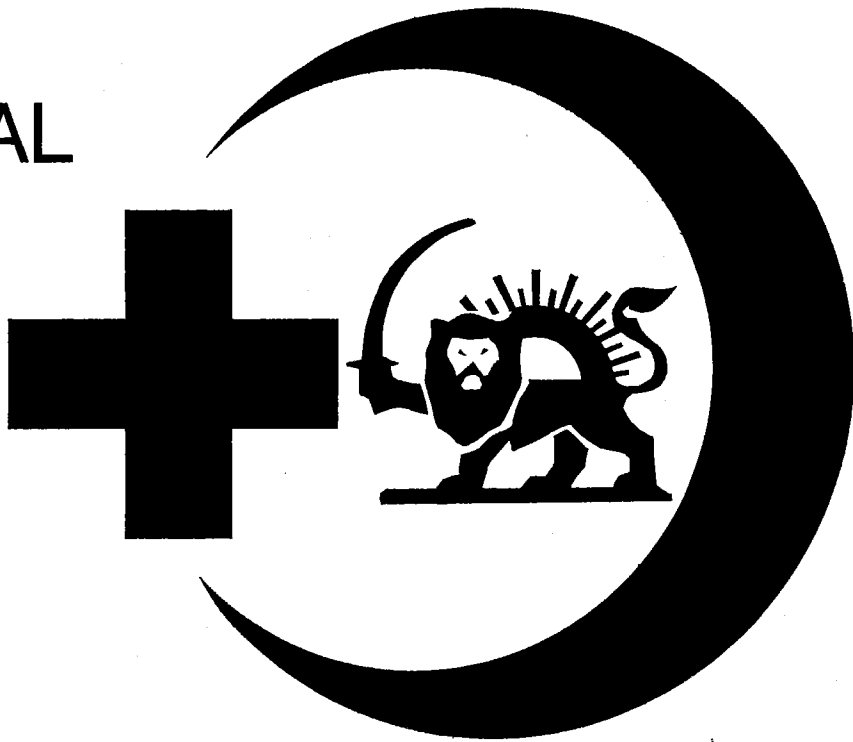


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*Execution entrusted to the League*

22. When the administrative organisation of the Society in the stricken country does not enable it to meet the situation, the League may, at the request of that Society and with its co-operation, assume the local direction and execution of the relief action.

*Foreign Personnel*

23. Personnel provided by donor Societies will be placed under the direction of the National Society of the stricken country or of the League, when the direction and execution of the relief operation have been entrusted to it.

*Non-solicited or Spontaneous Relief*

24. If a National Society wishes to send relief supplies which are not mentioned in the appeal launched by the League, it shall first obtain the agreement of the National Society of the stricken country or of the League. When there has been no appeal from the League, but a National Society nevertheless wishes to send relief supplies to the Society of a stricken country, the previous agreement of that Society is also required and the League shall be informed.

*How to use Gifts*

25. Gifts sent to a National Society may only be used for the purposes designated and will serve in the first place to give direct assistance to the victims.

A beneficiary Society may in no event use cash gifts received to cover the administrative expenses included in its ordinary budget.

If in the course of a relief operation it is necessary to sell or exchange a part of the goods received, the donors—or the League which represents them—will be consulted. The funds or goods thus obtained may only be used for the relief action.

*Relief Surplus*

26. The use of the goods or funds remaining on hand after the termination of a relief action will be the subject of an agreement between the National Society of the stricken country and the donors or the League.

*Transmission and Forwarding of Relief*

27. Assistance donated by a National Society to a stricken country will always be sent to the National Society of this country, either direct or through the intermediary of the League.

National Societies and the League may agree to transmit to a stricken country relief from non-Red Cross sources. In this case also, however, the relief will be given to the National Society of the stricken country and used by it freely but in conformity with the present rules.

**FINAL PROVISION**

*Special Cases*

28. Every disaster relief operation carried out in a country where there is war, civil war or internal disorders shall be regulated by the provisions of the Agreement of April 25th 1969 between the ICRC and the League.

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**Measures to meet Natural Disasters**

The XXIst International Conference of the Red Cross,

noting Resolution No. 2435 of 19 December 1968 of the United Nations General Assembly inviting Governments to make preparations at the national level to meet natural disasters,

aware of the need for prompt measures when a disaster strikes any country,

urges all Governments which have not already done so to prepare and to pass the necessary legislation enabling immediate and adequate action to be taken, in conjunction with the Red Cross, along the lines of a pre-established plan based on the disaster relief rules adopted by this Conference.