

PROGRAMME UPDATE



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Appeal No. 01.43/02

Appeal Target: CHF 1,561,569; Budget revised to CHF 4,100,065

Programme Update No. 2; Period covered: April-July 2002; last Programme Update (no. 1) issued end of June, 2002

"At a Glance"

Appeal coverage: 73.3%

Related Operation: Snowfalls relief operation

Outstanding needs: Social Welfare programmes, Resource Development programme

Update: *The Albanian Red Cross continues to demonstrate its strength in a variety of areas. Effective disaster response, an expanding First Aid programme, and public awareness campaigns are just a few of a range of programmes and activities being carried out. The Federation exit strategy started in of 2001 is proceeding well. Albanian RC has managed to take almost the full ownership of this appeal, and focused its capacity to proceed in line with its strategy (2000-2004). Faced with the weak response to some of the programmes outlined in the Appeal, the Albanian Red Cross has been proactive in its approach to obtaining funding. Larger programmes have been "broken up" into smaller projects and submitted to donors. This approach has already proven to be effective. A visible contribution to the development of national societies activities has been the strong involvement of PNS's in the programmes outlined in the Albania Red Cross strategy.*

Operational Developments:

With the collapse of the communist regime, Albania launched a major political and economic reform programme in the 1990s to transform its economy to a market-based system. Significant progress has been made. The Government now intends to build on these achievements and to put the economy on a path of a rapid and sustainable growth to improve the economic well-being of the population.

The parliamentary elections, held in June 2001 were contested. This has led to a volatile political situation and subsequently to the fall of the government in February 2002. A new government was appointed. An unexpected consensus between the two major political parties in the country led to the election of a new President. On 24 June, Albania's parliament elected Alfred Moisiu as the country new president. The political situation remains still very fragile and is affecting the social and economic life of the population.

The Albanian Red Cross is still going through the process of structural changes, including the creation of twelve large branches instead of the old 36 local committees. These branches will each have



three to four sub branches. These changes are in line with the new administrative division of the country (approved in 2000), and it is expected that they will influence the strengthening of capacity of the national society at the local level. The 12 branches are already set up and homologated at the General Council meeting of July 6th, 2002 and will be approved during the forthcoming General Assembly in October 2002. Each branch is composed of three-four sub branches.

The set up of the sub branches was completed during the second quarter. There are 39 sub branches throughout the whole territory. Elections were held regularly and branch councils were constituted with representatives from the sub branches.

Disaster Preparedness

The DP programme during this time has focused on the process of designing the NS Disaster Preparedness plan. In this plan the NS is trying to clarify its role and responsibility within the national framework. For that purpose a number of meetings have been organised and held with the Ministry of Local Government, UNDP, and some other NGO-s operating in this area.

The National Society has continued training its disaster teams using all the Federation modules. In addition to that, the disaster teams, at least in 12 RC branches, are increasing their preparedness knowledge and teamwork. An earthquake simulation exercise organised during this period showed that a good level of knowledge and preparedness of DP teams at the branch level has been achieved.

Special attention has also been given to increasing the material capacities of the NS. The central warehouse of the NS is under construction and it is hoped that by the end of August 2002 it will be handed over to the NS by the construction company. At the same time, in Korca district, the construction of the RC complex has started. Two other regional warehouses have been regularly maintained. The stock of disaster relief materials for 8,000 beneficiaries is already being renewed and stored according to the plan approved by the NS.

The NS has recently encountered some difficulties with the wave mail and its oral radio communication system. Negotiations are currently underway in order to find an expert who can help improve the communication and wave mail system in accordance with the requirements of the disaster plan.

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

A DP expert (Finnish RC adviser) supported Albanian RC in this process. He visited twice the NS in April and June 2002. An outline of the steps to be carried out was drafted and was approved by the relevant governing and managing bodies of the NS. The process is now progressing well. The Federation guidelines on national Disaster Preparedness plans for National Societies has been used as reference .

Two workshops were organised at HQ and branch level. The main topics were the role and responsibilities of the Albanian RC in relation to the National Disaster plan, the disaster structure of the NS at HQ's, at branch and sub-branch level, the communication system to be used in case of disaster and the executive authority eligible to activate the alarm system of the NS.

At the same time, the Government structures are in the process of designing a draft of the National Disaster Plan for Albania. With support from the UNDP (The Project for the Management of Disasters in Albania) the Directory for Civil Emergency situations has organised a meeting with the participation of all potential players in case of a disaster. The Albanian RC was invited to participate in the meeting in which all parties expressed their capabilities in case of an emergency. There have been several meetings to clarify the respective roles and to finalise other steps.

The National Society is seconding some its DP staff to advise government structures, both at the national and local level in Disaster Preparedness issues. Together with UNDP, efforts are being made to lobby the government to speed up the process. The main concern is that the government structure as the law foresees it, is not yet fully in place. For the moment, there are no direct counterparts in the emergency directory to deal with.

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 is renting a central warehouse in Tirana and owns two RC regional warehouses, in Fier and in Shkodra. DP stocks are constituted of food and non food items for 8 000 beneficiaries. These warehouses are regularly maintained in terms of security, cleaning, fumigating etc. So far, no problems have been evidenced. For the regional warehouses, two part time warehouse keepers were hired and are maintaining all records in accordance with the Federation's standards.

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

The DP coordinator at HQ is monitoring together with the DP team leaders at the sub-branch level, the completion of the disaster preparedness voluntary teams. These emergency response units will be based at the local branches. The process will be reactivated after the selection of the 12 branch secretaries.

A training workshop was organised in Tirana. 12 volunteer leaders working in the community from disaster teams of RC branches and five secretaries from the best branches participated at the training. The main topic was focusing on the awareness of disasters in the community and risk reduction. The role of the RC in disaster prone areas with vulnerable groups was also discussed. During the reporting period, three branches organised local training with their volunteers in using a needs assessment module. Two workshops were held to discuss the role and tasks of each and every volunteer at the sub branch level, which is an important part of the DP Plan. An earthquake simulation exercise took place in the Shkodra branch on July 15. In this simulation, 60 Disaster Preparedness team volunteers took part. During this activity volunteers role-played actions in four areas of Red Cross intervention during the time of a disaster: needs assessments, information and reporting, first aid, health promotion and relief distribution. This activity illustrated the high level of knowledge and preparedness the branch level DP teams have reached.

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

During this reporting period 15 000 leaflets have been distributed to twelve major RC branches, conveying the message what to do before, during and after an earthquake. 4,500 copies of the brochure: "Be prepared not scared" which gives short and convincing messages for various disasters were also distributed.

As mentioned above, Albanian RC is in the process of signing a partnership agreement with UNDP and the Ministry of Local Government. It covers the following areas:

- Vulnerability and capacity at commune levels.
- Disaster planning at the community level.
- Public awareness and education campaigns in disaster prone areas.

A TV spot on basic construction practices for earthquake resistant structures was planned. However this activity is carefully considered as it directly affects construction company interests. This sensitive issue is currently being discussed with a group of volunteers. What has been achieved so far in the area of DP is contributing to the overall fulfilment of the objectives set by Albanian RC in its Strategy. The DP plan remains one of the main priority of the National Society.

Humanitarian Values

During this quarter the enhancement of the image of the RC and promotion of humanitarian values was given a high priority. Separate activities and activities integrated with the other programmes were carried out.

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

A training seminar was organised in Durrës in May with the participation of 20 volunteers.. The topic of this training seminar was "Training of the First Aid volunteers" and included a discussion on Humanitarian Values. Another seminar was held in the RC local branch of Lezha in May and attended by 50 intellectuals who discussed Humanitarian Values. This activity was reported in local electronic media. Promotional activities on the emblem were organised in the RC local branch of Përmet in May In the city centre a demonstration about the RC emblem was held with 25 volunteers wearing RC uniforms and holding banners displaying RC symbols. Volunteers distributed 50 posters and 100 leaflets with the topic, "What does this emblem represent?".

The RC local branch of Lezha held a seminar in April for 9 heads of district communes, 27 heads of villages around Lezha, and 8 NGO representatives on “Albanian RC strategy and support for increasing the membership and donations”. Eight meetings were conducted at the RC local branches of Tirana (three meetings) in April, Shkodra in April (one meeting), Librazhd in May (one meeting), Dibra in May (one meeting), Skrapar in May (one meeting), and Lezha in June (one meeting). Among the participants were youth volunteers, students and pupils of elementary and high schools. The main topics discussed were Humanitarian Values, Fundamental Principles, role of volunteers, the history of the RC and some of the activities of the Albanian RC. The meeting in Dibra was reported in local media and posters and leaflets were distributed at all the meetings.

Copies of the Albanian RC Information Bulletin for May 2002 and June 2002 were sent to the government and NGOs. A meeting in the RC local branch of Berat was organised with 10 representatives from the local media. The local media of Korça reported on the Albanian RC and its activities on the 8th of May.

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.*

The media of Tirana reported the Exhibition of Children’s Drawing, which was held on the 8th of May in the Historical Museum. A 10 minutes video cassette of the event was produced. All the activities developed on the occasion of 8th of May were reported in local media.

The draft of the Annual Report 2001 is now completed. Once published, it will be sent to a large audience and used as a marketing tool.

The review of the society’s magazine is ongoing. The collecting of material related to the activities of local branches is continuing. A final product will be proposed during the third trimester.

All these activities will provide a good basis for the completion of the remaining ones to be implemented during the next quarter.

Health and Care

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

- Public health awareness campaigns for local communities were prepared and planned in 18 local RC branches. The first phase of this project was implemented during April-May and the second phase is planned to be implemented September-November 2002.

1 800 posters and 18 000 leaflets were sent to these branches for these campaigns . The project was monitored from the HQ’s and well co-ordinated with the local authorities (lessons learned from previous years)., High schools of these districts participated in large numbers. More than 200 volunteers were mobilised and active in all the involved branches. However, during this first phase, it was noted that the participation of the public during the “hygiene days” was not as good as expected despite the preparatory work.

- Activities in reproductive health, personal hygiene and the prevention of infectious diseases

Twenty training sessions were organised by 20 local branches for reproductive health and the prevention of infectious diseases at ten local branches with the participation of 200 non-professional volunteers. These training sessions were held in April 2002. The HQ’ s provided all the necessary materials used for the training to the branches.

In addition to the training sessions, some 160 talks on related issues were organised with the participation of women and young ladies, mostly in villages. Almost 220 trained volunteers were involved in these talks. The targeted audience was estimated at 6 000 people.

During these talks, the target groups emphasises the usefulness of the “New Parent” book currently being used by volunteers. Albanian RC is considering the possibility of printing some additional copies to be distributed.

Twenty local branches are involved in the “personal hygiene” project. Some 400 non professional volunteers were trained during April 2002. Talks were organised with the target groups during May - June 2002 mainly in schools. It is estimated that 13,500 people (mostly children from the villages) attended these talks.

In co-operation with the French RC, the implementation of health education in the community and training of the non professional volunteers in four RC branches have started. The same procedure was used in each case: recruiting four health co-ordinators, identifying 72 health volunteers, organising training for the four co-ordinators and another training session for the volunteers at each of the four RC branches..

Final confirmation was received regarding the support of the Icelandic RC for health education in the community and for the prevention of tuberculosis . There will be 16 communes involved in the project. Twelve volunteers will be trained in July. Talks in the villages will be organised, almost 6,000 people are expected to benefit through receiving proper information on Tuberculosis (how to fight this disease which is becoming problematic for the health authorities in these districts).

- National campaigns against measles and rubella for girls and women are continuing.

One campaign is organised in co-operation with the American RC delegation in Tirana. During this reporting period, activities have been monitored in 12 local RC branches. A nation wide TV spot has started broadcasting. A new leaflet was designed, 10 000 copies were printed and distributed

- Promotion of the non-remunerated blood donation concept by ten main local branches.

Non-remunerated blood donation campaigns were organised in 10 RC branches. Information meetings were also organised, mainly with young people, at universities and in businesses. In co-operation with the Blood Donation Centres of these districts, some Blood Days were organised. In spite of all the necessary measures and the commitment of the volunteers and staff of the branches, the number of blood donors has not increased as expected.

Reasons for this poor result were analysed. One of the main reason is linked with the public attitude towards blood donation.

- Assessment of the HIV/AIDS situation in Albania

The implementation of the HIV/ AIDS' s project in co-operation with the French RC delegation in Albania has started in six of the main local RC branches. Identification of the co-ordinators and the volunteers to be involved in the project has taken place.

Two training sessions were held at the HQ's, with the participation of twelve co-ordinators. The necessary materials and technical basis are currently being prepared. This includes items such as publication of 5 000 posters and 5 000 leaflets. A video cassette is also in preparation. In July the first meetings for the training of 170 volunteers are scheduled to begin.

No problems were encountered with the training of co-ordinators and volunteers. There has been good co-operation with the PNS's in the country. The results so far has been very satisfactory. The staff of the NS, the co-ordinators and the volunteers are benefiting from this co-operation.

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

This objective aims to increase the number of individuals who have First Aid knowledge, especially from target groups of at risk people and the public at large. For that purpose training activities were planned for the at risk groups and events which would raise public awareness at large.. Special attention was given to discussions with the authorities over the training of newly licensed drivers.



- Public awareness of the FA programme

Contact with NGO's and private companies have been made to further investigate the needs to undergo FA training. FA training were provided to the staff of OIM delegation in Albania and the staff of Vodavone company. The Ministry of Interior was also approached and asked whether they would be interested in courses for their personnel.

Regular contacts are maintained with experts from the Ministry of Transport. A proposal to train newly licensed drivers has been submitted in 2000. Final arrangements need to be discussed and agreed. No real progress were noted during the period.

- Provision of appropriate FA information and training for identified groups at risk.

A working group has been set up in order to collect ideas and to draft leaflets and a poster for groups at risk.. The work progress well.

Still a lot more is to be done in the First Aid field to reach the expected results fixed earlier this year. The TV awareness campaign organised during this time, to increase the number of FA courses for the public has not produce the expected outcome. This was linked to the low interest people showed in learning FA skills. In spite of these non encouraging results, the programme organisers are convinced that through better and more concerted efforts the work can be improved. The training of volunteers at local level went as planned.

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

Based on the Plan of Action, the NS had planned to assist the vulnerable groups identified by the NS as the priorities in the social area. The “Soup Kitchen” project which benefited 450 lonely, elderly people was closed. All the beneficiaries of this project were included in the other project, “Assistance to lonely, elderly people and big, poor families” where 2 150 beneficiaries receive a food parcel 5 times per year. The project, “A new profession” for 105 disadvantaged women went on smoothly and will continue for the whole year.

A lot of preparatory work for the new education project for orphans and street children due to start in the summer, was done during this period. . The “Reintegration into social life of the children at risk” project, in co-operation with the Spanish RC delegation in Tirana, has gone well. 400 children and their families are directly benefiting. Over 2000 additional children are also indirectly benefiting from this project.

The Vulnerability Capacity Assessment (VCA) training, in co-operation with the Regional Delegation of Budapest went according to the planning. Training of local staff and volunteers in VCA methodology; making regular assessments and implementing effective projects to target vulnerable groups. Such projects include, “Assistance for lonely, elderly people, orphan children and poor, big families”, “Learn a new profession-Trust yourself”, “Children at risk project” and the Albanian RC is preparing to start a new social project called “Educational project for street children. The last session of VAC was held in May. Local staff and volunteers reflected upon what they had learned through concrete data assessment sessions. Around 31 mini projects from sub branches were presented. Many group discussions were initiated by participants in order to reflect upon their experiences and identify the best way of conducting need assessment in their districts. A final evaluation was conducted. All the beneficiaries expressed their confidence in carrying out a qualitative needs assessment in their districts based on VAC methodology. In addition to the VCA training, the most recent seminars included the basic elements of the Project Planning Process (PPP). The seminars were led by a delegate from the Regional delegation and the participants found it very useful.

The “Assistance to lonely, elderly people, orphans and poor, big families” project was implemented in 26 district for two months (April-May 2002). A basic food package was delivered to 2, 200 beneficiaries in these districts. The social volunteers visits elderly disabled people in their homes. The beneficiaries of the soup kitchen project which finished in early 2002, were included in this project. Another three food distributions were planned for October –December 2002.

The “Children at risk” project which was implemented in two main districts, Durresi and Shkodra ended in June 2002. Almost 200 children were included in Integration activities and 50 children who had previously dropped out of school were given special classes by qualified teachers, to catch up on lessons they had missed. Each pupil in the special classes also received a daily sandwich. Another “Children at risk” project was signed in early April 2002 by the Education Director for districts, Spanish RC and Albanian RC representatives, the Director of selected schools and the Secretaries of RC sub branches. This project is to be implemented in four large districts: Berati, Elbasani, Fieri and Vlora and is planned to be carried out within the next nine months.



Children's fair/RC youth volunteers

Monthly family visits were made by Red cross volunteers, teachers and social workers. School hygiene kits were distributed to children and family hygiene kits were given to each family with children. Five training seminars were conducted for 30 volunteers throughout the nine month project.

A dress making course, as part of the “Learn a new profession-trust in yourself” programme was implemented in seven sub branches. The second (three monthly) course was finished and the next one (the third course)

started at the beginning of July. During the reporting period 120 disadvantaged women were awarded a certificate and 14 of them have found employment. In addition to learning a new profession they were integrated into social life and some of those in need received social support from social workers. This project is ongoing and will be implemented during the whole year 2002.

Social area activities have been supported by the Norwegian and Spanish RC societies. The related Appeal component was poorly funded. Thus, the Albanian RC is spending its modest reserve fund. Recently a Swedish RC pledge was received and earmarked for Health & Care activities.

Organisational Development

During this reporting period, the NS has taken many steps to implement the electoral process in full accordance with the revised statutes and the new internal regulation. All chairmen of the Nominating commissions at sub branch level have undergone training in this area and in accordance with electoral rules of NS, the new sub-branch and branch councils are in place. The implementation of the new structures of the NS is going successfully.

The revision of the current policies of the NS and the approval of new ones were also the main tasks carried out during this quarter. The central level governance organs have been regularly met.

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

- Strengthen the role of governance.

Two meetings of the Policy Commission of the General Council were held. New policies were discussed for approval or revision. The policy areas are:

- Tracing Agency
- Review of health policy
- Review of social policy
- Policy on advocacy
- Relations with sister societies and PNS

The drafts of these policies submitted for approval to the incoming General Council meetings, were approved.

The General Assembly of the Albanian RC is planned to be held in October 2002.

- Steering Committee meetings.

One meeting of the General Council (GC) took place in May 2002. It approved the report on the NS activities, the financial report and incomes. The GC also approved the policies presented from the Policy Commission and decided that the delegates should monitor the Branch Assemblies. The budget for Branch Assemblies was approved. Finally, GC recognised, after having carefully studying all the materials available, the Sub-branch Councils. The Steering Committee will follow up these activities.

- Assist the branches in the implementation of the new electoral process.

In April, 39 sub-branch Member Meetings took place in accordance with the electoral rules of the Albanian RC. Since they were the first sub-branch meetings, the agenda mainly concentrated on the electoral process. 2,890 members of the RC attended the meetings, which is 5.6% of the total number of Albanian RC members. 219 Albanian RC volunteers were elected to the sub-branch councils. Also, the same number of Albanian RC volunteers were elected as delegates of their sub-branches at the Branch Assemblies. Together with the sub-branch councils they form the Branch Assembly.

After the General Council approved the elections in the sub-branches, the second phase of reorganising the Albanian RC took place. In the period from 25 May up to 15 June, 12 Branch Assemblies were organised. The main point of the agenda was the election for the Branch councils. Of the 438 delegates in total, 377 of them took part in the Assemblies. 108 volunteers of the RC were elected at the Branch Councils.

Delegates from the General Council and the Albanian RC HQ monitored the elections. Also, the OD delegate from the American RC delegation in Albania monitored some of the sub-branch and Branch elections and prepared a report.

The next meeting of the General Council will recognise the election at the Branches.

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

- Training of co-ordinators at the headquarters and branches level. The training materials are ready and the profile of the participants of the training sessions finalised. After the recruiting process for the new branch secretaries finishes, the training sessions will start. Meanwhile, a project-proposal was sent to the Spanish RC HQ, requesting some financial support for this project.
- Initiate the Participatory Community Development (PCD) as a pilot project in health education in two communities in Albania. With the support of the Spanish RC delegation in Tirana, a meeting was held at the end of May, attended by representatives of the two communities selected. The agenda of the meeting included disseminating knowledge about the Red Cross, providing data from the communities and formulating a plan of action. The training session with the mixed team of RC volunteers and community representatives is due to start at the end of August.
- An efficient administrative and financial system has been developed for the headquarters and 12 branches. These systems are now in use.

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

The implementation of this objective is in full accordance with the NS Strategy, which aims to increase the overall revenues of the NS by 5% annually.

- Raise public awareness about the need to support the Albanian RC. Throughout May and June 2002 a national public campaign in 36 districts and involving more than 120 volunteers was conducted. Leaflets and posters were distributed during this campaign and more than 20 000 pins sold, raising USD 3 000.
- Market assessments were carried out in the previous period. Unfortunately, no support was received to develop the income generation project at branch level. Therefore no progress were made in this field.

During this quarter, more that CHF 40 000 was raised by 12 RC branches. A major part of this amount came from internal donations, vocational courses and membership fees.

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

This objective aimed to set up an Albanian RC structure on volunteer management, to design and implement the Albanian RC policies in recruiting, retaining, training and motivating Albanian RC volunteers. Volunteer Management was identified as a priority in the National Society Plan of Action and is reflected in their strategy.

- The designing of a proper system for recruitment, retention and motivation of volunteers is on going. The commission, set up to work on this issue is continuing their work. A meeting took place in April to discuss the conclusions from the management.
- Initiate volunteer management training at local branches. This activity is planned to be organised during October-November 2002
- Prepare reference materials for volunteers. All materials are already prepared. Potential donors to support the printing are being sought and once found will allow the whole process to be finalised.
- Develop the national society training system. An evaluation of the current training system is on going. Information and feedback from RC branches were collected Discussions at HQ's level are taking place, focusing on the review of existing training programme (including training curricula). A proposal will be soon prepared and submitted.
- Create a database for volunteers.

This activity was organised in June 2002 and the co-operation with the German RC delegation in Tirana was helpful.

Volunteer Management is one of the main priorities of Albanian RC. Activities are closely monitored This objective was not satisfactorily covered through the appeal response, but the NS has initiated some contact

with the German RC delegation in Tirana. It is hoped that some funding will be made available to support this important objective.

Co-ordination and Management

Objective 1: To maintain the momentum of the institutional and resource development programmes within the Albanian RC

The Federation Representative continues to visit regularly Albanian RC, providing technical assistance and expertise for programmes. He has attended regular meeting with the Albanian RC new leadership. His main role is to support and advise the national society during the transition period with new leadership.

The Federation representative is also closely monitoring the progress on the construction of the Albanian RC warehouse. The completion of the warehouse is expected by end of August 2002. Final report will be produce on the project will be completed.

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

The Federation, using its Legal Status in the country, continues to provide actively a range of administrative and logistical services to the PNS's operating bilaterally in Albania. A local administrator is dealing with these issues in close collaboration with the Federation Representative (based in Skopje). The activities the NS carried our during this period complied with the Plan of Action for the Strategy 2000-2004 of the Albanian RC. Most of them were also developed according to the schedule. In general, what was achieved during these three months, formed a strong basis for the implementation of the activities planned to be developed during the third quarter. A very positive note was the involvement from some PNS's in projects of the Albanian RC Strategy and their good contribution to the development of the related activities.

- ✓ The French RC co-operated in developing a health education project to four RC branches and the initiating of the AIDS project in five RC sub branches.
- ✓ The American RC helped implement the Social Mobilisation for the vaccination campaign.
- ✓ The Icelandic RC supported the development of a health education project to four RC branches.
- ✓ Austrian RC indicated their intention to support FA activities.
- ✓ An allocation from the Empress Shoken fund for the Health Education project was granted to the Albanian RC for the first time.
- ✓ An allocation from the Federation Capacity Building fund earmarked for OD of the Federation was received.

Thanks to this generous support the main activities planned can be implemented. Support is very much needed for the fund raising programme as well as for the social welfare programme.

Project Summary Financial Statement by Appeal

All Donors.

Period: January through July of 2002

Appeal: 01.43/02 - ALBANIA (01.01.2002 - 31.12.2002)

Project	Opening	INCOME					EXPENDITURE								Closing		
		Voluntary Contributions			Transfers	Other Income	Total Income	Supplies	Capital	Transport	PS	Personnel	General Expenditure	Transfers		Provisions	Total Expenditure
		Selected Donors	Others														
Europe																	
<i>Europe Central Europe</i>																	
<i>Europe Albania</i>																	
FAL001 - Albania - Development	89,719	15,876	0	21,616	0	127,211	0	0	12,827	12,415	53,751	25,949	-1,051	8,802	112,493	14,518	
FAL002 - Albania - Health	48,154	0	0	11,372	0	59,526	0	0	5,890	3,221	11,795	7,279	1,051	0	29,336	30,290	
FAL005 - Albania - Social Welfare	208,342	0	0	161,372	0	369,714	87,929	152,462	9,946	38,033	31,196	22,395	0	3,261	345,333	24,492	
FAL006 - Albania - Humanitarian Values	63,540	3,564	0	5,686	0	72,790	0	0	3,499	4,811	5,244	8,114	21,998	0	43,666	29,124	
FAL007 - Albania - First Aid	10,228	24,300	0	5,686	0	40,214	0	0	4,015	-135	9,659	7,234	-21,998	0	-1,225	41,439	
FAL008 - Albania - IDRD incor.professionalism	3,023	0	0	81,482	0	86,505	0	0	1,649	1,763	6,993	5,597	0	0	16,802	70,505	
FAL015 - Albania - Youth	45,138	4,860	0	41,372	0	91,370	0	0	470	1,919	7,670	7,361	0	0	17,420	73,950	
FAL110 - Albania NS - Fundraising	955,349	0	0	5,686	0	961,035	0	404,072	1,441	73,972	8,520	6,768	0	176,666	671,439	289,596	
FAL160 - Albania - Disaster Preparedness	990,748	234,765	0	-987,401	0	238,112	-11,488	1,665	32,424	12,609	46,676	32,564	0	0	114,450	123,662	
FAL161 - Albania - RC Warehouses	0	0	0	843,087	37,257	880,344	0	368,836	0	58,079	0	100,264	0	0	527,179	353,165	
Europe Albania	2,414,241	283,365	0	191,958	37,257	2,926,821	76,441	927,035	72,161	206,687	181,504	223,525	0	188,729	1,876,882	1,050,739	
<i>Europe Central Europe</i>	<i>2,414,241</i>	<i>283,365</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>191,958</i>	<i>37,257</i>	<i>2,926,821</i>	<i>76,441</i>	<i>927,035</i>	<i>72,161</i>	<i>206,687</i>	<i>181,504</i>	<i>223,525</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>188,729</i>	<i>1,876,882</i>	<i>1,050,739</i>	
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APPEAL No. 01.43/2002 Albania								
Revised budget (03.07.2002)								
PROGRAMME	Disaster Resp	Disaster Prep	Health & Care	Human. Values	OD	Reg. Co-operation	Co-ord. & Mgmt	TOTAL
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
Subtotal Supplies		172'328	63'987					236'315
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								
Subtotal Capital	995'000	190'400	139'879		989'009			2'314'288
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
Subtotal Programme Support	123'571	70'878	64'202	12'807	179'548			451'006
Warehousing/Inspection		34'943	15'554	4'444				54'941
Transport & Vehicles		13'580	15'351	2'929	44'579			76'439
Subtotal Transport & Storage		48'523	30'905	7'373	44'579			131'380
Delegates & Expatriates								
National Societies and Local Staff		72'084	133'550	25'104	165'795			396'533
Subtotal Personnel		72'084	133'550	25'104	165'795			396'533
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								
Subtotal Training, Information & General	4'800	90'131	151'140	71'142	253'330			570'543
TOTAL BUDGET	1'123'371	644'344	583'663	116'426	1'632'261			4'100'065

Albania						ANNEX 1
APPEAL No. 01.43/2002		PLEDGES RECEIVED			20.09.2002	
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
CASH						
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				4'100'065		TOTAL COVERAGE 73.3%
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.
SWEDISH GVT		300'000	SEK	47'938	25.05.2002	HEALTH & CARE, PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATION, INSTITUTIONAL & RESOURCE DEV.
EMPRESS SHOKEN FUND				41'000	24.06.2002	DIRECTLY TO ALBANIAN RC
CAPACITY BUILDING FUND				30'000		PAL015
CAPACITY BUILDING FUND				26'000		PAL008
CAPACITY BUILDING FUND				17'500		PAL001
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				3'006'150	CHF	73.3%
KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)						
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				0	CHF	0.0%