

PROGRAMME UPDATE



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FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES & HUMANITARIAN VALUES

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The Federation's mission is to improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity. It is the world's largest humanitarian organization and its millions of volunteers are active in 178 countries. For more information: www.ifrc.org

Appeal No. 01.66/2002

Appeal Target: CHF 1,024,244

Beneficiaries/target groups (if available): N/A

Programme Update No. 1; Period covered: January to Septembre 2002

IN BRIEF

Appeal coverage: 17.1%

Related Appeals: N/A

Outstanding needs: CHF 848,833

Strategic context

Ongoing outbreaks of violence around the world have demonstrated how vulnerable the principle of humanity is. These incidents, as well as other examples of intolerance (such as racism, stigmatisation of people living with HIV/AIDS world wide) illustrate the constant threat to the values at the heart of the Red Cross and Red Crescent's work. Over the last five years the Federation Secretariat has been working to promote the understanding and use of the Fundamental Principles within Federation and National Society programmes (as part of the "Promotion of the Movement's Fundamental Principles and humanitarian values").

This has particularly involved the development and implementation, with national societies, of a "From Principles to Action" training programme. The response to this has been extremely positive. Drawing on this experience and the identified need to promote humanitarian values, the Federation is accelerating its plans to focus on discrimination as a critical issue in this core area. The Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement's fundamental principles and humanitarian values provide a strong starting point to decrease the level of tension, combat discrimination, and impact not only the most vulnerable but also the general public.

To meet these challenges a multi-faceted, multi-year, coordinated approach is needed at the grassroots and community levels where it can make a lasting difference. In that context, national societies have been encouraged to work actively on this issue with their Governments and with the community, the basis for this action includes the Fundamental Principles, Strategy 2010 and the Plan of Action of the International Conference (Geneva-1999 and particularly Goal 3.2 "new initiatives to meet the needs of vulnerably people and to reduce discrimination and violence in the community").

Key achievements during the period

Availability of training materials on the Fundamental Principles and evidence of their use by NS

“Training manual to Reduce Discrimination and Violence in the Community” -

As part of the “Action to Reduce Discrimination and Violence in the community/ Global- Local”, a training tool has been developed based on needs identified during phase 1 of the different regional actions (more details here after). This training manual has been tested during the first regional Action in Central Africa (July 2002) and also during the Regional Action in Central Asia (September 2002) and made available in English, French and Russian versions.

“From Principles to Action” -

The 2002 version of the CD rom “From Principles to Action” (which was launched at the 2001 General Assembly) has been finalized in its English version, after a final test (2002 version) during a Workshop organized in Geneva in early February. Based on the 2001 experience, more than 7,000 copies have been pre-ordered and disseminated from July to September 2002. In the meantime, development of the French version has started. The final product is expected in Quarter 3 of 2002. Spanish and Arabic versions should be edited as soon as funds are made available.

“Mystery Course -7 steps for 7 principles” -

Following the success of the “Mystery course” in May 2001 (tested in the Middle East and North Africa region, and in a couple of National Societies), which aimed to consolidate Movement understanding and experience of the seven Fundamental Principles, delegations have submitted requests for related guidelines. These have now been designed and were tested as part of the Knowledge Sharing exhibition at the General Assembly in November. These guidelines have been printed in the four official languages and largely distributed within the Movement network.

RC/RC programmes show a direct application of the Fundamental Principles in service delivery and advocacy

Following the Federation position at the 2001-UN World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, in Durban in September, but also following the 2001 General Assembly, the 2001 Council of Delegates Resolutions (12) “*Strengthening humanitarian values across religious, political and ethnic lines*” , based on National Societies needs identification and also consequences of the recent event of the 11th of September, a “Global-Local Action to Reduce Discrimination and Violence in the community” has been developed.

National Society practices have been identified and shared during network meeting (for instance working Group “Racism and Xenophobia” during the Berlin Regional Conference, April 2002).

Regional actions have been designed based on national and regional needs in the following 5 regions (Central Africa, North Africa, Gulf States, Central Asia, Americas).

A specific “Federation - Discrimination Web Page” has been designed, with several links with National Societies, other organizations and important texts of reference. A full kit has been designed to allow persons to actually act on reducing discrimination. This Web Page presents the following topics:

- Background and outline of the *Action to Reduce Discrimination*.
- Information Kit - a selection of resources designed especially to help National Societies and Regional Delegations design activities and campaigns to reduce discrimination and violence in the community.
- Background texts: Red Cross and Red Crescent commitments and statutory decisions.
- External background texts - Relevant international human rights legal instruments.
- Advocacy - Speeches, news and press releases related to the fight against discrimination.
- Communication - examples of communication tools.
- Training - and training resources available for use in programmes and activities to reduce discrimination.
- Additional resources - further detailed documentation describing the role of the Red Cross Red Crescent.

- National Society activities & regional activities - examples and links to current national programs and activities related to the *Action to Reduce Discrimination* and a summary of current regional activities.
- Creative expressions of the fight against discrimination - drama, songs and poetry which illustrate inventive ways of tackling the problem of discrimination.
- Related links - other organizations involved in reducing discrimination and further resources.

Finally, the Discrimination agenda has been integrated in the 2002 version of the CD-rom “from Principles to Action”.

Lessons learned

This core area requires horizontal involvement across the organisation. This provides it with many opportunities to interact with colleagues and to work within the framework of knowledge sharing with national societies, delegations and the ICRC, among others.

Potential areas for technical partnerships have already been identified with the ICRC, to ensure a better sharing of tools and networks, and joint training sessions have already been proposed and run (for instance the “From Principles to Action” Workshop, early February 2002 and early September).

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Fundamental principles & humanitarian values							ANNEX 1
APPEAL No. 01.66/2002		PLEDGES RECEIVED				10.10.2002	
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT	
CASH							
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				1'024'244	TOTAL COVERAGE		
					17.1%		
CASH CARRIED FORWARD				10'786			
BRITISH - GOVT/DFID				75'000	19.02.2002		
BRITISH - GOVT/DFID				75'000	07.08.2002		
ITALIAN - RC				10'000	EUR	14'625 05.04.2002	
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				175'411	CHF	17.1%	
KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)							
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT	
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				0	CHF	0.0%	
ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET							
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT	
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED				0	CHF		