

Mid-Year report



Guatemala

Appeal No. MAAGT002

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This report covers the period 01 January 2011 to 30 June 2011.

In brief

Programme outcome: This report updates the progress taken to implement the 2011 country support plan for the Guatemalan Red Cross (GRC).

The Guatemalan Red Cross work is guided by the Guayaquil Inter-American Plan and the *Strategy 2020*, which puts forward three strategic aims:

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.*

Programmes summary: The first semester of 2011 saw the Guatemalan Red Cross strengthen its disaster risk management capacities by training 120 disaster intervention teams, updating its response plan and developing a national disaster risk management policy. The GRC staff and volunteers have also participated in regional internships and workshops organized by the regional IFRC-DIPECHO VII project. At the community level, the GRC is developing a wide range of community-based disaster preparedness activities, also through the DIPECHO VII project, and in partnership with the Netherlands Red Cross and the Spanish Red Cross.

In the area of health, the secretariat continues to support the Guatemalan Red Cross in scaling up their response to HIV and AIDS in the framework of the Federation's Global Alliance on HIV. Building on the 2009 baseline and the four-year action plan developed in 2010 for voluntary blood donation and health promotion among young people, the secretariat is supporting the Guatemalan Red Cross' Club 25 programme in 2011 with technical support and global funding from the Swiss Humanitarian Foundation. Water, sanitation and hygiene promotion is supported through the newly developed technical unit with training, technical and resource mobilization support. Technical and operational support for the health in emergencies component is also a key focus during 2011, with a focus on epidemic outbreaks and psychosocial support in emergencies.

Through these first six months the regional representation has supported the Guatemalan Red Cross emphasizing in organizational development activities such as strategic advice to the governing board and management structure, focused on tackling the challenges of the election of the new Governing Board, and induction of its new six members in Panama. This induction included topics such as *Strategy 2020*, the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross and Red

Crescent Movement, accountability, and a joint effort to develop a proposal to use available funds to support the Integral Training Institute. The IFRC has also supported the GRC Youth in planning and implementing a micro-project and an internship framed in strengthening the leadership capacities in the regional Red Cross youth network.

The GRC has also strengthened its programme and project planning capacities with a gender focus, and at least one of its management team members and two governance representatives that had the opportunity to assist workshops in Panama.

Financial situation: The 2011 budget has been revised from 221,397 Swiss francs to 123,168 Swiss francs, of which 97,800 Swiss francs (79 per cent) has been covered during the reporting period (including opening balance). Overall expenditure during the reporting period was 27,823 Swiss francs of the budget.

The original 2011 budget for organizational development was 22,729 Swiss francs; however through extra financial support for the Integral Training Institute and its equipment and marketing strategy the organizational development budget now reaches 69,850 Swiss francs.

The health budget and planned activities have been revised to reflect the funding mobilized to date for 2011. Current funding is for the Global Alliance on HIV and global funds from the Swiss Humanitarian Foundation for the Club 25.

The DRM programme did not receive contributions to cover the GRC country support plan during the first six months of the year. However, the report reflects some of the activities undertaken by the GRC through other means, including participation in risk education activities as a result of the DIPECHO VII project and the Innovation Funds for climate change as well bilateral support from Partner National Societies in the country, such as the DIPECHO VII national project.

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No. of people we have reached: The Guatemalan Red Cross, through various projects in risk reduction and emergency response, has reached approximately 15,000 people including 15 communities which are taking part in the DIPECHO VII project receiving financial and technical support from the Netherlands and Spanish Red Cross Societies. As a result of this project and the Innovation Funds for climate change, 40 new facilitators have participated in regional workshops undertaken by the regional programme for disaster risk reduction in Central America.

Furthermore, the GRC reached 20,883 people with HIV prevention, care, treatment and support services, and prevention and anti-stigma messages, and reached more than 104,415 indirect beneficiaries for a total of 125,298 people.

Our partners: The Guatemalan Red Cross coordinates its activities with a number of different partners within and external to the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. Key partners are the American Red Cross, the Finnish Red Cross, the German Red Cross, the Spanish Red Cross, UN agencies and local and national authorities, the Ministry of Health and the Civil Protection, and cooperation is also taking place with a private bank.

The Japanese Red Cross Society supports the strengthening of the Integral Training Institute by procuring construction equipment, while the Norwegian Red Cross supports the development of a marketing plan for it.

The Finnish Red Cross has developed activities to develop the leadership of the GRC, especially the its youth, through a micro-project based in school brigades and an internship about violence prevention and culture of peace in the Nicaraguan Red Cross. All other Partner National Societies (PNS) in Guatemala (Canadian Red Cross, Italian Red Cross, Netherlands Red Cross and Spanish

Red Cross) have constant dialogue with their programme counterparts in the GRC to appropriately follow up the country plan and share information about the priorities of the National Society and their perspective cooperation. The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) is also working closely with the National Society in exchanging priorities.

Progress towards outcomes

Disaster Management

Programme purpose

Reduce the number of deaths, injuries and impacts of disasters.

Programme component 1: Organizational Preparedness

Component outcome 1: Improve the GRC's basic skills in organization, logistics and equipping for disaster response and risk reduction.

Sufficient funding support for the Guatemalan Red Cross to achieve development of the disaster preparedness programme in line with the preparedness and response guide was not received. However, the GRC hosted the hurricane preparedness meeting season held from 16 to 19 May 2011; during this meeting knowledge, experience and innovative tools were shared, the response system and the Americas response plan were reviewed and agreements for future steps were taken.

During the reporting period the GRC carried out training and refresher training for at least 120 National Intervention Team (NIT) members. In addition, the GRC actively participated in the workshops conducted as a result of the DIPECHO VII regional project in water, sanitation and hygiene promotion, updating of the response and contingency plans, Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment (VCA) *learning-by-doing* as well as methodological and pedagogical techniques.

Furthermore, during the first six month of the year, the Guatemalan Red Cross began updating its procedures in the area of logistics as well as reviewing the functioning of the Emergency Operations Centre. The National Society also updated procedures in the event of disasters and crises. These activities were carried out with the support of the secretariat's Pan American Disaster Response Unit (PADRU) and with funding from the Tropical Storm Agatha operation.

During the first half of the year, the GRC developed a risk management policy which is currently under review.

Programme Component 2: Safer and better prepared communities

Component outcome 1: Communities and local branches are strengthened to respond and recover more rapidly to disasters, identifying the measures and actions to be implemented for risk reduction and immediate effects of disasters, mobilizing resources and existing resources.
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The Guatemalan Red Cross has worked with 15 communities in high risk, supporting them in the development of risk reduction plans. These activities have been performed with the financial support of the projects funded by the DIPECHO VII Action Plan with support from the Netherlands Red Cross and Spanish Red Cross.

Guatemalan Red Cross staff took responsibility for implementing the community activities in risk reduction and climate change adaptation which were carried out with contributions from the Innovation Funds and DIPECHO VII. During the second semester of 2011, the GRC expects to carry out micro-projects, procure equipment and complete community emergency plans.

With the implementation of recovery activities, successful transition from response to recovery was achieved in the context of the Tropical Storm Agatha operation; the GRC developed innovative approaches in community work, enabling the National Society to reach a greater number of communities and achieve greater impact, in addition to strengthening cooperation and coordination.

In February, the Netherlands Red Cross carried out a technical support mission in Guatemala on the following issues: review of VCA issues and reports, review of the methodology and format for Protected School module, and review of the methodology and format for Family Plans module. Forty-seven people participated in these work sessions, including participants from the Red Cross (from two branches), the Executive Secretariat of the National Coordinator for Disaster Reduction (SE-CONRED, by its Spanish acronym), the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health from two departments. The Centre of Reference in Community-Based Education through the DIPECHO regional programme supported these activities.

In the case of the Protected School module, this has been combined with the official module of the country: the School Committee Guide from SE-CONRED and the Ministry of Education (MINEDUC).

The GRC has participated in the review of the conceptual framework on urban risk. This has been subject to review following different methodologies: a document review by the Coordination Centre for Natural Disaster Prevention in Central America (CEPREDENAC), the Federation of Municipalities of the Central American Isthmus (FEMICA), experts in risk management and climate change adaptation, and a review by National Societies in the region. The methodological strategy, which is currently in draft version, once completed, can be applied in Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua and the border area between Nicaragua and Costa Rica.

Programme Component 3: Coordination

Component outcome 1: The sustainability strategy for risk reduction actions through coordination and alliances with key counterparts and participating communities has been established.

During the reporting period the Guatemalan Red Cross was in constant coordination with the National Coordinator for Disaster Reduction (CONRED), however, to date, an official agreement has not been signed by the two institutions. In addition, the GRC has worked with the Ministry of the Environment and the Ministry of Health to support capacity-building projects and it is in negotiations to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of Health to formalize collaboration.

The GRC is currently responsible for coordinating the REDCAMP network of Risk Management Directors in Central America. As mentioned above, the Pre-Hurricane Meeting 2011 was held in Guatemala and the network coordinator supported the preparations for the meeting. Participation of the National Societies of Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, was secured. The meeting also brought Partner National Societies present in the region, such as the American Red Cross, the Canadian Red Cross, the Netherlands Red Cross, the Norwegian Red Cross and the Spanish Red Cross,

After this meeting two further meetings were carried out, together with PADRU representatives, regarding the development of the Americas zone response plan with the participation of the National Societies in the region and the support of the REDCAMP Disaster Network.

The GRC has participated in the disaster risk reduction coordination meetings, as well as attended meetings of the humanitarian network and of the national coordinating board in education.

Through the National Disaster Secretariat, support has been provided to other organizations to conduct workshops, conferences including sessions on the Sphere Minimum Standards. It is

expected that the Guatemalan Red Cross will continue to participate in the activities organized by the National Disaster Risk Reduction Platform.

Health and Care

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

Programme Component 1: Global Alliance and HIV and AIDS programme
Component outcome 1: Guatemalan Red Cross has contributed to the reduction of incidence of HIV in the country's geographic regions that are considered priority.

Through the first semester of 2011 the Guatemalan Red Cross HIV programme was supported by the IFRC, the Norwegian Red Cross and the Guatemalan government. During the reporting period, the GRC reached 20,883 people with HIV prevention, care, treatment and support services, and prevention and anti-stigma messages, and reached more than 104,415 indirect beneficiaries for a total of 125,298 people.

The GRC HIV programme has now extended to 10 delegations (branches) of the National Society in the south-west and other areas that present a high incidence of HIV in Guatemala. Some 195 volunteers (82 males and 113 females) are active in HIV interventions in these delegations and have averaged 11,700 hours of volunteer support during the reporting period.

The Guatemalan Red Cross has reached 17,506 people with prevention services, including 10,376 men and 7,130 women. The GRC has continued to provide prevention services to those groups most vulnerable to HIV and affected by stigma and discrimination, such as transgender communities, men who have sex with men (MSM), people living with HIV (PLHIV), sex workers, youth at-risk, women from rural areas and indigenous people in 10 different linguistic areas. At-risk youth (in and out of school) are reached through the youth peer education methodology "Together we can".

During the reporting period 17,325 people have been directly reached by peer education and the social mobilization strategy, including 5,949 most-at-risk youth, 56 people in prisons, 108 peer educators and 122 GRC volunteers.

Additionally, 20,883 people have been reached with the information, education and communication strategy (IEC), 658 people have received assistance in Volunteer Counselling and Testing services (VCT). A total of 97 pregnant women have been referred to Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission (PMTCT) services, 103 people living with HIV have benefited from positive prevention services, and 110 staff and 122 trained volunteers have developed skills for personal protection. The following table details the direct and indirect beneficiaries during the reporting period.

People reached January to June 2011	Direct beneficiaries		Total direct beneficiaries	Indirect beneficiaries
	Male	Female		
General population	5,778	5,598	11,376	56,880
Students	4,994	955	5,949	29,745
PLHIV	38	105	143	715
Children with HIV	21	22	43	215
Children affected by HIV	111	100	211	1,055

Volunteers	62	60	122	610
Institutional staff	65	45	110	550
Teachers	30	42	72	360
Women sex workers	101	571	672	3,360
Trans sex workers	239	189	428	2,140
Sex worker clients	19	0	19	95
Men who have sex with men	505	81	586	2,930
Uniformed personnel	358	22	380	1,900
Health staff	7	11	18	
Drivers	0	6	6	30
Stylists	0	0	0	0
Migrant populations	663	0	663	3,315
Prisoners	56	29	85	425
Total	13,047	7,836	20,883	104,415

In the first five months of this year, the GRC provided free, voluntary and confidential HIV testing and counselling to 658 persons and follow-up support to 7 people who received a positive result. This represents a prevalence of 1.06 per cent of those tested.

This is the second year that the Guatemalan Red Cross has been selected as the key referral organization for Rapid Testing Days through forums such as the national "Get Tested!" campaign, coordinated by the National AIDS programme and the Ministry of Public Health and Social Assistance, focused on most at-risk populations.

Component outcome 2: Red Cross care, treatment and support services for people living with HIV (PLHIV) have been extended.

During the reporting period 103 PLHIV and 25 orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) were supported in the reporting period including: 103 PLHIV in support groups reached care, treatment and support; 25 OVC were reached with educational support; and 103 PLHIV and their families were reached with income generation activities.

Furthermore, with funding from the SAQB'E Association, the GRC assisted 25 children of PLHIV to continue or commence their primary education. The support was in the form of school materials, bags, uniforms and shoes.

Component outcome 3: Stigma and discrimination associated with HIV and AIDS are reduced.

During the first semester of 2011, 17,506 people were reached with messages of anti-stigma and non-discrimination through IEC interventions with vulnerable populations and the general community, including social mobilization campaigns.

Additionally, 110 GRC employees in the national headquarters and 122 volunteers in the branches where HIV-related projects are implemented were made aware of the issues of anti-stigma and non-discrimination towards PLHIV through HIV workplace programmes.

Component outcome 4: The Guatemalan Red Cross has strengthened its skills to deliver and sustain intensified and scaled-up programmes in attended communities.

During the reporting period, volunteers engaged in the HIV programme have received non-monetary incentives. The GRC programme team meets on a quarterly basis and has an HIV Workplace Policy and is conducting HIV workplace programmes with staff and volunteers.

It is unlikely that the GRC will have developed self-sustainability of their HIV programme by 2011; however the National Society is working on developing greater funding diversity.

Programme Component 2: Community Health

Component outcome 1: GRC branches have increased their skills in Community-based health and first aid, including maternal child health promotion and illness prevention.

In late 2010 the Guatemalan Red Cross participated in the first Training of Facilitators in the Federation's revitalized community health methodology *Community Based Health and First Aid in Action* (CBHFA) in Lima. It is anticipated that the GRC will participate in a second regional training of facilitators' workshop in the second semester of 2011 and the secretariat has offered peer facilitator support to a national volunteer training supported by the Norwegian Red Cross scheduled for the second semester. This will facilitate the roll-out of the methodology to GRC branches.

In the area of Mother-Child Infant Health, the secretariat will host a short-term delegate position during the fourth quarter of 2011 to research funding opportunities and map existing Red Cross interventions. It is anticipated that there will be a regional meeting of National Societies and partners to share lessons learned and reflect on a variety of interventions during this period with a view to developing a harmonized Red Cross approach in line with Ministries of Health and key external partners such as United Nation Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO).

The Americas zone health unit supported the development of the proposal to the United Kingdom Department for International Affairs (DFID) for capacity building of the GRC including an integrated approach to risk reduction at community level (in disaster risk reduction and health) utilizing the VCA tool and the CBHFA methodology. The project will come on line during the second semester 2011.

Component outcome 2: Red Cross Club 25 members foment healthy lifestyle habits among youth, contributing to voluntary blood donations and promoting a culture of voluntary blood donation in the country.

In the area of voluntary non-remunerated blood donation, building on the baseline and four-year action plan developed in 2010, global funding from the Swiss Humanitarian Foundation was approved in April 2011 to support the Guatemalan Red Cross to participate in a 5-year global project to strengthen the Red Cross Red Crescent Club 25 initiative worldwide. This is being accomplished by increasing the number of youth donors adopting and promoting healthy lifestyles and by ensuring the longer-term sustainability of the initiative. The Club 25 National Coordinator has participated in virtual meetings of Club 25 focal points in Latin America. Due to late disbursement of the global funds, the GRC only commenced project implementation in late May; therefore, realistically progress will be reported in the annual report.

The project aims to support voluntary blood donation by at least 50 per cent of the anticipated 400 Club 25 members during 2011 and engage all Clubs in health promotion activities. A recruitment, training and retention strategy for youth donors, through workshops and voluntary blood donation campaigns will be created during the next reporting period. Additionally, the GRC will develop alliances with key actors to strengthen the Club 25 strategy and conduct at least ten recruitment campaigns for safe blood.

Programme Component 3: Health in Emergencies

Component outcome 1: The Guatemalan Red Cross in coordination with the Ministry of Health, has increased its skills to prevent public health risks in vulnerable communities.

During this period the IFRC has provided the Guatemalan Red Cross with technical and operational support for health in emergencies, including technical support in emergency health and water, sanitation and hygiene promotion, related to the planning and analysis of the 2011 hurricane season at a meeting held in Guatemala in May.

This meeting also contributed to improving coordination and representation with external disaster response partners, and strengthened the capacity building of the National Society and the regional health and disaster networks.

Component outcome 2: Strengthen the GRC's skills to respond to health emergencies and the health aspects of disasters.

The Guatemalan Red Cross participated in a continental emergency health workshop, *"Emerging and Re-emerging Diseases in the Americas: Lessons Learned and innovative approaches"* in April 2011 organized by the secretariat. The objective was to share the different experiences in emergencies caused by epidemic diseases in the Americas, with a focus on community-based approaches and integrating prevention and preparedness activities.

During the next six months the secretariat will continue to support the Guatemalan Red Cross in psychosocial support in emergencies and disasters, in line with *Strategy 2020* emergency intervention protocols. The National Society will have the opportunity to participate in a PSP workshop in Colombia during September for the dissemination of the new PSP in emergencies module and the global PSP manual. This will enable the GRC to train volunteers as planned in 2011 and to thereby strengthen their capacity to provide psychosocial support to people affected by emergencies and disasters.

Component outcome 3: The technical water unit is established and is prepared to implement development projects and act in situations of disasters through the development of management skills.

The water and sanitation technical unit was established in the GRC health department. This unit comprises a water and sanitation coordinator and a hygiene promoter and is tasked to promote water, sanitation and hygiene promotion either in development or response to disaster context. The secretariat has supported the strengthening of the technical unit through capacity building on planning, monitoring, evaluation and reporting (PMER), development of monitoring tools, design of water and sanitation systems utilizing computer software, and technical advice for proposal development. Thanks to this support, the GRC has identified uncovered communities and has developed a proposal for a long-term project covering seven communities in El Palmar, in the Quetzaltenango department which will be submitted to potential donors.

A follow up pilot project is being implemented with funding support from the Centre for Disease Control and the American Red Cross in the north-east of the country. The project covers two communities and involves the Ministry of Health and the local municipality. This project focuses on capacity building at the community level as well as to refresh hygiene practices, especially those that are key for improving health such as hand washing, use of latrines and water treatment. This project is benefiting more than 3,000 people.

Constraints and challenges

- Funding has been a constraint for programmed health activities, particularly in the areas of community and emergency health.
- Long-term sustainability of the water and sanitation technical unit is a challenge.

- The late transfer of secretariat funds from donors has delayed the HIV programme implementation.
- Some staffing and volunteer constraints have affected implementation in several sites, however, but this situation has been addressed.

Organizational Development/Capacity Building

The implementation of organizational development actions advances according to the proposed schedule. This includes initiatives such as the strengthening of the Integral Training Institute, the marketing strategy and the DFID proposal for building the institutional response and recovery capacity of the Guatemalan Red Cross. Through the support of the secretariat's regional representation for Central America and Mexico, the National Society is also starting the first phase for developing of a new Strategic Plan, in line with *Strategy 2020* and the implementation of actions focused on strengthening the leadership capacities of the GRC youth.

Programme purpose

Increase the skills of local communities, civil society, and Red Cross to face the most urgent situations of vulnerability.
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Programme Component: National Society leadership, management and volunteer development

Component outcome 1: Support National Society governance and management to strengthen the ability to effectively lead the organization and improve its delivery of services. Leadership ability has increased through governance, management and volunteer development; sustainable organization development; innovation and effective coordination and collaboration within the IFRC and with other partners.

During the first quarter of the reporting period the regional representation provided the National Society advice and in-situ guide through its electoral process. As a result six new members have been elected. With the objective of providing a detailed introduction to key subjects such as the *Strategy 2020*, the functional structure of the IFRC, accountability and leadership, the new members of the governing board participated in a workshop in Panama organized by the IFRC.

After receiving confirmation of fund availability for strengthening the Integral Training Institute, the regional representation has been in constant contact to support the development of the financial proposal and the signature of the memorandums of understanding that will allow fund execution through the second semester of 2011.

The GRC Youth is also implementing activities such as the school and climate change brigades that oversaw capacity building for 50 leaders throughout the different branches as diffusion experts in these topics. Two more members from the GRC had the opportunity to participate in an internship project in the Nicaraguan Red Cross to learn more about the school brigades. These activities have been supported by the regional representation through the Regional Youth Network that follows up on the process.

Through the support of the regional representation, the National Society is also starting the first phase for developing of a new Strategic Plan, in line with *Strategy 2020*, that has permitted constant exchange of information and key documents between PNS and the National Society management.

At the end of the reporting period the GRC is working in the development of a DFID proposal aiming at strengthening the institutional capacities for disaster prevention and response and new humanitarian trends.

Challenges

- The main challenge to the activities the GRC is currently developing is the hurricane season that may eventually affect the country, require a deviation of efforts and focus from of the National Society structure.

Principles and Values

Programme purpose
Promote respect for diversity and preservation of human dignity, reduce intolerance, discrimination and social exclusion.

Programme component: Promotion of humanitarian principles and values
Component outcome 1: The Guatemalan Red Cross with Secretariat support has enhanced internal understanding of the Fundamental Principles through the implementation of systematic actions to promote humanitarian principles and values and integrate them into National Society operational programmes (disaster management and health and care).

In coordination with the regional representation the Guatemalan Red Cross received, through the Regional Youth Network, all new materials for diffusion and capacity building about the Fundamental Principles and leadership, developed with a special focus on young people. The National Society participated in a workshop about gender-based project and programme planning. It also defined terms of reference and a profile for a Principles and Values responsible in the National Society.

Working in Partnership

The Japanese Red Cross Society supports the strengthening of the Integral Training Institute by procuring construction equipment, while the Norwegian Red Cross supports the development of a marketing plan for it. The Finnish Red Cross has developed activities to develop the leadership of the GRC, especially the its youth, through a micro-project based in school brigades and an internship about violence prevention and culture of peace in the Nicaraguan Red Cross. All other Partner National Societies (PNS) in Guatemala (Canadian Red Cross, Italian Red Cross, Netherlands Red Cross and Spanish Red Cross) have constant dialogue with their programme counterparts in the GRC to appropriately follow up the country plan and share information about the priorities of the National Society and their perspective cooperation. The ICRC is also working closely with the National Society in exchanging priorities.

The Guatemalan Red Cross coordinates its activities with a number of different partners, including CONRED, Partner National Societies, organisms of the UN system, and national authorities such as the Ministry of the Environment, Ministry of Health, and other entities related to its humanitarian mandate. The GRC also works with National Aids Programme, the National PLHIV association and key international and national non-governmental partners, and local community organisations and associations.

Contributing to longer-term impact

The Integral Training Institute that the Guatemalan Red Cross will establish through international cooperation, support from Red Cross partners and substantial internal efforts, supported by a marketing strategy that will guarantee sustainability and progress in its development plan, will positively impact the GRC in the long-term.

Through the IFRC-DIPECHO VII, coordinated by the Guatemalan Red Cross and the Netherlands Red Cross Society, a new case study titled “Women’s Role in Risk Management Activities in Guatemala City” is planned. This study amongst other case studies based on the work with urban communities highlighting the role of women, will be a base in the development of a framework that will define the parameters for work in urban environments.

Looking Ahead

During the second semester of 2011 the regional representation will focus its efforts in offering guidance and follow-up to the implementation of the activities planned with the GRC for capacity building. Communication and coordination with Partner National Societies is expected to improve, increasing coordination for the country plan process of the IFRC and the development of a Strategic Plan for the Guatemalan Red Cross through the 2012–2015 period, properly aligned with *Strategy 2020*.

The Guatemalan Red Cross expects to advance its national disaster risk management policy, secure approval and disseminate its response plan through the second half of the year, while strengthening coordination and memorandums of understanding with partners in the academic sector.

For the following period the GRC will continue to focus on the execution of activities at community level such as early warning system, properly equipping the communities, developing territorial and family plans, implementing the indicator matrix for disaster risk preparedness in the area and the execution of preparedness and mitigation work devised within DIPECHO VII.

Through funds provided by the Netherlands government, the Guatemalan Red Cross will develop a four-year climate change and disaster preparedness project, with technical and financial support from the Netherlands Red Cross. The purpose of the project is to reduce the impact of natural threats to the livelihoods of vulnerable communities.

The IFRC will continue to support the Guatemala Red Cross with technical advice, tools and methodologies in health to strengthen their capacity to prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters and crises; and to strengthen the health and resilience of vulnerable communities. In the next six months this will include support in HIV, psychosocial support in emergencies, community health, and water, sanitation and hygiene promotion. In the area of HIV, the secretariat will conduct external evaluations of the youth peer education methodology “Together we can” and the first three years of the Global Alliance on HIV. Moreover, the Guatemalan Red Cross will develop their four-year Global Alliance on HIV proposal 2011–2015 and will have an opportunity to share its experience at regional and continental meetings.

How we work

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

<p>The IFRC's vision is to:</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>The IFRC's work is guided by Strategy 2020 which puts forward three strategic aims:</p> <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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Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2011/1-2011/6
Budget Timeframe	2011/1-2011/12
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Budget	APPEAL

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I. Consolidated Response to Appeal

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
A. Budget	0	53,254	69,914	0		123,168
B. Opening Balance	0	0	0	0		0
Income						
<u>Cash contributions</u>						
<i>DFID Partnership grant</i>	-125					-125
<i>Japanese Red Cross Society</i>			55,860			55,860
<i>Norwegian Red Cross</i>		2,798	1,399			4,197
<i>Norwegian Red Cross (from Norwegian Government)</i>		25,182	12,591			37,773
C1. Cash contributions	-125	27,980	69,850			97,705
<u>Other Income</u>						
<i>Balance Reallocation</i>		95				95
C4. Other Income		95				95
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C4)	-125	28,076	69,850	0		97,800
D. Total Funding = B + C	-125	28,076	69,850	0		97,800
Appeal Coverage	#DIV/0	53%	100%	#DIV/0		79%

II. Balance of Funds

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance	0	0	0	0		0
C. Income	-125	28,076	69,850	0		97,800
E. Expenditure	245	-25,134	-2,933			-27,823
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	119	2,941	66,917	0		69,978

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III. Budget Analysis / Breakdown of Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination		
A		B					A - B	
BUDGET (C)		0	53,254	69,914	0		123,168	
Relief items, Construction, Supplies								
Clothing & Textiles	1,561	1,558					1,558	3
Utensils & Tools	405	405					405	0
Total Relief items, Construction, Supl	1,966	1,962					1,962	4
Logistics, Transport & Storage								
Transport & Vehicles Costs	4,032							4,032
Total Logistics, Transport & Storage	4,032							4,032
Personnel								
National Society Staff	19,368	12	4,938				4,950	14,418
Total Personnel	19,368	12	4,938				4,950	14,418
Consultants & Professional Fees								
Consultants	16,674							16,674
Professional Fees	10,228							10,228
Total Consultants & Professional Fe	26,902							26,902
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	20,620	3,726					3,726	16,894
Total Workshops & Training	20,620	3,726					3,726	16,894
General Expenditure								
Travel	3,636		22				22	3,614
Information & Public Relations	7,909	309					309	7,600
Office Costs	31,632							31,632
Communications	100	100					100	0
Financial Charges	117	40	2,384				2,424	-2,307
Other General Expenses	5,214							5,214
Shared Office and Services Costs				2,728			2,728	-2,728
Total General Expenditure	48,608	450	2,406	2,728			5,584	43,024
Operational Provisions								
Operational Provisions	-6,454	-6,377	16,037				9,660	-16,114
Total Operational Provisions	-6,454	-6,377	16,037				9,660	-16,114
Indirect Costs								
Programme & Services Support Recov	8,128	-15	1,520	177			1,682	6,446
Total Indirect Costs	8,128	-15	1,520	177			1,682	6,446
Pledge Specific Costs								
Pledge Earmarking Fee	-2	-2	234	27			259	-261
Total Pledge Specific Costs	-2	-2	234	27			259	-261
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	123,168	-245	25,134	2,933			27,823	95,345
VARIANCE (C - D)		245	28,120	66,981	0		95,345	