

PROGRAMME UPDATE



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Appeal No. 01.45/2002

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“At a Glance”

Appeal coverage: 95.6%; note: this Appeal coverage does not reflect the current funding situation of the appeal programmes. This is mainly due to the booking of the UNHCR pledge. A contract between the Federation,, UNHCR and the Macedonian Red Cross was recently signed. However the activities were not planned in the Appeal. To correct this situation, a revision of the Appeal (both a Plan of Action and budget) is in process and will be submitted in July with the next Programme Update (Mid -Year Review). Given this situation, this appeal has received very limited support to date. Considering the phasing out of some PNS operating bilaterally (German and American Red Cross) some programmes (DP/OD) are facing severe funding problems.

Summary/Update: The Red Cross has an increasingly important role to play in Macedonia considering the volatile social and political situation. It is now necessary to take steps to strengthen and develop the capacities, public perception and strengths of the Red Cross organizations operating in Macedonia. Continued support of donors is very much expected, so that these steps can be implemented.

Operational Developments

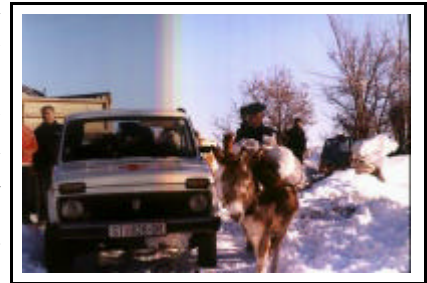
In early January, the country was caught off-guard by unusually cold winter weather. Snow storms and low temperatures of a type not at all typical meant that many remote villages in the countryside were cut off due to blocked roads. Groups of people, especially the elderly, the ill and those living alone, were threatened, as food and medical help were difficult to provide. The cold weather claimed the lives of six homeless people in the capital, as well as that of a woman who became trapped in her vehicle on a blocked road near the city of Veles. Understanding the seriousness of the situation, the Macedonian Red Cross took immediate measures to promptly address the needs of the vulnerable. An assessment indicated that villages in thirteen counties were seriously endangered. Aid from ECHO provided by the Federation (800 hygienic parcels and 800 food



parcels) was distributed to local Red Cross branches. These branches then took on the responsibility of dispatching the parcels to those in the threatened areas.

The Federation continued providing support to the Macedonian Red Cross headquarters and branches with the assistance of the regional delegates based in Budapest. The Federation’s country delegation has co-ordinated ongoing Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) and Refugee programmes, together with the donors (UNHCR, ECHO, InterSOS, MPDL). At the moment, the only participating national societies in Macedonia are the American and German Red Cross. The American Red Cross is closely supporting Macedonian Red Cross Organizational Development as well as relief operations, while the German Red Cross is cooperating in the areas of disaster preparedness, relief, organizational development, health and care, and logistics.

Weekly meetings between MRC leadership, the Federation, ICRC, ARC and GRC have been very helpful for the coordination and implementation of the relief and welfare programs. Gradually Federation will step aside and give backup to MRC in the line with Strategy 2010. MRC will take more responsibilities to build up well functioning National Society in the line with their own long term goals and plans. The Netherlands Red Cross donated a DAF truck for ongoing ICRC distributions, (also at the beginning of January). Due to certain problems during the registration process, the truck was only received later on in February.



Distribution methods, old and new

Security matters

In the aftermath of the high-scale armed conflict the country faced in 2001, security tensions continue to overshadow a full recovery. During the reported period, efforts have been made for a complete implementation of the peace treaty which was signed in August 2001. On-and-off attempts to continue with the agenda of a police presence in Tetovo and Kumanovo villages, above all, were realized under the direct supervision of EU monitors. Often facing a situation of the outbreak of violence, patrols had to be postponed. In the middle of February the press was occupied with the issue of a possible spring offensive, which was later on denied by the international community through the comments of the EU envoy, Alen Leroa. He did, however, describe the security situation as fragile.

Political developments

Following the pledge of the peace treaty, many political changes took place, beginning with the amnesty law for NLA members. This law was voted on and approved by the Macedonian Parliament in the late evening of March 7. About 300 prisoners and detainees held because of the armed conflict last year were released. In July 2001 the country began a pay system reform, for which it was praised by the International Monetary Fund.

Donor meeting

Recognizing the positive developments in the country, seen mainly via the political updates, the international community responded very generously at the donor meeting for Macedonia held in Brussels March 12. The Macedonian government was granted 307 million EURO of immediate help for the current year with a promise of 271 million EURO for future economic development projects. Twelve million EURO of this was offered as humanitarian help by European countries, with 85 million for reconstruction of the affected areas. At the end of March, the European Agency for Reconstruction (EAR) announced 25 million EURO for reconstruction of 800 houses in Arachinovo village (Skopje area), and the villages in the Tetovo and Kumanovo regions. The EAR head of project explained that the six-months project also includes direct financial help of 75 EURO monthly to 2700 families affected by the security crisis.

The Quarter at a Glance

- ✓ Continuing support to refugees and host families
- ✓ Supply and maintenance of disaster preparedness stocks in the new warehouse
- ✓ Disaster preparedness regional conference held in January
- ✓ Health and psychological support, as well as recreational activities provided for the most vulnerable
- ✓ Organisational Development work in the area of Red Cross statutes, evaluation, management

Greater numbers of the vulnerable population in the country have been appearing with striking workers . During the first three months of 2002, numerous protest were organized by unions asking the government for a more

serious approach to their social status. Thousands of people took to the streets and blocked strategic roads, demanding their long-term non-paid salaries and financial contributions, as well as the definition of their future as workers in nonfunctional companies, and demanding a positive outcome for the retirement law with 25 years registered employment.

Disaster Response

Objective 1: *To continue to support the 4,000 remaining refugees and host families in Macedonia. with monthly distribution of hygiene parcels and with special emphasis on refugee minorities of Roma and Serbs who lack the social network that many of the Albanian refugees had and have in their communities. This relief work will be carried out in close cooperation with other operational partners (UNHCR/WFP).*

The remaining refugee population, as well as the internally displaced, have been assisted according to the scheduled activities for objective one. Beginning in January 2002, WFP, (the main donor for basic food assistance to Kosovar refugees), ended its operation in Macedonia. At the same time they donated basic food for approximately six months to UNHCR. On 26 December 2001, UNHCR and the Federation signed a sub-agreement for 2002 for health and food assistance to refugees. According to this agreement, monthly food distributions will take place through Macedonian Red Cross Branches. These will be co-ordinated by Federation delegation logistics, relief and monitoring staff.

Refugees in collective centers

There are 1651 refugees accommodated in three collective centers in Macedonia (Katlanovo-468, Sutka- 1140, Gazi Baba-43). The normative for a one month distribution was the following:

1 person family	1 parcel every three months
2-4 persons in a family	1 parcel monthly
5-9 persons in a family	2 parcels monthly
10 and more persons in a family	3 parcels monthly

Quantitatively expressed, the distribution is as follows:

January	541 hygiene parcels	109 baby parcels
February	549 hygiene parcels	111 baby parcels
March	549 hygiene parcels	112 baby parcels

Please note that baby parcels are distributed every month to babies up to 18 months of age.

Refugees in host families

Distribution was conducted according to the following normative:

1 person family	1 parcel every three months
2-5 person family	1 parcel monthly
6-10 person family	2 parcels monthly
11 and more	3 parcels monthly

Distributions for refugees in host families are double. During January/February distribution there were 1224 hygienic parcels to the 2264 refugees accommodated in host families and 641 parcels to the host families. For March/April there are 1061 hygienic parcels planed for distribution to refugees, 500 for their host families and 14 baby parcels.

Refugees in collective centers and in host families are also being supported with food items by UNHCR/WFP. During January/February distribution some 3915 (2264 refugees in host families +1651 refugees in collective centers) beneficiaries received food rations following this normative:

12 kg	Wheat flour
1 lit	Oil
1 kg	Beans

1kg	Sugar
0,2 kg	Salt

It should be noted that as of January MPDL continues to be the donor for salt for refugees in collective centers and host households.

Internally Displaced People (IDP's)

According to the re-registration data completed at the end of March, there are 14099 IDP's accommodated in host families and 2811 in collective centers. There are 3374 IDP-host families registered in the country.

Internally Displaced People have been assisted with the same normative for hygienic parcels as for refugees in collective centers and host families. The American Red Cross has been serving the IDP's and their families during December 2001, January and February 2002. The Federation (with ECHO support) took over that responsibility for the months of March and April. Afterwards the American Red Cross will resume their previous commitment. The normative that was established by the American Red Cross is also being used by the Federation:

Family 1-4 members	1 parcel
Family 5-8 members	2 parcels
Family 9-12 members	3 parcels

Necessary aid items and assistance were provided in a timely manner to the local Red Cross branches in the country and distributions were carried out successfully.

Objective 2: *To continue to support Macedonian families considered most vulnerable by the Macedonian Social Welfare Ministry. In the past, ad hoc in kind donations have proved substantial in serving the needs of vulnerable persons in vulnerable areas of FYRoM.*

Social cases registered by the Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare as Category 1 (physically unable to work, receiving continuous monetary help) and Category 4 (households not able to earn income due to circumstances such as having returned from a foreign country, not having the proper documents to work or are too old to be registered by the unemployment bureau) are being assisted by the NGO InterSos. The aid comprises food items, and as announced by InterSos it has been extended until April 2002.

InterSos food aid includes a bag with 4 soups, 2 kg rice, 2 kg sugar, 2 litres of cooking oil and 20 kg of flour for a family of 1-4 members (respectively increasing the quantity of aid as the number of family cases increases). Distributions were carried out on a monthly basis. The Federation is not participating with hygiene parcel support as the non-food programme ended in December 2001.

The Swedish Red Cross donated three truck loads of used clothing during the month of February. The clothes were intended to serve the needs of refugees, IDP's and social cases. A total of 484 bales, consisting of 80 % women/men's clothing and 20 % children's clothing were offered to all three groups of vulnerable population at one of the Red Cross sites in the capital and through the country.

The Spanish Red Cross donated 50,000 pairs of new rubber boots which were distributed to all vulnerable categories of beneficiaries.

Objective 3: *To maintain an emergency/contingency stock in the joint MRC and Federation warehouse. These items will be used for the next several years as backup for any natural or man-made disaster in Macedonia or the nearby countries.*



Clothes distribution

With the opening of the new joint Macedonina Red Cross and Federation warehouse in November 2001, Macedonian Red Cross disaster preparedness items and equipment have been transferred and gathered in one place. Repacking of some 230,000 MRE's (Meals Ready to Eat) initially kept as contingency stock supply are currently being re-packed. They are being removed from the additional warehouses to the central one in Petrovec for the repacking process. Since their expiry date is approaching, distribution to the local branches has

already started. These MRE's will not be assigned to any project, but simply distributed in the near future where needed (to refugees, IDP's, social cases and other vulnerable populations).

Major stock movements for Agromehanika warehouse during January were: this should really be presented in table format

Receiving:	3.000 kg	Sugar (UNHCR)
Dispatched approx.:	2.244 pcs	Hygiene Parcels
	113 PCs	Baby Parcels
	224 pcs	Food Parcels
	73 PCs	Mattresses
	33 PCs	Blankets
	4.050 kg	Beans (UNHCR)
	4.296 lit	Oil (UNHCR)
	750 kg	Salt (UNHCR/MPDL)
	4.100 kg	Sugar (UNHCR)
	48.900 kg	Wheat flour (UNHCR)

Major stock movements for the joint Petrovec warehouse in February were:

Receiving:	235,766 kg	wheat flour (UNHCR)
	1,332 kg	beans (UNHCR)
	484 bales	Used clothes
Dispatched appr.	264 pieces	hygiene parcels
	32 pieces	baby parcels
	10 pieces	mattresses
	212 pieces	blankets
	121, 800 kg	wheat flour (UNHCR)
	2 pieces	kitchen sets
	9, 380	MRE's (Meals Ready to Eat)
	74 bales	used clothes
	1	tents

Major stock movements for Petrovec during March were:

Receiving:	350 kg	Salt (UNHCR)
	18.900 kg	Beans (UNHCR)
	7.000 kg	Sugar (UNHCR)
	8.630 pcs	MRE's
Dispatched.	10.613 pcs	Hygiene Parcels
	258 pcs	Baby Parcels
	122 pcs	Mattresses
	33 pcs	Blankets
	14.550 kg	Wheat flour (UNHCR)
	3.036 kg	Oil (UNHCR)
	4.200 kg	Sugar (UNHCR)
	1.700 kg	Beans (UNHCR)
	580 kg	Salt (UNHCR)
	124.910 pcs	MRE's
	181 bales	Used clothes
	1 pcs	Tent

The two additional warehouses had the following items in stock in March 2002.

Negotino warehouse	Ohrid warehouse
60 590 MRE's	10 000 MRE's
9130 HP	130 mattresses
1500 mattresses	1000 blankets
2300 blankets	500 plastic buckets
1500 plastic buckets	576 kitchen sets
400 kitchen sets	1020 sleeping bags
60 tents (24m2)	

As of 18 April, the Negotino warehouse will be emptied, with the goods transferred to the central warehouse in Petrovec. Within the disaster preparedness budget, the UNHCR agreement covers only the food distribution chain for Kosovar refugees. The hygiene and baby parcel needs are covered until the end of June by the American Red Cross, as well as through a two month extension of the ECHO programme. The relief budget for July-December is not covered and needs additional financial support.

Disaster Preparedness

Objective 1: *To prepare the MRC to respond in a timely, effective and focused manner to any disaster in the country and in nearby countries.*

The Macedonian Red Cross Disaster Preparedness basic equipment was placed in the new warehouse as soon as it was opened last November. The German Red Cross has always had a large part in supporting the MRC's DP unit, currently having their representative in the country, who provides great support through advice and assistance. The German Red Cross contributed in an evaluation of Macedonian Red Cross activities during, the crisis. The evaluation showed the need for greater coordination between the MRC headquarters and branches as well coordination between the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and other NGO's. It also showed that the Macedonian Red Cross Disaster Preparedness function must focus more on assessment and monitoring. Paths for improvement were identified, with hopes that they will be implemented in the future. In addition, the German Red Cross cooperated closely with the ICRC for the implementation of the conflict preparedness programme. Macedonian Red Cross disaster preparedness representatives attended a seminar for regional DP management, organized in Budapest by the Federation's regional delegation (27 February - 7 March, 2002). Representatives from several national societies from the region gathered to discuss matters such as regional DP teams, an Info-system for quicker flow of information used by the Federation, strengthening the capacities of the national society, and training and education of the civilian population. The seminar included practical exercises in assessment of a disaster stricken area and the construction of an assistance camp. After the seminar, MRC participants shared the conclusion that all the employees of the national society should be better informed on the emergency plan of action and on specific roles when a necessity arises. The representatives of the Macedonian Red Cross Center for Emergencies and disaster preparedness held meetings with the Veles Red Cross Branch Disaster Preparedness Team. In these meetings, a new organizational setup of the Macedonian Red Cross Disaster Preparedness Unit was discussed. At the same time information was provided regarding the experiences and the way the Disaster Preparedness Management Programme was presented at the Regional seminar in Budapest. The role of the Macedonian Red Cross Disaster Preparedness department in the HQ's structure will be strengthened and specified in the new statutes of the Macedonian Red Cross approve at the General Assembly of March 15, 2002.



Objective 2: *To create DP training facilities at branches and at headquarters level to regularly train volunteers throughout the country and to mobilize them in times of disasters. This training module will be developed in close collaboration with the ICRC and will include conflict preparedness.*

The first two activities for fulfilling objective number two refer to the participation of the MRCDP representatives to the seminar held in Budapest, described earlier. Hopefully the practical fulfillment will follow as experience and

knowledge that was gathered at the seminar will be shared within the national society. Due to the early phase in the training field, two on-the-job training sessions were not carried out in the reporting period.

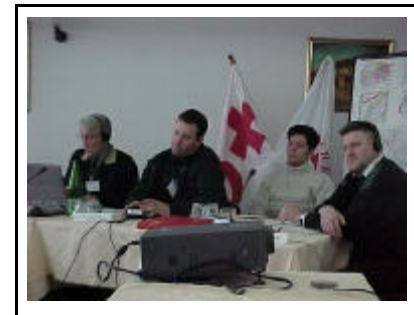
Objective 3: *To clearly define the role of the MRC in the national DP context but also in the regional context as recommended by the Stability Pact DPPI*

The Macedonian Red Cross hosted a regional DPP meeting in Mavrovo from 28-30 of January. The meeting was based on presentations of the DPP units of several national societies from the region, including the Turkish Red Crescent, Albanian Red Cross, Bulgarian and Yugoslav Red Cross, representative from the national society of Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as ICRC and Federation representatives from the Macedonia and the regional delegation in Budapest. The final presentation was carried out by the governmental representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina. He presented a project “ The system of communication, preparedness and prevention in case of a disaster” prepared by the Bosnian and Herzegovina , Macedonian and Bulgarian government and presented for the Stability Pact. Most of the conclusions drawn the representatives from the national societies at the end included future activities with their respective governments in defining the role of a red cross/red crescent society within the national plan of action in time of an emergency.

Health and Care

Objective 1: *To continue to provide basic information to people using the facilities offered by the information center.*

The Social welfare programme continued with its regular activities serving the needs of the refugees, IDP’s and social cases. The main donor for this programme is UNHCR. Most of the beneficiaries that refer to the Info-Center within the Macedonian Red Cross are seeing the office as the first site where help can be offered. Figures for the period January-March demonstrate the following:



Disaster preparedness workshop

	January	February	March
Interviews	406	396	418
Telephone calls	398	296	316
Psychosocial support	12	18	14
Medical support	578	608	560
Other	116	158	203
Education	96	96	96

Objective 2: *To continue to support the beneficiaries with individual medical and social needs including the most vulnerable refugees, IDPs, host families and social cases with no access to medical services.*

The above mentioned activities have been fully realized. It is important to bear in mind that they form part of the basics of the Info-center service, as the numbers of assisted persons mentioned under objective 1 demonstrate. Primary health care and medical education were provided for the remaining Kosovo refugees (in the three collective centers) and in host families. Preparations are being made with the Ministry of Internal Affairs for extension of their THAP (Temporarily Humanitarian Assisted Persons) status for another 6 months. Refugees have a THAP (Temporary Humanitarian Assisted Persons) status as determined by the Macedonian Ministry of Internal Affairs. The status will expire as of March 31st. The Macedonian Red Cross has provided refugee relief distribution lists, which have proven to be a valuable comparative information source for the Ministry in its preparations for the extension of the THAP status for another six months.

Office personnel maintained regular contacts with other NGO’s and humanitarian organizations operating in the country. It is often the case that data gathered by the Social office is used by other interested benefactors (both local and international) with the main purpose being to serve the health, social and psycho social needs of the beneficiaries and not to overlap in their activities. The German Red Cross also donated 55 clinic beds, which were distributed to hospitals and other institutions throughout the country. **Objective 3:** *To increase the number of SWP trainers who will in turn provide training to the beneficiaries (teaching self-care for adults, courses for*

children and youth, vocational courses). Instead of increasing the number of SWP trainers, Info-Center staff have trained and advised existing trainers and other interested volunteers in supporting the refugees, IDP's and social cases.

The Info-Center has been involved with a Norwegian Red Cross supported "Participatory Community Development" (PCD) programme, which is carried out in three local branches through seminars. Discussions and topics raised at these events delivered interesting ideas and suggestions. An evaluation of the results is ongoing.

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An agreement was signed with the French Red Cross to support six micro-projects in six local branches. Three of them support social cases, while the other three deal with reconstruction matters.

Objective 4: *To continue to provide psychological support to individuals.*

All the activities mentioned above have been carried out by the Social Welfare Programme. The office has always opened its' doors to advise and assist as much possible. Very often it is a meeting place for beneficiaries that simply want or need to share their troubles. Learning that they are not alone in whatever misfortune has befallen them can be comforting for many. The Social Welfare programme has continued with a project for resocialization (supported by the German Red Cross) within the institution for mentally handicapped persons in the city of Demir Kapija. Light agricultural work in vineyards and fruit orchards has been successfully carried out as part of the therapeutic treatment in resocialization.

Objective 5: *To provide recreational activities that involve re-socialisation.*

Special youth clubs and women's clubs in refugee collective centers in Katlanovo and Sutka have been started following an initiative from the Social Welfare Office. The kindergarten in Sutka the collective center opened last year. The UXO (un-exploded object) campaign, conducted with an ICRC team is still continuing. Explanations and leaflets are available in the office. These leaflets are meant especially for children and teenagers, so that they may better understand the possible dangers of unexploded materials.



Additional activities

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Organizational Development

Objective 1: *To map OD resources available in Macedonia and to promote during the mapping exercise greater understanding of the local environment by the Red Cross OD team.*

In 2001 the main supporter for MRC Organizational Development was the American Red Cross, through their OD Programme. The ARC OD Programme ended in March 2002, when the ARC OD delegate finished his mission. The

Macedonian Red Cross OD Board was established last year and worked until November 2001. The mapping survey was accomplished during autumn 2001.

The main result of the 2001 OD Board meetings was a remarkable input to the MRC Executive Board. This included the initiation of the procedure for amendments and additions to the Statutes of the Macedonian Red Cross in order to comply with existing legal provisions in the Republic of Macedonia. Also important was to comply with some of the provisions of MRC Statutes with the Federation Constitution, related to the organizational structure of the operating bodies, and to accomplish more efficient and rational operations. In order to get feedback, the amendments and additions were sent to the MRC branches, as well as the ICRC and the Federation Secretariats in Geneva. The MRC General Assembly accepted the proposed changes to the Statutes of the MRC on March 15, 2002.

Objective 2: *To increase ability of the MRC to obtain short-term and long-term funding in both the headquarters and the branches.*

The planned fund-raising working group that included the Macedonian Red Cross, the American Red Cross and the Federation was not implemented during this reporting period. This was due to the ending of the American Red Cross organizational development programme. The MRC Executive Board has not yet nominated an advisory board for fund-raising and financial management, although this is expected to happen in May. The review of the membership policy was finalized in March, and new MRC membership cards will be delivered via MRC Branches in April.

A Spanish Red Cross development delegate started a two months assessment mission in March, in close cooperation with MRC headquarters. The aim of the mission is to identify development projects for MRC headquarters and branches. The purpose of the assessment is:

- to work closely with MRC on the proposals that MRC identifies as suitable for SRC support.
- to support MRC branches in income generation activities.

Objective 3: *To raise the MRC public and internal profile.*

In March the Macedonian Red Cross, together with the ICRC, launched a country wide TV-spot about mine awareness. At the same time the American Red Cross started the project of translating the Sphere Handbook into Macedonian. The Red Cross response to the January snowfall was covered in February in the Macedonian Red Cross monthly bulletin. In March the Macedonian Red Cross, together with the ICRC, launched a country wide TV-spot about mine awareness. At the same time the American Red Cross started the project of translating the Sphere Handbook into Macedonian. The 10th anniversary of Macedonian Red Cross Blood Donation (15 March, 2002) was well covered by the Macedonian media.

Objective 4: *To improve MRC branch services, management and coordination*

The Macedonian Red Cross had two meetings with the leadership and the governance of the HQ and branches in February to prepare for the MRC General Assembly of 15 March, 2002. The new statutes of the MRC, approved by the General Assembly, will co-ordinate and specify the roles of the Macedonian Red Cross HQ and branches. The Federation and the American Red Cross had close management and working relations with MRC branches during the reporting period, with monthly food and hygiene parcel distributions for IDP's and refugees.

Objective 5: *To increase youth participation in management of the MRC and empowerment to assess issues and develop programs concerning youth vulnerability in Macedonia.*

The Macedonian Red Cross has worked together with the Norwegian Red Cross in order to implement youth programmes for MRC Youth. The first project consisted of three Youth Seminars, which took place in January and February. This is a bilateral agreement between the Macedonian Red Cross and the Norwegian Red Cross. Three main projects were implemented during this period:

- Workshop for Humanitarian Values. The main goal of the workshop was to implement the ongoing projects for humanitarian values, launched by the Norwegian Red Cross as a long term National Programme of Human Values. Training of Trainers for Red Cross Youth Leaders. The main goal here is to strengthen the

humanitarian capacity of Macedonian Red Cross youth. Three youth leaders who had participated in the Regional Red Cross Youth programme shared their knowledge and experience with 30 other youth leaders in the National Society.

- Training of Red Cross Youth Leaders at Universities. The main goal for this activity was to stimulate interest in Red Cross activities, as well as to recruit Red Cross Volunteers from the student population.

Regional Cooperation

Bearing in mind that natural and man-made catastrophes do not respect borders, a regional Disaster Preparedness workshop was held in Macedonia in January. It was decided that in future meetings data regarding the available resources of neighboring National Societies would be collected. This decision was taken in order to allow for a better response to disasters in the region.

The social welfare programme for refugees has been an example for other Balkan national societies. It has allowed them to learn about psychological support for refugees and asylum seekers. Due to the common language between ethnic Albanians in Macedonia and people in Albania and Kosovo, neighboring national societies have had the possibility to exchange existing Red Cross materials.

Coordination and Management

Objective 1: *To continue strengthening the capacity of the MRC, and assisting the national society in the core areas: disaster preparedness and relief activities, in health through its social welfare program and in the organizational development program.*

The Macedonian Red Cross leadership held weekly meetings with the Federation, the ICRC, ARC and GRC representatives. The main topics at these meetings was relations with operating parties and the financial and management support for the Macedonian Red Cross with the relief and social welfare programmes in the country, as well as capacity building of the National Society. In the first quarter of 2002 the Macedonian Red Cross has provided the translations of the Plan of Action 2002 and the report 2001, following their approval by the Executive Board. The proposed changes and amendments to the Macedonian Red Cross Statutes were discussed as well as the preparations for the upcoming Macedonian Red Cross General Assembly and Blood Donation Anniversary celebrations.

Objective 2: *To assist the MRC in securing sufficient resources for the program implementation and their efficient management.* The Federation delegation has worked closely with the Macedonian Red Cross to implement projects presented in the programme sections. In order to provide financial support, the Federation, ICRC, and the American and German Red Cross have helped the national society with renting office and warehouse space.

Objective 3: *To co-ordinate and assist interested participating national societies in supporting key aspects of the national society's capacity building and improvements in management.* The American and German Red Cross are two of the main participating national societies in Macedonia. The American Red Cross has not been active in the area of organizational development since their OD delegate finished his mission in mid-March. The American Red Cross will continue with hygiene parcel distributions until July. During the next quarter the American Red Cross will start a three month health project in the Kumanovo Branch, funded by WHO. The American Red Cross Country Delegation, as well as the Federation are located in the MRC Headquarters building, which has helped considerably with regards to cooperation. The German Red Cross representative has helped the Macedonian Red Cross and the Federation staff with advice regarding DP, relief and logistics matters. The Federation has provided administrative and logistics services to PNS's including customs clearance, contract policy, VAT refund, mobile phone services and transportation. The Federation representative has chaired weekly co-ordination meetings with the Macedonian Red Cross, ICRC, American Red Cross and the German Red Cross. **Objective 4:** *To provide overall co-ordination and management for Federation supported programs and operations in Macedonia. This objective will be achieved with the support of the regional delegation for central Europe.* The Federation's country delegation, with the help of the Regional Delegation in Budapest, has provided and managed the logistics chain in order to fulfill the needs of beneficiaries in line with the plans and the appeal. The support of the Regional Delegation for the Federation representative and local staff has been very important. Finance and reporting are channeled through Budapest, so detailed advice and coordination from Regional Units is needed. The Regional Logistics Center provides fleet management and procurement support for the country delegation and PNS's. The

Federation representative has co-ordinated the ongoing IDP and Refugee programmes together with the donors (UNHCR, ECHO, InterSos, MPDL). Working relations with the implementing partners have been encouraging.

National Societies Operating Bilaterally in Macedonia

	PNS	Activities
Disaster Preparedness	German RC	advice and evaluation, conflict preparedness programme
Disaster Response	German RC	
	American RC	hygiene parcels, baby parcels, support to IDP's
Health and Care	German RC	donation of hospital beds, social welfare programme
Humanitarian Values		
Organisational Development	American RC	fund-raising support, administrative support, overall support
	German RC	support for rental of office and warehouse space

In the first three months of 2002 the Federation delegation consisted of one country representative (75%) and few but skillful local staff. Together they have completed the approved relief and social welfare programmes well. While waiting for approval of this year's appeal and budgets the delegation has been proactive in finding local donors and income to get funding to cover the needs of everyday delegation management. ***For further details please contact: Penny Elghady, Phone: 41 22 730 43 19; Fax: 41 22 733 03 95 ; e-mail: Elghady@ifrc.org*** ***All International Federation Operations seek to adhere to the Code of Conduct and are committed to the Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response (SPHERE Project) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable. For further information concerning Federation operations in this or other countries, please access the Federation website at <http://www.ifrc.org>.***

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APPEAL No. 01.45/2002		PLEDGES RECEIVED			03.07.2002			
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT		
CASH								
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				1'525'119		TOTAL COVERAGE 95.6%		
CASH CARRIED FORWARD				58'925				
NETHERLANDS - RC				26'966	15.01.2002	6 MONTHS RUNNING COSTS DAF TRUCKS		
SWEDISH - RC				12'500	SEK	2'015	13.05.2002	PROGRAMME SUPPORT & CONTROL
SWEDISH - RC				300'000	SEK	47'430	15.04.2002	HEALTH & CARE, CO-ORDINATION & MGT
UNHCR - 02/AB/MCD/CM/270				725'879	USD	1'204'088	30.11.2001	PROVISION OF FOOD & HEALTH ASSISTANCE
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				1'339'424	CHF	87.8%		
KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)								
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT		
FINLAND				58'973				
DELEGATE(S)								
SWEDISH - RC				367'000	SEK	59'160	13.05.2002	SECOND HAND CLOTHES
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				118'133	CHF	7.7%		
ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET								
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT		
SPANISH - RC				280'000	EUR	415'016	14.03.2002	10'581 PAIRS OF SHOES AND RUBBER BOOTS, BILATERAL
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED				415'016	CHF			
THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS ARE LINKED TO THIS APPEAL:								

Financial Information

Project Summary Financial Statement by Appeal

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All Donors.
 Period: January through March of 2002
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Project	INCOME				EXPENDITURE							Closing				
	Voluntary Contributions.				Supplies	Capital	Transport	FS	Personnel	General Expend- -iture	Trans- -fers		Provisions	Total Expenditure		
	Opening	Selected Donors	Others	Transfers											Other Income	Total Income
Europe																
<i>Europe Central Europe</i>																
<i>Europe Macedonia</i>																
PMK160 - Macedonia - Disaster Preparedness	34,489	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	6	34,483	
PMK511 - Macedonia - Health & Care	32,925	61,804	0	3,920	67,874	0	7,327	8,933	20,602	11,831	0	-1,084	0	115,453	-16,834	
PMK515 - Macedonia Coordination & Management	-4,698	24,000	0	-24,000	41,873	0	18,794	11,063	22,384	48,237	0	0	0	100,458	-63,313	
PMK517 - Macedonia Relief	-3,791	81,820	0	24,000	3,882	105,911	30,440	0	11,656	4,932	250	0	0	50,524	55,387	
Europe Macedonia	58,925	167,624	0	0	49,675	276,224	98,314	0	37,777	23,243	47,928	60,318	0	-1,079	266,501	9,723
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