

# PROGRAMME UPDATE



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## ALBANIA

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*This Programme Update is intended for reporting on Annual Appeals.*

*Appeal No. 01.43/2002*

*Appeal Target: CHF 1,561,569; Revised Budget: CHF 4,100,065*

*Programme Update No. 1; Period covered: January-March 2002*

### “At a Glance”

*Appeal coverage: 70.4%*

*Related Operations: N/A*

*Outstanding needs: Programmes such as Health (Social Welfare programme) and OD, in particular, are facing severe funding problems.*

*Update: The Appeal budget has been revised to include the additional activities implemented by the Albanian Red Cross. These activities were planned within Appeal 2001, but could not be completed within the agreed time-frame (December 2001). As a result, the Plan of Action was revised, and progress on these activities are to be reported through future programme updates.*

### **Operational Developments:**

#### **National context**

Following its emergence from fifty years of communist rule in 1991, Albania continues to face economic difficulties. The country experienced a decade of turmoil, with civil unrest, economic difficulties and widespread social change. Added to this were the effects of ongoing instability in the Balkans. With a population of about 3.1 million, the country remains one of the poorest in Europe, with a GDP per capita of just \$1,094, and high levels of endemic unemployment. According to the Institute of Statistics of Albania, an estimated 16.8% of the population live below the poverty level.

The crisis in the Balkans in the spring of 1999 led to a massive influx of over 465,000 Kosovo refugees into Albania. This had a major impact on the country, putting an enormous strain on the fragile infrastructure while paradoxically assisting the macro-economic situation, most notably the exchange rate and access to hard currency.



The social welfare system is in a virtual state of collapse, and extended families have taken on the burden of providing a social safety net. The most vulnerable are those who do not have access even to this type of support.

Public health in Albania faces inherited problem as well as new ones. The most serious of these relate to the dilapidated health infrastructure, the lack of pharmaceutical and medical supplies, and poor financial incentives for health professionals.

- | <b><u>The Quarter at a Glance</u></b> |  |
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| ✓                                     | New development plan for the Albanian RC                           |
| ✓                                     | Review of the legal basis  |
| ✓                                     | Warehouse construction on schedule                                 |
| ✓                                     | Large-scale public information campaigns carried out               |
| ✓                                     | Groundwork done for Health and Care activities                     |
| ✓                                     | First Aid courses expanding  |
| ✓                                     | Preparatory phase of non-remunerated blood donor campaign underway |
| ✓                                     | Range of organizational development activities                     |

### ***National Society Priorities***

A development plan for the period 1993-1998 was designed and implemented by the national society with strong support from the Federation. Based on the achievements of this period, and on the Federation Strategy 2010, the Albanian Red Cross prepared its strategy for the years 2000-2004.

The Albanian Red Cross also initiated a review process of its legal basis. A draft of the revised statutes was approved by the General Assembly in October 2000. The revised regulations are to be approved in the forthcoming General Assembly in October. The Albanian Red Cross is going through the process of structural changes, including the creation of twelve large branches instead of the old 36 local committees. These changes are in line with the new administrative divisions of the country approved in 2000 and will strengthen the capacity of the national society at the local level.

- | <b><u>The Albanian Red Cross</u></b>        |  |
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| After just ten years, (at the end of 2000): |  |
| ✓   | 44000 members  |
| ✓   | nearly 3000 volunteers                                     |
| ✓   | 55 full-time and 11 part-time staff throughout the country |

### ***Albanian Red Cross Programmes***

The frequent crises experienced by the country in recent years have had a major impact on the planned activities of the Albanian Red Cross. This has been especially felt in efforts to improve the society's operating capacities. Premises were provided for all branches while some of them were also supplied with basic equipment (such as computers, fax machines, photocopy machines, and furniture).

### ***Disaster Preparedness***

During this period the disaster preparedness programme has worked to clarify its role and responsibility within the national DP framework. This has been achieved through establishing contacts with the various players operating in this area. The national society has also continued the training of its disaster teams, using Federation modules.

At the same time, special attention has been given to increasing the material capacities of the national society. This includes the construction of a central warehouse and the ongoing maintenance of two regional warehouses. The disaster stocks which were depleted during the snowfall crises of the past winter have now been fully replenished.

The wave mail communication system has been maintained and is in good working condition. The next quarter will see the national society implement a system where communications can be operative 24 hours a day.

**Objective 1:** *To disseminate and distribute the Albanian Red Cross disaster preparedness plan to all branches, governmental structures, and interested institutions.*

Contacts have been established with the Emergency Situation Directory at the Ministry of Local Government, which is highest authority eligible to deal with disaster issues. The Albanian RC has made clear its role, as an auxiliary arm of governmental structures, at the headquarters level, as well as at prefectural and district levels. The director of the Emergency Situation Directory joined in a

Federation Red Cross Regional disaster training workshop held in Macedonia in January 2002. This workshop contributed directly to raising the awareness of the respective governmental structure regarding the role of the Red Cross in disaster situations. It also clarified the responsibilities of governmental structures in the area of cross border co-operation.

A concrete familiarization of the concerned government structures with the disaster role and tasks was the joint relief response operation to the benefit of the isolated population of the North part of the country as consequence of the heavy snowfall. During the snowfall crisis the Red Cross performed its role very well while at the same time government structures were mobilized to finalize their role.

The representative of UN Disaster Preparedness in Albania has recently set up a new programme for Disaster Preparedness. The aim of this programme is to encourage governmental structures to start work on establishing an advisory commission. This commission will be charged with the task of nurturing the decision making structures of the government, including suggestions on how to draft a national plan for disaster, as well as the tasks and roles of each actor in time of disaster. The National Society has met with representatives of this programme and discussed what the Red Cross can regarding preparedness for disaster situations.

**Objective 2:** *To maintain the logistics and relief capacities at the central and local levels, to meet the relief and shelter needs of 8,000 beneficiaries according to international standards.*

The national society has the use of a rented central warehouse in Tirana and two Red Cross owned regional warehouses, (one in Fier and one in Shkodra). These warehouses store Albanian RC Disaster Preparedness stock with food and non-food items. These warehouses are regularly maintained in terms of security, cleaning, fumigating and so on. So far, no problems have been encountered in these areas. For the regional warehouses, the national society has hired two part time warehouse workers who maintain the facilities and keep all records in accordance with the Federation's standards. The emergency communication equipment (the wave mail system), is working normally and the national society is directly benefiting from its use. In order to maintain this system, the Albanian RC has phased batteries and other spare parts.

A relief and logistics workshop is planned for the second half of 2002.

**Objective 3:** *To increase the knowledge and skills of the headquarters and branch staff in disaster response and disaster preparedness.*

Almost all the disaster preparedness teams have been updated in twenty Red Cross local branches. In accordance with the new structure of the National Society, the work has focused on twelve Red Cross branches. The goal is for them to become more professional in performing their role in time of disaster. These branches will also have the responsibility to plan and organize the disaster preparedness work in the sub branches (there will be three to four of these) that will be under their authority. The disaster preparedness coordinator at the HQ's has regularly monitored this process and helped these branches regarding how to better understand these new tasks.

This training module process began in 2001. During the current period the national society has organized two additional workshops in order to complete the first training. The aim is to give instruction regarding what to do during a disaster as members of the information and reporting team. For the next module, (needs assessment), a training session has been organized in Tirana. It will involve the participation of leader teams from ten branches. What they learn during this training is to be conveyed to other members of the disaster preparedness teams in their districts. During the training the Albanian Red Cross provided them with a simple summary on the main topics for the needs assessment module, which will facilitate their work while teaching the other volunteers. This process will be monitored by headquarters. For the two remaining branches, (Peshkopi and Shkodra), a separate training was organized, led by headquarters, where all members of the needs assessment teams were trained. Fourteen volunteers participated in this training.

During four visits in six Red Cross branches the Albanian RC met with the disaster preparedness teams and discussed their roles, tasks and responsibilities in case of disaster. On these occasions they expressed their ideas and views about this issue, and through these discussions they have a clearer

concept and are better motivated. The branches concerned are: Korca, Pogradeci, Librazhd, Elbasan, Tirana and Shkodra.

**Objective 4:** *To raise public awareness about disaster preparedness.*

During this reporting period 10,000 leaflets were distributed to twelve major Red Cross branches. These leaflets convey the message of what to do before, during and after an earthquake strikes. Some 1,500 copies of the brochure: "Be prepared not scared" were also distributed. This brochure gives short and convincing messages about various disasters.

In co-operation with the American Red Cross delegation in Tirana, a new project named: "Tip of the Day", has been developed. The project aims to broadcast a Red Cross message every day during the year, through very short advice, on national radio. So far work has been done to draft these sentences for each day, and in the coming months this work will be finalized.

The disaster preparedness programme has been identified as the main priority of the national society. Work will continue towards achieving the long-term disaster preparedness goals, and this will require the efforts of all sections of the national society.

## **Health and Care**

The goal of the Health and Care programme is to contribute to further improvements in the health and social situation in Albania. During this quarter, the groundwork has been done to allow for the implementation of activities in the next and subsequent quarters.

The exit strategy for the soup kitchen project has worked well. The vulnerable involved in the project clearly understand the changes being made to the programme.

Due to a lack of funding for the Appeal, larger projects have now been broken up into smaller activities. This has been done so that these projects may be more accessible to donor national societies. These project documents are available upon request. To date there has been no positive response to this approach, and at the moment the national society is spending its reserve fund to run activities.

**Objective 1: Public health and health education** *To continue to provide health education information and support to the most vulnerable groups of the society.*

The Albanian RC is in the preparatory phase of organizing the environmental campaign that will be divided in two phases. The project will be implemented to 18 Red Cross local branches, as national societies received additional support from the French RC delegation in Tirana. The first phase will be implemented during April-May and the second phase during September-November 2002.

Some 1,800 posters and 18,000 leaflets have already been sent to these branches for that purpose. Together with them it has been sent a circular paper instructing the branches on how to better organize that work. It has been designed a monitoring plan which will be implemented during the year.

All of the necessary steps have been taken in order to organize ten training sessions in ten local branches. This will involve the participation of 200 volunteers, and deal with the issues of reproductive health and the prevention of infectious diseases. The sessions are planned for April 2002. So far, all the materials that will be used during these training sessions have been sent. The materials include 200 copies of the book "New Parents", 10 copies of the manual "For Nurses" and three kinds of leaflets. During these sessions a special module will be used, which conveys very simple messages to the target groups, and these messages will be conveyed by volunteers. The French Red Cross delegation in Tirana will support the Albanian RC in implementing this project in four local branches.

For the topic of personal hygiene, 20 local branches are involved. The national society is at the stage where 400 volunteers will be trained in April 2002. Afterwards they will organize talks with the target groups in May - June 2002. These talks will be organized mainly in schools.

A television campaign will be organized in co-operation with the American RC delegation in Tirana. During the first three months of this current year activities have been monitored in 6 districts of the country. Preparation of a TV spot has been worked on for nationwide broadcasting as well as a new leaflet.

The Albanian RC is in the preparatory phases of the non-remunerated blood donation campaign that will be organized during April-June 2002. Ten main RC branches will be involved. During this time the national society has sent these branches posters and leaflets. In order to better organize this campaign, HQ's has forwarded information with instructions and suggestions. This activity is in close cooperation with the National Blood Center in Tirana and the blood banks in the districts.

After the needs assessment on the HIV/AIDS situation, (conducted at the end of last year), a pilot project has been designed and will be implemented in co-operation with the French Red Cross delegation in five local branches. So far a staff member has been hired at the HQ's and the recruitment process of five part time coordinators at the local level has started. As soon as these local coordinators are recruited the Albanian Red Cross will immediately start a training course with them. Following that, they will train non-professional volunteers. Some 150 non-professional volunteers will be involved. They will transmit the message to more than 5 000 students at high schools in the five districts of the country where the project is predicted to be implemented.

**Objective 2: First Aid:** *To further promote First Aid amongst the general public as well as in other targeted groups.*

Contacts with non-governmental organizations and private companies have been made. The purpose is to investigate whether they need to undergo First Aid training. Also, a First Aid training with the staff of the International Organization for Migration delegation in Albania was conducted. During the first quarter of this year a TV first aid message was broadcast, with the purpose being to increase public awareness. It is expected that requests from the public to enroll in First Aid courses will follow this campaign. These courses will be organized by the twelve largest Red Cross branches in the country.

Regular contacts with experts from the Ministry of Transport has also begun. The purpose is to push the process (started some years ago) related to the training of newly licensed drivers. At the expert level the outcome of Red Cross efforts seems to be a satisfactory one, but a final meeting with the Minister of Transport has not been finalized. This work is still in process.

A working group has been set up in order to collect ideas and draft a leaflet and a poster for the general public and at-risk groups. The work of this group is in process. Contacts with the Vodafone Mobile Phone company in Tirana have been organized and it has been agreed that First Aid courses for their staff will be organized, especially for those who are most exposed to risks.

The process of identifying candidates as First Aid trainers is underway. A training course has been planned for May 2002, and an expert from the Austrian RC has been invited to help the new FA coordinator of the national society to organize the course.

It is planned that a refresher course will be organized in July. Once again, the Albanian RC has contacted the Austrian RC, and an expert will come to help in the organization of this course. The national society is in the process of identifying those trainers who have already undergone First Aid training in the past but need to refresh their knowledge.

The new first aid coordinator has established contacts with the European Reference Center for First Aid Education. This is in line with the goal of obtaining the European First Aid certificate. The National Society has received all of the materials related to this issue, and is working to determine what additional work needs to be done to fulfill the requirements. According to what has been received so far, it appears that the national society needs only some minor improvements relating to one topic. This work is planned to be concluded by the end of April.

The Albanian RC has received an invitation from the Belgian RC to participate in the European First Aid competition that will be held at the end of August 2002 in Brussels. The National Society has started work regarding regional First Aid competitions. The National Societies participation in this event will depend on the support of a potential donor.

**Objective 3: Social Welfare** *To continue assisting the vulnerable social groups.*

In January 2002 the third session of the VCA methodology was organized. Twelve local Red Cross branch secretaries and six volunteers are participating. This is the third session (of five) that comprises this methodology. In addition to the VCA methodology, this session also included the basic elements of Project Planning Process. The delegate from the Regional Delegation who is conducting this training introduced these elements and the participants found them very useful, although a little bit difficult to follow at the beginning. The next session will include further and concrete discussion about this. The last two sessions of this methodology are planned to be held in March and May 2002. From what has been organized so far it emerges that the participants are benefiting from the training. Also, this has been reflected in the quality of projects they are presenting and in the way on they conduct needs assessments in their districts.

The Soup Kitchen project is going well. There are eight local Red Cross branches involved in this project and the number of the beneficiaries is 450. These are elderly lonely people and orphans, two groups identified by the national society as most vulnerable. This project is planned to end in March 2002, but these beneficiaries will be included in the lists of the next social project called: "Assistance to the lonely elderly, orphans and poor families" (due to start in April 2002).

Dress making courses remain active with participation of disadvantaged women from seven Red Cross branches. During this reporting period 105 disadvantaged women have benefited. In addition to learning a new profession, psychological support is also provided. This project is ongoing and is planned to be implemented throughout the year.

**Children at risk project.** This project began last year, with the involvement of two Red Cross branches, (Durrës and Shkodra). There are 200 beneficiaries in these districts. It is planned that this project will be extended to four other branches: Vlora, Fier, Berat and Elbasan. There are 200 additional beneficiaries in these four districts. The purpose of the project is to reintegrate these children in school through a social and education process. During the reporting period meetings were organized with the authorities in order to have access to the education system in these four districts. During the contacts with the educational directories in these districts the most problematic schools have been identified. The Albanian RC has also hired four full time area coordinators who will be involved in the implementation of the project in these districts. The project is supported by the Spanish RC delegation in Tirana with ECHO financial support.

## **Humanitarian Values**

The aim of this programme is to contribute to further promotion of humanitarian values in civil society. During this quarter activities were largely concentrated on enhancing the image of the national society. Activities have been conducted individually, as well as in co-operation with other programmes.

**Objective 1:** *To promote IHL, the fundamental principles and humanitarian values among target groups (government, academic youth, in particular).*

A seminar in the Albanian RC local branch of Shkodra (with the participation of 20 volunteers) and another in Elbasan (also with the participation of 20 volunteers) was organized. The topic of these seminars was: "Children at risk".

During the response operation for the benefit of isolated populations in the north of the country, a number of information materials, posters and leaflets were distributed. Food relief packages were accompanied with this kind of material, and this led to the increase of the Red Cross image amongst the public. This activity was largely made public through electronic and written media. Initially it was the National Society who approached the media, but at the same time the media turned its attention towards the Red Cross, as this was the only organisation who responded to the situation from the very first moments.

The remaining activities of this objective will be carried out and reported on in the coming months.

**Objective 2:** *To raise the profile of the Movement in general, and that of the Albanian Red Cross in particular, among the general public of Albania.*

This activity is underway. Information from all the branches has been collected at the HQ's. Further activities will be carried out and reported on in the coming months.

## **Organizational Development**

Continuing to strengthen the overall capacity of the Albanian Red Cross in order to establish a well-functioning national society is the current goal. The national society views this as a very important objective. With this in mind, a number of documents have been approved relating to the electoral process, in accordance with the revised statutes and new internal regulations. In line with this, all chairpersons of the nominating commissions at the sub-branch level have received training.

**Objective 1: Institutional development** *To further develop the Albanian Red Cross structure and strengthen the role of governance.*

Two meetings of the Policy commission of the General Council (GC) have been held. In these meetings the following issues were discussed:

- Administration and ex-properties of the NS
- Review of vulnerable and target groups

The drafts of these policies will be submitted for approval at the incoming General Council meeting due to be held during March 2002.

The Organizational Development commission of the General Council held a meeting in order to prepare a draft on the topic of "Self assessment questionnaire on the performance of members of the governance". This draft will be submitted at the upcoming General Council meeting for approval.

The General Assembly of the Albanian RC is scheduled for October 2002.

The Steering Committee met in January 2002. There were discussions and decisions taken on the electoral process guidelines in accordance with the Rules and Procedures of the National Society, especially with chapter 8 (Electoral Process).

At the General Council meeting in December 2001 the Rules and Procedures of the NS (which also includes the Electoral Process) were approved. In accordance with that the General Council approved the Ethics Code of the NS; the Conflict Interests Policy; the Candidate's Profile (for local Council members and GC members). Some practical elements relating to the electoral process were also approved during this meeting.

A three session training was organized with the participation of all chairpersons of the nomination commissions which were set up in all the local branches during January. In the training the following issues were discussed:

- Announcement of the Red Cross members meeting in their districts
- Application forms to be filled in for all those who wanted to apply as members of local council and GC.
- The ethics code and conflict of interest policy
- Practical elements to be respected during the electoral process (ballot paper, ballot box, records of the voting commission etc)

A meeting was organized with all the chairpersons of the 36 local branches in order to get them to better understand all issues relating to the electoral process. The subject of this meeting was also the issues discussed with the chairpersons of the nomination commissions.

Other activities related to this objective will be carried out in the next quarters. They will be reported on at that time.

**Objective 2: Programme design and implementation** *To increase the level of professionalism in designing, implementing and evaluating programmes/projects.*

The Albanian RC has a soft pledge for this objective from the Spanish Red Cross delegation in Tirana.

A national calendar has been drafted based on the planning of the work each department has made. Most of the activities of this calendar are planned on the basis of the appeal 2002.

Other activities related to this objective are in the preparation stage, and will be carried out in the coming months. Additional activities are waiting for the new branch structure to be in place (planned for the end of June) before implementation can begin..

**Objective 3: Resource development** *To increase the national society's income generation base.*

A market assessment in six local Red Cross local branches took place in January and February 2002. During this phase the aim was to have a preliminary assessment of the local market in order to get as much knowledge as possible about computer courses and Internet cafes. The collected information of this phase had to be analyzed and used for the second phase due to be held during April-May 2002. At the end of this assessment it came out that in three districts there is no competition and thus the Red Cross can go continue organizing its activities. These districts are: Berati, Lezhe and Shkoder.

The remaining activities of this objective are planned for later in the year. At the moment there is no funding dedicated to them, and their implementation will depend on obtaining this eventual support.

**Objective 4: Volunteer management** *Increase the volunteer management capacities.*

Work aimed at completing this task is ongoing. The commission which is set up to work on this issue is continuing their work and it is planned that in April 2002 a meeting will take place where is expected to have some conclusion on the management procedures.

The reference materials for volunteers have already been prepared. A potential donor is being sought for support with printing.

The work regarding the national society training programme began with the evaluation of the training system which the National Society is currently using.. During the reporting period a number of contacts have been organized with Red Cross branches in order to have their opinion based on their experience and problems evidenced. The National Society is now in the process of discussions at HQ's level in order to get the opinions from the coordinators relating to the training programmes they have planned to be implemented in the course of this current year. It is expected that after this information is collected, an analysis will take place.

The remaining activities under this objective will be carried out over the next few months. They will be reported on accordingly.

## ***Coordination and Management***

The goal of this programme is Continued assistance to the Albanian RC from delegates providing technical assistance and expertise for programme, most notably through ID/RD activities and to support PNS's in administrative legal matters.

**Objective 1:** *To maintain the momentum of the institutional and resource development programmes within the Albanian Red Cross.*

The Federation's strategy for 2002 was to smoothly close the country delegation at the end of year 2001 and hand over its support function to the Budapest Regional Delegation. This process has been implemented with the help of Federation Country Representative (CR) who is located in Skopje, Macedonia, but also covers Albania. The working plan agreed with the Albanian RC is that the Federation Representative is the focal point for Albania, having 25 % of his time devoted to assisting the Albanian Red Cross and the PNS's in the country. This is implemented and managed by having at his disposal a part-time administration assistant and office space provided by PNS's. For the year 2002 the PNS's in the country are American, Spanish, German and French Red Cross and the Red Crescent Society of the United Arab Emirates. The Country Representative has visited monthly in Tirana having regular meetings with the Albanian Red Cross new leadership, SG Zamir Muca, the President of the Albanian RC and the programme coordinators. The main role for the CR has been advising and supporting the national society during the transition period with new leadership, and stressing the need of reporting to donors through the Budapest Regional Delegation. This support also covers

finance management planning and support with Albanian RC monthly cash requests authorized by the CR.

The Federation country representative monitors and closely follows the construction of the Albanian RC warehouse (started in December 2001). The warehouse is funded by the Belgian, Danish, Finnish, German, Hellenic and Norwegian Red Cross. The extra funds for the warehouse are from the Kosovo Refugee Programme Reserve 1999. The new warehouse of 1800 square meters, located on the highway to Tirana Airport and Durres harbor is planned to be finished by July-August 2002.

The CR has participated in monthly PNS-meetings chaired by the Secretary General of the Albanian Red Cross. In these meetings the main topics were the urgent need of coordination between NS, the ICRC and the PNS's in the country. The goal is that PNS projects are more transparent and in-line with The Albanian RC appeal and strategy. The other important topic on the agenda has been the needed funds and donors to cover the Appeal 2002.

**Objective 2:** *To improve coordination and compatibility of PNS programmes working in Albania with the Albanian RC's strategy and to provide administrative support to them.*

The Federation, using its Legal Status in the country, is providing actively a range of administrative and logistical services (bank's account, personnel, contract issues, mobile phones, custom clearing, VAT refund, vehicles, ...etc.) to the PNS operating bilaterally in Albania. A local administrator was appointed and is dealing with these issues in close collaboration with the Federation Representative.

## **Outstanding Needs**

### **Conclusion**

The activities carried out by the national society during this period were according to the Plan of Action of the Strategy 2000-2004 of the Albanian RC. The implementation of some activities has been postponed but this will not affect their eventual completion as they were originally planned for later in the year. In general, during these three months a strong base for the implementation of activities has been achieved. A strong contribution to the development of national society activities has been the involvement of PNS's. The French RC is co-operating to develop a health education project in four RC branches. The American RC is co-operating in implementing social mobilisation for the vaccination campaign, while the Icelandic RC is contributing to the development of a health education project to in four RC branches. The national society has received a grant from the Empress Shoken fund for the Health Education project for the first time, and there is a soft pledge from the Austrian RC for the health education project.

The appeal coverage presented at the beginning of this report includes a carry-over of funds from the past. In actual terms, current programmes have only received some 30% funding. Despite this shortfall, the national society is not envisaging having to revise its budget. Work will be carried out to have internal donations, and individual applications are being made for small projects to external donors. These small projects are part of the Appeal and have been singled-out in order to increase the likelihood of obtaining support.

The first three months of 2002 have been supported by the Federation through its Regional Delegation in Budapest, and with the help of Federation's Country representative. The main responsibility of running and operating the approved programmes lies with the Albanian Red Cross. The National Society has taken its role seriously and focused its capacity to proceed in line with the National Society's 2000 - 2004 Strategy. The Federation's role as the serving leader has been to provide technical support for national society programme areas and for the development process. The input from the monthly delegate visits is minor compared to the previous full-time Federation delegation presence. The National Society has managed to take almost the full ownership of this Appeal. It reflects their strong desire and need to stand on their own feet, while at the same time receiving backup from the Federation's Regional Delegation to consolidate their basis and their effort to reach some sustainability for their programmes, both in term of financial and human resources .

The Albanian Red Cross continues to demonstrate its strengths in a variety of areas. Effective disaster response, an expanding First Aid programme and public health campaigns are just a few of a range of

programmes and activities being carried out. The Albanian Red Cross is the recognized leader with regards to assisting the most vulnerable in the country. Additionally, the Albanian Red Cross enjoys a good public image, a trait that the National Society is keen to reinforce. Fulfilling the objectives of the current Appeal will contribute towards further strengthening the capacities and abilities of the Albanian Red Cross.

<b><u>The Next Quarter at a Glance</u></b>	
✓	the exact information from Geneva and the Regional Delegation as to which planned programmes/budgets are fully covered by donors and which are not, in order to start to revise and modify the projects ASAP.
✓	to raise the need for coordination with the Albanian RC and the PNS's in the country to work together in line with the appeal and strategy of the NS.
✓	monitor and follow the Albanian RC warehouse construction project in accordance with the construction agreement, time table, and funding plan.
✓	some of the activities not carried out in this quarter are to commence in the next quarter. Others will begin later in the year.

***National Societies Operating Bilaterally in Albania***

	<b>PNS</b>	<b>Activities</b>
<b>Disaster Preparedness</b>	German RC	programme support
<b>Disaster Response</b>		
<b>Health and Care</b>	American RC	public information campaigns
	French RC	support for training, programme support
	Spanish RC	social welfare projects
	United Arab Emirates RC	social welfare projects
<b>Humanitarian Values</b>		
<b>Organisational Development</b>	American RC	public relations activities
	German RC	support for training and development, programme support

***Financial Information***

As mentioned above, the national society has been proactive in its approach to obtaining funding. Faced with weak support for the Appeal, the national society has decided to approach donors in a different way. Larger programmes have been “broken-up” into smaller projects. It is hoped that these smaller projects may then be more readily accepted by donor societies. It is still too early to be able to evaluate the results of this approach, but it is anticipated that by the next reporting period some data will be available.

On the following pages there is additional, more detailed financial information related to the funding of projects and its expenditures. As mentioned in the introduction, the Appeal has to be revised as its Plan of Action was reviewed to include the activities planned last year but that need to be implemented, reported and completed this year. Consequently, the Appeal budget was as well revised to better reflect the Plan of Action and to better match the income situation. Also attached is an updated list of contributions to the appeal.

**Project Summary Financial Statement by Appeal**

All Donors.  
 Period: January through March of 2002  
 Appeal: 01.43/02 - ALBANIA (01.01.2002 - 31.12.2002)

Project	INCOME				EXPENDITURE							Closing		
	Voluntary Contributions.				Supplies	Capital Transport	PS	Personnel	General Expenditure	Transfers	Provisions		Total Expenditure	
	Opening	Selected Donors	Others	Transfers										Other Income
<b>Europe</b>														
<b>Europe Central Europe</b>														
<b>Europe Albania</b>														
PAL001 - Albania - Development	89,719	0	0	0	0	0	1,285	9,209	1,148	0	0	11,642	78,077	
PAL002 - Albania - Health Programme	48,154	0	0	0	0	0	537	1,200	3,131	0	0	4,868	43,286	
PAL005 - Albania - Social Welfare Programmes	208,342	0	0	150,000	0	358,342	13,213	61,059	3,665	555	0	88,797	269,545	
PAL006 - Albania - Deminination	63,340	0	0	0	0	63,340	0	0	4,191	973	0	5,805	57,735	
PAL007 - Albania - First Aid	10,228	0	0	0	0	10,228	0	0	1,461	232	0	1,903	8,325	
PAL008 - IDRD increase professionalizm	3,023	0	0	0	0	3,023	0	0	564	327	1,494	581	57	
PAL015 - Albania - Youth Programme	45,138	0	0	0	0	45,138	0	0	1,125	265	0	1,562	43,576	
PAL110 - Albania NS - Fundraising	955,349	0	0	0	0	955,349	0	0	1,742	240	0	2,228	953,121	
PAL160 - Albania - Disaster Preparedness	990,748	196,211	0	-635,000	0	551,959	-11,488	0	8,918	12,611	13,275	5,765	85,205	314,286
PAL161 - Albania - RC Warehouse	0	0	0	495,000	0	485,000	0	188,862	0	23,578	0	1,228	0	213,668
<b>Europe Albania</b>	2,414,241	196,211	0	0	0	2,610,452	1,725	249,921	9,988	49,406	34,144	17,336	85,205	447,725
<b>Europe Central Europe</b>	2,414,241	196,211	0	0	0	2,610,452	1,725	249,921	9,988	49,406	34,144	17,336	85,205	447,725
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<b>01.43/02</b>	2,414,241	196,211	0	0	0	2,610,452	1,725	249,921	9,988	49,406	34,144	17,336	85,205	447,725

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<b>Albania</b>						ANNEX 1
<b>APPEAL No. 01.43/2002</b>		<b>PLEDGES RECEIVED</b>			03.07.2002	
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
<b>CASH</b>						
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				<b>4'100'065</b>		<b>TOTAL COVERAGE 70.4%</b>
CASH CARRIED FORWARD				2'414'241		
AUSTRIAN - RC				65'000	20.06.2002	FIRST AID BILATERAL
BRITISH - RC		70'000	GBP	160'678	24.06.2002	DIRECTLY TO ALBANIAN RC
CANADIAN - RC		1'025	CAD	1'059	27.05.2002	IDRD
FINNISH - GOVT/RC		105'013	EUR	155'304	28.01.2002	DISASTER PREPAREDNESS
SWEDISH - RC		300'000	SEK	47'430	15.04.2002	HEALTH & CARE, PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATION, INSTITUTIONAL & RESOURCE DEV.
EMPRESS SHOKEN FUND				41'000	24.06.2002	DIRECTLY TO ALBANIAN RC
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				2'884'712	CHF	70.4%
<b>KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)</b>						
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				0	CHF	0.0%
<b>ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET</b>						
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED				0	CHF	
<b>THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS ARE LINKED TO THIS APPEAL:</b>						
Note: CHF 700,000 have been deducted from the cash carried forward, it is a special reserve not covering the appeal						

<b>APPEAL No. 01.43/2002 Albania</b>								
Revised budget (03.07.2002)								
<b>PROGRAMME</b>	<b>Disaster Resp</b>	<b>Disaster Prep</b>	<b>Health &amp; Care</b>	<b>Human. Values</b>	<b>OD</b>	<b>Reg. Co-operation</b>	<b>Co-ord. &amp; Mgmt</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Shelter & Construction								
Clothing & Textiles		52'510						52'510
Food & Seeds		86'402	62'223					148'625
Water								
Medical & 1st Aid								
Teaching Materials								
Ustensils & Tools								
Other Relief Supplies		33'416	1'764					35'180
<b>Subtotal Supplies</b>		<b>172'328</b>	<b>63'987</b>					<b>236'315</b>
Land & Buildings	995'000	190'400	139'879		949'627			2'274'906
Vehicles								
Computer & Telecom					39'382			39'382
Medical Equipment								
Other Capital Equipment								
<b>Subtotal Capital</b>	<b>995'000</b>	<b>190'400</b>	<b>139'879</b>		<b>989'009</b>			<b>2'314'288</b>
Programme Management	75'749	43'448	39'357	7'851	110'063			276'468
Technical Services	22'675	13'006	11'781	2'350	32'947			82'759
Professional Services	25'147	14'424	13'064	2'606	36'538			91'779
<b>Subtotal Programme Support</b>	<b>123'571</b>	<b>70'878</b>	<b>64'202</b>	<b>12'807</b>	<b>179'548</b>			<b>451'006</b>
Warehousing/Inspection		34'943	15'554	4'444				54'941
Transport & Vehicles		13'580	15'351	2'929	44'579			76'439
<b>Subtotal Transport &amp; Storage</b>		<b>48'523</b>	<b>30'905</b>	<b>7'373</b>	<b>44'579</b>			<b>131'380</b>
Delegates & Expatriates								
National Societies and Local Staff		72'084	133'550	25'104	165'795			396'533
<b>Subtotal Personnel</b>		<b>72'084</b>	<b>133'550</b>	<b>25'104</b>	<b>165'795</b>			<b>396'533</b>
Travel & Related Expenses		2'029	3'492		3'587			9'108
Information		10'318	36'753	55'517	54'313			156'901
Consultants	4'000	21'195	1'086		41'155			67'436
General Expenses	800	42'925	52'188	9'763	74'802			180'478
Training Workshops & Seminars		13'664	57'621	5'862	79'473			156'620
Security								
<b>Subtotal Training, Information &amp; General</b>	<b>4'800</b>	<b>90'131</b>	<b>151'140</b>	<b>71'142</b>	<b>253'330</b>			<b>570'543</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>1'123'371</b>	<b>644'344</b>	<b>583'663</b>	<b>116'426</b>	<b>1'632'261</b>			<b>4'100'065</b>