

# PROGRAMME UPDATE



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## ***SOUTH EAST ASIA: REGIONAL PROGRAMMES***

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*Appeal No. 01.65/2003*

*Appeal Target: CHF 2,549,593*

*Programme Update No. 2; Period covered: April to June 2003*

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### *In Brief*

*Appeal coverage: 69%; See attached Contributions List for details.*

*Outstanding needs: CHF 783,414*

*Related Emergency or Annual Appeals: N/A*

*Programme Summary: In May, the Federation launched an emergency appeal for projects on prevention of communicable diseases prepared by several national societies. By the following month, rapid action by the global health community had curtailed the outbreak of severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS), enabling the Federation to continue many of its planned activities in the region.*

*The health and organisational development (OD) programmes focused on strategic planning during this period, providing national societies the potential for achieving comprehensive and consistent programmes. Strategic planning in OD was aimed at improving the effectiveness of national society service delivery and will serve as the foundation to initiate the cooperation agreement strategy (CAS) process next year.*

## **Operational developments**

Travel restrictions due to severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) led to the cancellation or postponement of regional events during most of the second quarter, until late June. The South East Asia partnership meeting has been rescheduled to October. The consequence of such postponements will be the revision of the Appeal budget for the coming period. In May, the Federation launched an emergency SARS appeal aimed at supporting national society SARS prevention initiatives.

Emphasis in the delegation was placed on implementing the work-plan, and on the administrative and managerial structures. The Federation regional management meeting provided an opportunity to discuss the delegation's financial situation and the 'strategy for change'.

## **Health and Care**

**Goal: There is a sustainable improvement in the general health of vulnerable communities in the region.**

**Objective: The region's national societies deliver quality health and care programmes that address the needs of the most vulnerable communities.**

### **Expected Results**

1. There is increased capacity in the region's national societies for effective design, planning, implementation and management of relevant high quality health and care programmes. The RHU will support this capacity building process by providing technical assistance and advice to national societies in accordance with specific needs and development plans.
2. Enhanced regional networking for cross-border transfer of technology, information sharing, advocacy, and effective resource mobilisation and utilisation within the region. Underpinning the regional networks will be enhanced focus on increasing the ownership of the membership, with national societies taking on the chair/secretariat role of the networks and, importantly, becoming more committed to supporting one another. The RHU will be instrumental in assisting the networks in developing and implementing cross-border activities.
3. Improved coordination of health and care activities within the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, and with relevant external agencies in the region, to ensure development of sustainable national society health programmes. The RHU will act as a facilitator in the coordination of health and care activities in the region.

### **Progress/Achievements (activities implemented within this objective)**

#### *Health strategic plans*

Strategic planning with the health departments of the Lao and Vietnam Red Cross Societies was delayed to end June, when travel restrictions related to SARS were lifted. A joint planning workshop for health management staff from the two national societies led to the development of draft plans for the strategic planning process in both countries. Their main reason for initiating this process was to ensure consistency between their plans and those of various donors. The strategic planning process in Laos is expected to conclude by the year-end, while it will continue into 2004 in Vietnam.

#### *Health in emergencies*

In February 2003, the severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) pandemic hit South East Asia. Red Cross Red Crescent societies in the region initiated activities for raising public awareness on the disease, and

provided treatment to SARS patients. In May, the Federation launched an emergency appeal for projects on prevention of communicable diseases prepared by several national societies.

In June, the Federation team, led by the regional health unit (RHU), attended the World Health Organisation (WHO) SARS conference and, as a full member, the Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network (GOARN) steering committee meeting.

#### *Water and sanitation*

The RHU continued to assist national societies in East Timor, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Vietnam, China and DPR Korea in their water sanitation programmes. Technical support was extended to Oxfam for their project in Vietnam, and to the French and American Red Cross to develop water sanitation components in their programmes in the region.

In the Mekong Delta of Vietnam, the project of supporting 3,000 families with safe drinking water, 150 families with latrines, and community hygiene education was completed. A review of the project showed that it had successfully reached the target families, and facilities were being appropriately used. Red Cross volunteers, community involvement, and focus on hygiene education contributed to the success of the project.

The Indonesian Red Cross (PMI) has introduced the community-based first aid/participatory hygiene and sanitation training (CBFA/PHAST) approach to four chapters, at the branch level. Both the Netherlands and Singapore Red Cross Societies have adopted the same approach in their support to PMI.

#### *HIV/AIDS*

Plans and budgets for the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) funded programme for reducing household vulnerability to HIV/AIDS in selected countries in Asia Pacific were finalised during the first quarter of 2003. Programme implementation, in some places as early as January, led to a scaling up of HIV/AIDS activities across the region during the second quarter. It has been a period of developing and implementing new proposals, piloting new initiatives, continuing programmes that were already in place to reflect the needs of the region. Support from the OPEC Fund has allowed national societies in the region to address further the issues of HIV/AIDS, and provided greater depth and coverage to current programmes.

On World Red Cross Red Crescent Day (8 May), almost all national societies in South East Asia participated in the global campaign against HIV/AIDS related stigma and discrimination, using concept materials developed by the Secretariat adapted to local languages and settings.

#### *ART network*

As planned, an external evaluation of the Asian Regional Taskforce on HIV/AIDS (ART) network's performance over the last five years (1999-2003) was conducted in May. The evaluation included interviews with key stakeholders across the region and visits to four national societies that are members of the network. The ART strategic planning workshop has been postponed from July to September due to travel restrictions imposed during the SARS outbreak. The draft evaluation report is currently being circulated for comments.

#### *Regional blood donor recruitment task force*

Some national societies have started preparing for the International Colloquium on Blood Donor Recruitment in Beijing, which has been rescheduled to 2004 after the SARS outbreak.

## **Impact**

There is clearly a greater understanding among national societies on the importance of undertaking strategic planning, and several national societies, in addition to Laos and Vietnam, have now requested RHU support for conducting strategic planning in health or HIV/AIDS. It is clear that strategic planning has the potential for achieving more comprehensive and consistent health programmes and participating national societies (PNS) continue to support these initiatives.

### **Constraints**

The SARS epidemic not only presented a serious threat to the region during the second quarter of 2003, but also resulted in delayed implementation of a number of activities, as most countries in the region imposed severe travel restrictions to prevent the spread of the disease. All regional events were cancelled during April, May and part of June.

### **Coordination**

The regional health unit and other regional technical units continue to support each other. With the current changes to the operation in East Timor, the heads of the organisational development and health units have taken the lead in assisting the national society. The unit provides technical support to the disaster management unit on national society operations as well as with training components of the disaster management programme.

A sub-regional network of organisations involved in water sanitation is under establishment, with UNICEF, WHO, Plan International, ICRC and the Federation as current participating members. Close coordination with the Australian Red Cross is now expanding beyond the OPEC Fund to include other HIV/AIDS programmes.

## **Disaster Management**

**Goal: National societies are: well prepared, able to respond to disasters in a timely, efficient and coordinated manner, clearly linked to the Federation's response system and improving the ability of communities at risk to cope with disasters.**

**Objective: The disaster preparedness and response capacity at national and regional level is substantially improved and the linkages to the Federation's global response system assured, through a comprehensive, integrated regional DM approach.**

### **Expected Results:**

The programme is based on four inter-linked projects (components) that correspond with the tasks identified in the objectives agreed by national societies in the regional framework document and seeks to achieve the following results:

1. All national societies are systematically addressing their DM development needs, based on well-developed plans and through strengthened regional cooperation.
2. The disaster response and response preparedness capacity within the region is further strengthened, at both individual national society and regional level, and the understanding of and linkages to the Federation's global response system are assured.
3. The linkages and mechanisms for DM information and knowledge sharing between the national, regional and global level are substantially improved.
4. The Federation's regional DM cooperation framework is further developed, maintained, and sustained.

### **Progress/Achievements (activities implemented within this objective)**

*Addressing development needs, well-developed plans and strengthened regional cooperation.*

Preparations for a two-week training course involved training needs assessment and pre-course work for over 25 participants from 11 national societies in the first quarter. The custom-made course, coordinated with the Institute of Disaster Risk Management, was postponed until August due to the SARS outbreak in the region. It aims at developing the managerial and leadership skills of the national society's disaster management teams.

In Vietnam, assistance was provided to the Viet Nam Red Cross (VNRC) to prepare for DipECHO support, plan for the use of DFID funds (for the school children's disaster preparedness project) and the British Red Cross hazard, vulnerability and capacity assessment and disaster preparedness/mitigation activity in three Mekong Delta provinces. A letter of understanding, between VNRC and the Central Committee for Storm and Flood Control (CCFSC), was prepared with the government's Disaster Management Centre (DMC) to outline the roles and responsibilities of VNRC in disaster management. To seek further approval (expected in the third quarter of the year) DMC shared the document with other CCFSC members.

Three members of the regional disaster management (DM) team visited the Cambodian Red Cross to review the community-based disaster management programme with the British Red Cross disaster preparedness advisor. The impact, relevance, coordination/partnerships, sustainability/re-applicability and coherence of micro projects (small scale mitigation projects), disaster response and capacity building initiatives were examined. The team will follow up on the plan of action advised to the national society.

The Netherlands government accepted proposals through the Netherlands Red Cross for funding the regional DM programme with CHF 155, 000. British Red Cross also committed some CHF 23, 000.

Draft contingency plans for slow-onset flooding of the Mekong River in Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam were developed during a three-day contingency planning workshop in Laos. Follow-up will take place in July, in Vietnam and Cambodia; a two-day event will be held in Myanmar for participants unable to attend the workshop in Laos.

Twenty trainers from Laos, Myanmar and Cambodia attended a six-day training of trainers (ToT) workshop (in participatory methodologies) in June. The facilitators were from the Asian Institute for Technology Centre, Vietnam, and have been involved in training Red Cross staff in Vietnam for the last five years. The idea of the workshop came from working with trainers in Cambodian Red Cross who play a crucial role in the development of Red Cross volunteers and staff in their country.

*Strengthened disaster response and response preparedness capacity and assured linkages to the Federation's global response system.*

The logistics agreement drawn up between PMI, ICRC and the Federation in Surabaya, Indonesia, was finalised in May. Regional disaster response team (RDRT) training scheduled for late June was postponed until September due to concerns over the SARS outbreak; however, preparatory work in terms of choosing a location and logistics was completed. For the RDRT and other training events, the disaster management and coordination division of the Federation Secretariat provided advice and information during data collection (for better regional response) and screening candidates.

The DM team continued support to Myanmar Red Cross staff with resource persons and material for disaster assessment and response team (DART) training.

First drafts of memorandums of understanding for pre-arrangements on Federation response mechanisms (FACT, ERU and RDRT deployment) and their standard operating procedures were shared with national society DM managers. Further discussion and acceptance of these documents during the sixth regional DM committee meeting in August will be followed by seeking national society leadership approval. Two

persons from the regional office (health and disaster management units) and the DP/DR delegate in Indonesia co-facilitated sessions during a response team training course in Malaysia organised by the Malaysian Red Crescent Society.

Logistics mapping of national society capacities and capabilities has continued during country visits to Myanmar, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia and Laos, as has support on disaster management information system (DMIS) in the Philippines, Cambodia and Lao PDR.

#### *Sharing disaster management information and knowledge regionally and globally*

An exchange visit of disaster management staff from Lao Red Cross to Cambodia and Vietnam was rescheduled for July or August due to concerns over SARS this quarter.

In order to understand population movement in South East Asia and as a follow up to the Manila Action Plan (MAP), the regional delegation hired a short-term consultant to study of the situation. A discussion paper will be available in mid-July.

The regional DM unit discussed a wide range of issues, including support to the various country delegations before, during and after disasters, at the quarterly regional management meeting. The unit would provide a more supportive role to country delegations and national societies through regular follow-up visits on activities and with securing long term funding for each national society.

#### *Developing, maintaining and sustaining the regional disaster management framework*

In April, the regional disaster management committee chairpersons (along with the PMI secretary general and head of regional delegation) met in Jakarta to discuss the roles of the regional DM unit, and the chairpersons, in facilitating activities agreed during the fifth committee meeting held in November.

The regional DM programme officer assumed his duties in May.

### **Impact**

In Vietnam, the Red Cross is a step closer to achieving an understanding with the government on its role in disaster management. The ToT workshop helped build the skills and understanding of methodologies of disaster management trainers.

### **Constraints**

The training programmes on leadership/management in Manila and for the RDRT scheduled for the second quarter were postponed to later this year due to concerns caused by SARS. Time was lost in the preparations and the unit incurred financial loss due to this postponement. Much of the administrative/logistical work will have to be repeated. During the SARS outbreak an exchange visit of DM staff from Laos Red Cross to Cambodia and Vietnam for information sharing was postponed.

### **Coordination**

In the regional delegation the units are finding better ways to integrate programme work. During country visits the DM unit has meetings with participating national society (PNS) working in disaster management on several issues, including relationship building between the two national societies.

## **Humanitarian Values**

**Goal: The awareness and application of humanitarian values is enhanced across the region.**

**Objective: National societies in SE Asia are motivated and able to generate a high degree of visibility, credibility, cooperation and support for Red Cross Red Crescent activities.**

**Expected Results:**

The programme is based on five key programmes that will have the following overall results:

1. The region's national societies will have strong and well-developed communications capacity.
2. Expanded strategic links with local and international media will be further strengthened to secure sustained and high profile media coverage for the activities of the Federation and National Societies in the region, particularly in times of emergencies.
3. Heightened awareness of Red Cross Red Crescent activities and humanitarian values will be encouraged among key external stakeholders, including diplomatic missions, the corporate sector, civil authorities, NGOs, INGOs and civil society.
4. There will be integration of communications components into all regional/national programmes.
5. Regional networking will be further strengthened and fostered as the catalyst for regular knowledge-sharing between Red Cross Red Crescent communications officers, the Federation Secretariat, PNS partners and other stakeholders.

**Progress/Achievements (activities implemented within this objective)**

***Communications capacity***

*Regional communications network meeting*

Due to the SARS outbreak, the third regional communications network meeting scheduled for in May was cancelled. The decision as to whether to hold the event will be made by the new unit head, together with the communications network.

*Visit to national societies*

The staff-on-loan from the Philippine National Red Cross, who joined the delegation in June, visited the Lao Red Cross to follow-up the progress made on plans of action from the national communications workshop last year.

The Cambodian Red Cross presented their draft communications policy and guidelines. As per their request, the Federation will support a two-day communications workshop prior to the annual policy meeting in Cambodia in August.

*Media Relations*

The unit provided media work and publicity support during the 14<sup>th</sup> International Conference on the Reduction of Drug-related Harm in Chiang Mai, Thailand, in April. Background materials for the conference were produced in cooperation with the Federation Secretariat.

A press kit, and other materials, were produced and distributed to national societies for World Red Cross Red Crescent Day celebrations in May.

***Raising Awareness of humanitarian values***

*Asia Pacific FOCUS*

The final issue of *Asia Pacific FOCUS* in its current form – a full-colour broadsheet printed only in English - was produced and distributed to national societies and PNS in the Asia Pacific, and to the media, foreign missions, international organisations, NGOs and the corporate sector. It focused on the Manila Action Plan and issues debated at the Manila conference.

### *Regional profile*

An updated regional profile was produced and distributed to national societies, delegations, media and other stakeholders. The 24-page publication on the Red Cross Red Crescent in South East Asia focuses on work of national societies, the Federation and its delegations, and profiles ICRC in the region.

### *Federation website*

National society communications officers have pledged to provide input to the Federation website, particularly with the onset of the typhoon season and with upcoming events such as World First Aid Day and World AIDS Day.

### *'Changing Attitudes' video*

Some 250 copies of the Federation video 'Changing Attitudes' were produced and distributed to national societies, the Federation delegation and other stakeholders. The video aims to reduce discrimination against people with HIV/AIDS.

### **Impact**

Meeting with the leadership and communications staff of national societies proved to be an effective way of learning their needs, while providing them with a better understanding and appreciation of the delegation's programmes.

## **Organisational Development**

**Goal: A greater number of people in the region have access to humanitarian services and relief interventions through the Red Cross Red Crescent.**

**Objective: South East Asia national societies are aligned with the criteria defined in the 'characteristics of a well functioning national society' and are in a position to deliver quality humanitarian services to the most vulnerable people.**

### **Expected Results:**

1. National societies in the region achieve significant improvements in regional cooperation and coordination through a strong regional network of organizational development (OD) practitioners and practical training in OD related issues.
2. The capacity of at least two national societies in the field of human resource development is enhanced in order to ensure the engagement and retention of a sufficient number of qualified people to carry out the required programmes and activities.
3. The Malaysian Red Crescent, Philippine National Red Cross, Thai Red Cross and Cambodian Red Cross benefit through direct assistance from the regional OD unit in, respectively, programme management, resource development and mobilisation, establishment of a youth network and gender balance.

### **Progress/Achievements (activities implemented within this objective)**

#### *Regional coordination*

The second regional OD forum took place in June, with five representatives from Federation delegations, seven from national societies, and the OD focal person from the Federation Secretariat. The two working groups presented their work - on institutionalising the forum, and branch development. Since local capacity building for better services is an OD priority in the region, the forum discussed the Philippines National Red Cross (PNRC) experience in branch development. Focus of the next meeting will be

capacity building at the community level. The Thai Red Cross shared its impressive fundraising plans and practices, useful to many in the meeting.

As part of their ongoing partnership, the Thai and Lao Red Cross Societies are developing plans to strengthen the local fundraising capability in Laos. After a visit to Thailand by senior Lao Red Cross representatives, the Thai Red Cross sent its technical team to help draft the Lao Red Cross fundraising plan. The regional delegation will act as facilitator in this process, until the two societies feel comfortable managing the process themselves. The Vietnam Red Cross visited the Thai and Malaysian Red Cross societies, where they shared management experiences.

### *Planning*

In April, the regional OD unit facilitated a third workshop on strategic planning, in Myanmar during which the Myanmar Red Cross revised its vision and mission statements alongside a detailed external analysis and discussions on strategic issues. Furthermore, a detailed internal analysis and input from ongoing branch development survey will help develop a strategic plan for the national society. The follow-up workshop will take place next quarter. In May, the unit also facilitated the first meeting of top management to develop a strategic plan in Vietnam Red Cross. Once a Federation representative arrives in Vietnam, the process must gain momentum. The Cambodian Red Cross revised their strategic plans with assistance from the country delegation. Indonesia Red Cross will start developing their second strategic plan in the next quarter.

Demand for project planning process (PPP) workshops in the region has increased since the first in Bangkok in February. After supporting one session in Vietnam Red Cross and two in the South Asia regional delegation, the unit has planned three more workshops in South East Asia and at least one in South Asia this year. To meet the growing demands of facilitator, this quarter two new facilitators were identified in this region.

### *OD brochure*

Some 5,000 copies of the OD brochure, which included input from OD practitioners in the region, were distributed to national societies and delegations in the region.

### *Technical support to national societies*

The unit attended the first phase of the gender project in Lao Red Cross and considered areas for support. Subsequently, the Federation programme officer in Laos received an orientation on various OD issues and regional delegation functions. The newly appointed OD focal person in Vietnam Red Cross also discussed the possibilities of support for OD issues in view of the reduced delegation in Vietnam, during a visit to the delegation. The Vietnam Red Cross has agreed to take the lead in its OD process with strategic planning as a starting point.

The first draft of strategic planning guidelines for national societies should be ready by the third quarter of the year.

### *Financial resource development*

A project agreement for the resource-development training programme was developed and signed with PNRG. The board will receive the revised fundraising policy of the PNRG for approval. The ToT for staff at the national society and in the field commenced during the period. The PNRG will receive support for the training package materials, and research on various aspects of fundraising from a consultant in Manila.

### *Youth development*

The unit is working with Thai Red Cross to organise study visits within the region for youth, staff and volunteers, to gain knowledge national societies' programmes and services. The first such visit should take place in November this year.

### **Impact**

The OD forum has increased interaction and knowledge sharing among OD practitioners, and brought national societies closer for enhanced regional cooperation. Cooperation between the Lao Red Cross and Thai Red Cross on fundraising is a positive step for future relations, and will serve as an example of partnership and use of resources from within the region. The strategic planning process initiated in several national societies will improve the effectiveness of their service delivery and serve as foundation to initiate the CAS process in some countries next year. With over sixty people in Federation delegations and national societies (South and South East Asia) trained in PPP, the quality of planning and the Appeal process this year should result in improved products, project management and fundraising. The user-friendly OD brochure will increase understanding of OD issues to important stakeholders.

### **Constraints**

The postponement of several regional events due to the SARS outbreak will create difficulties in the execution of plans later this year.

The sudden departure of the Federation representative in East Timor due to funding difficulties has stretched the resources of the regional OD unit, acting budget holder for the country's OD programme.

### **Coordination**

Close coordination continues with ICRC, the OD department in Geneva, country delegations and the national societies in the region in all relevant activities.

## **Federation Coordination**

**Goal: National societies in South East Asia have sustained and coordinated support of Red Cross Red Crescent partners for their activities.**

**Objective: The effectiveness of, and external support for, the region's national societies is strengthened by transforming existing concepts into action.**

### **Expected Results**

All components of the Movement in South East Asia work together effectively.

The project seeks to have the following specific results:

- The leaderships of national societies and their PNS partners come together at least once a year.
- The South East Asia Secretaries-general Forum becomes established and institutionalised.
- By the end of 2003 a significant number of national societies in the region have begun a CAS process.
- The Federation and ICRC continue to enjoy harmonious and close working relations across the region.

### **Progress/Achievements (activities implemented within this objective)**

The appointment of a cooperation agreement strategy (CAS) officer from within the Lao Red Cross is a positive step towards transferring the responsibility on implementation of CAS from the Federation to the national society. The Federation representative will complete his assignment early next year. The final draft of the Indonesia CAS document has been shared with all relevant partners. With no Federation representative in East Timor at present, the regional delegation, in close association with the ICRC, directly coordinates with the national society. Recruitment of a representative will start in August.

The regional delegation looks forward to continue excellent working relationship with ICRC with its new management team in the region. Monthly coordination meetings between the Federation and ICRC have been used to discuss internal programmes and issues. The possibility of conducting joint briefings to national society staff going on mission to the Federation Secretariat has been discussed.

The secretaries-general forum will meet prior to the partnership meeting in Vietnam in October, to review its resolutions and discuss means to implement the Manila Action Plan. The partnership meeting provides an opportunity for representatives from Red Cross Red Crescent parties associated with humanitarian activities in South East Asia to link-up and discuss ways of improving the effectiveness of Movement's work.

### **Impact**

The Lao CAS, now a step closer to implementation, will be a learning opportunity on the CAS process to share with other national societies in the region.

### **Constraints**

As a result of the SARS outbreak in the region and consequent postponement of the secretaries-general forum, national society leaders have had little opportunity to jointly take further action on regional coordination this quarter. Time taken to replace delegates in the field is feared to have slowed the facilitation of the CAS process in some countries.

## **Field Management**

**Overall Goal: The Federation Secretariat's support to national societies in the region is optimised.**

**Objective: The Federation facilitates the delivery of well managed and coordinated Red Cross Red Crescent programmes across South East Asia.**

### **Expected results:**

Effective and efficient regional field management structures and procedures are in place.

The project seeks to have the following specific results:

- A regional management and coordination structure is maintained at a level appropriate to ensure the Federation secretariat is able effectively to fulfil its field management function.
- Unacceptable/ unplanned financial deficits are eliminated.
- There is increased efficiency in the use of human resources in the region.
- All agreed donor reporting requirements are met in full

### **Progress/Achievements (activities implemented within this objective)**

The regional management meeting in South East Asia in May discussed issues ranging from the 'strategy for change', to financial situations, and introduced a five-year rolling plan for the region. During the meeting, the team learned that the regional delegation management would be strengthened through the appointment of a programme coordinator who takes up his post this month. There is also regular exchange of information and consultation on regional programmes with the Asia Pacific department in the Federation Secretariat.

In May the regional delegation relocated its offices to a larger, more economical space with improved security conditions.

A staff-on-loan from the PNRD was appointed in April, for a period of six months, to continue communications activities after the departure of the head regional information unit. The new head of the information unit will join the delegation in the next quarter.

All regional programmes are in a financially sound situation. With regular monitoring and stricter control on expenditure, it is expected that there will be no financial deficit in any programme this year.

### **Impact**

The close cooperation between the regional and country delegations contributes considerably towards working as a regional team, in line with the 'strategy for change'.

## **International Representation**

**Goal: The Red Cross Red Crescent is widely regarded as a major humanitarian organization in the region.**

**Objective: The Red Cross Red Crescent's position in South East Asia is strengthened to support the most vulnerable.**

### **Expected Results**

The Federation is positioned to effectively influence the humanitarian agenda in South East Asia, to advocate in favour of the most vulnerable, to mobilize resources within the region and to establish operational partnerships.

The project seeks to have the following specific results:

- There is increased awareness among the international community of the Federation's global activities and key messages and also the work of the region's national societies.
- A foundation for cooperation with major disaster management organizations in the region, including ADPC, is laid to reach shared goals.
- ESCAP and UNAIDS have developed enhanced knowledge on Federation activities and its potential to intervene for people living with HIV/AIDS.
- There is an augmented donor support from the region, including initiatives with the private sector.

### **Progress/Achievements (activities implemented within this objective)**

Due to the SARS outbreak in the region, the 59<sup>th</sup> UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and Pacific (ESCAP) Commission session had to be held in two stages. The Federation's statement on HIV/AIDS programmes in the region, which was to be presented in April, was consequently postponed to the second session in September.

There are ongoing discussions with the resource mobilisation and donor relations unit in the Federation Secretariat to coordinate and streamline donor relations in the region.

### **Impact**

The upcoming UNESCAP ministerial discussion is a good opportunity for presenting Federation activities on HIV/AIDS, and probably others.

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*All International Federation assistance seeks to adhere to the Code of Conduct and is committed to the Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response (SPHERE Project) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.*

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# South East Asia regional

ANNEX 1

APPEAL No. 01.65/2003

## PLEDGES RECEIVED

04/08/03

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
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### CASH

REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				2,549,593	TOTAL COVERAGE 69.3%	
CASH CARRIED FORWARD				326,168		
BRITISH - RC		10,000	GBP	22,425	12.02.03	PPP TRAINING COURSE
BRITISH - RC		10,000	GBP	22,425	12.02.03	DISASTER MANAGEMENT
BRITISH - GOVT/DFID(04)				30,000	24.02.03	DEVELOPMENT
BRITISH - GOVT/DFID(04)				63,500	24.02.03	HEALTH & CARE
BRITISH - GOVT/DFID(04)				98,000	24.02.03	ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
BRITISH - GOVT/DFID(04)				108,000	24.02.03	DISASTER PREPAREDNESS
BRITISH - GOVT/DFID (04)				35,000	24.02.03	INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION
GERMAN - RC				60,000	20.06.03	REGIONAL PROGRAMME COORDINATOR
JAPANESE - RC		58,227	USD	74,967	20.06.03	HUMANITARIAN VALUE
JAPANESE - RC		73,184	USD	94,224	20.06.03	HEALTH AND CARE
JAPANESE - RC		34,951	USD	44,999	26.06.03	TRAINEE DELEGATE
NETHERLANDS - GOVT		100,000	EUR	154,300	21.07.03	
NORWEGIAN - GOVT/RC		600,000	NOK	113,250	26.02.03	ART NETWORK
SWEDISH - GOVT		2,000,000	SEK	320,000	31.03.03	ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, OD DELEGATE, DISASTER MANAGEMENT, HUMANITARIAN VALUES
CAPACITY BUILDING FUND ALLOCATION				52,720	07/04/03	P51905
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				1,619,978	CHF	63.5%

### KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
AUSTRALIA	DELEGATE(S)			29,733		
DENMARK	DELEGATE(S)			59,959		
FINLAND	DELEGATE(S)			21,684		
ICELAND	DELEGATE(S)			34,825		

# South East Asia regional

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## PLEDGES RECEIVED

04/08/03

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				146,201	CHF	5.7%

## ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED				0	CHF	