. A 20-billion-dollar rescue package from the IMF, World Bank and the EU will only try to serve as a macroeconomic stabiliser instead of as a stimulus package that could help Romania stop its economic tailspin. Unemployment doubled in one year and threatens to affect almost a million people this year. Wage cuts have become the norm throughout the private sector and unemployment and large workers' strikes spearheaded by trade unions have been organised to express dissatisfaction with the government's IMF-approved austerity programme. The unemployment rate has at least shrunk from 7.6% in 2009 to 6.2% and the GDP is on the rise, estimated at 0.5% by the end of the year (compared to the last year's -7.7%).

Heavy floods happening in late June demanded Red Cross response. Romanian Red Cross launched emergency response operation, supported by the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund, to provide assistance to some 12,000 beneficiaries in hygiene items and safe water. More details can be found here:

<http://www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/10/MDRRO002do.pdf>

Progress towards outcomes

Disaster Management

Programme purpose

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

Programme component 1: Disaster management planning and preparedness

Component outcome 1: The National Society have updated their disaster preparedness plans and contingency plans including the role of the branches

Component outcome 2: National disaster response team capacities are further strengthened, through refresher courses and simulation exercises.

Programme component 2: Psychological support

Component outcome 1: Refresher courses are provided for the PSP

No funding was available

Health and Care

Programme purpose

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

Programme component 1: Prevention and control of HIV and AIDS and TB

Component outcome 1: The National Society has contributed to TB control and prevention through promotion and support of Directly Observed Treatment Short course (DOTS) including psychological support

No funding was available

Working in partnership

N/A

Contributing to longer-term impact

The Europe Zone Federation Organisational Development department has worked with the Romanian Red Cross on addressing sustainability of funding by relying on national sources. Discussions with potential partners on corporate responsibility and within the National Society on creating funding strategy are meant to lead to a more stable development and programme implementation in the mid to long term.

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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