

PROGRAMME UPDATE



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FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES AND HUMANITARIAN VALUES

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In Brief

Appeal coverage: 52% See attached Contributions List for details or the Federation's website at http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?annual03/1-2-3%20-%20ap019903.pdf

Outstanding needs: CHF 229,714

Related Emergency or Annual Appeals: See www.ifrc.org under "where we work."

Programme Summary: Although Strategy 2010, adopted by the Federation General Assembly in 1999 was translated into many different languages; some theoretical questions remained as to how one should interpret the meaning of "Humanitarian Values" in the context of the Red Cross/Red Crescent Movement.

Programmes and activities within the National Societies were reviewed to determine how the term Humanitarian Values was being interpreted and applied by the National Societies to their operations. The review also included an analysis of all of the Federation's Annual Regional and Country Appeals, existing CAS documents, and National Societies' profiles. At the same time, individual interviews were conducted in four languages French, English, Spanish and Arabic based on the "Your Opinion Interests Us" tool.

The first round of this analysis revealed that "discrimination" was a common concern among the different regions. Further research was then conducted to find out what were the Movement's Statutory decisions on discrimination over the past three decades (1971 to 2001). External partners were also approached by the Secretariat's "Movement, Principle and Values" Department to complete the research and analysis process and provide an outside perspective.

In response to the need to reduce the harm caused from discrimination, a long term plan "Action to Reduce Discrimination and Violence in the community; Globally-Locally" was designed and initiated in 2002. 2003 has seen the scaling up of the overall process, (1) ensuring that concrete links with other related programmes (for instance the HIV/AIDS anti-stigmatization campaign) are provided; and, (2) putting the Movement's Fundamental Principles into action.

Regular updates on activities regarding Humanitarian Principles and Values are available on the Federation's website at: <http://www.ifrc.org/what/values>.

Overall Goal: This Global Programme aims:

- **To support National Societies work at community level and develop effective communication with public authorities and the community in order to influence behavior “to reduce discrimination and violence in the community” and promote a culture of non-violence,**
- **To promote understanding and use of the Fundamental Principles within the Red Cross/Red Crescent Movement.**

Objective 1: To capture, develop and share knowledge about “best and good” practices in promoting the Fundamental Principles, combating discrimination and promoting a culture of non-violence.**Progress/Achievements (activities implemented within this objective)**

- A listing of “best and good” practices were consolidated through a mapping exercise, along with case studies about National Society programming that promotes the Fundamental Principles, combats discrimination and contributes towards building a culture of non-violence in an accessible active data base. The database is a resource for looking into innovative initiatives, and has been incorporated into the development of the Discrimination database.
- Compiled external materials and documentation on the subject of discrimination; conducted own research on the work of others, such as universities, institutes, governments and international organizations on combating discrimination in the community and promoting a culture of non-violence.
- A partnership was developed with Lyon University to explore concrete options for linking the promotion of the Movement’s “Fundamental Principles and Humanitarian Values” agenda to the Human Rights agenda.
- The first round of consultations with and analysis of the European Youth network are finalized. To complement this on-going work, following a number of requests from National Societies, some technical publications were produced on the specific agenda of a “Rights’ Based Approach.”

Training tools:

- **From Principles to Action:** The 2002 English language version of the CD ROM “From Principles to Action” was shared with more than 10,000 people. During the second quarter of 2003, the Russian version of the training component was edited and widely disseminated throughout Russian speaking countries. The CD ROM is used to promote the Movement’s Fundamental Principles and train volunteers and staff to work in their community. A French prototype was finalized during the beginning of 2003. Spanish and Arabic versions of the training component of the CD ROM are in development and will be available in October 2003. The CD ROM is systematically used during Basic Training Courses for Delegates organized by the national societies (targeting 1,200 people every year), as well as during the Federation’s and ICRC’s induction courses.
- **Level 1: Mystery Course and Level 2: Guidelines, 7 Steps for 7 Principles:** The Level 1 tool, which aims to consolidate Movement understanding of and experience with the seven Fundamental Principles, was developed and tested in 2001, then edited and published in 2002 in English, French, Spanish, Arabic and Russian versions. Specific guidelines were also proposed for a second level of this game. Guidelines were y shared with National Societies in French, English, Spanish and Arabic versions while a Russian version was launched in 2003. Several training sessions and workshops have employed this activity as an introduction to the Fundamental Principles. Following requests to continue developing the process, a Level 3 version was developed during the first quarter of 2003. The game consisting of 300 questions is being tested. Direct access to this learning game will be provided via the Federation’s Extranet “Fed net” beginning October 2003.

Impact

The impact of these activities is measured by how much the National Societies are using them. Requests for the From Principles to Action CD ROM from Universities, Ministries of Defense and Police demonstrate the interest

and need from players and actors outside the Movement to understand and know more about the Movement and better connect with the Red Cross and Red Crescent environment while coping with humanitarian challenges.

In the specific case of the Mystery Course, which was designed in 2001 as a basic learning tool, the high number of requests received from delegations and users led to the creation of a Level 2 version of the game. Further positive feedback and continued demand led to the creation of a Level 3 version which will be easily integrated into an e-learning format that will be developed over the next few years.

Constraints

Low coverage of the appeal is an obstacle in terms of delivery speed. However, the development perspective of the programme ensures the sustainability of it.

Objective 2: To monitor and reinforce the Global-Local Action to reduce Discrimination and Violence in the Community.

- **Regional Activities:** Follow-up to 2002 Regional Activities in Central Africa (8 countries- July 2002), and Central Asia (5 countries-September 2002) has been provided to ensure integration of anti-discrimination agenda within National Societies programmes and activities. New regional action plans were designed for South Asia Region (6 countries, to be launched in August 2003), as well as for MENA Region (pilot to be implemented in Tunisia September 2003, and Iraq during the second quarter of 2003).
- **Creative:** An innovative programme was designed in Central Africa and was developed during the first half of 2003. The “Art project” is one concrete outcome of the new partnership between the Regional delegation in Central Africa and Yaoundé University as part of the Global Action. Discrimination and respect for diversity and mutual understanding are presented through 52 paintings based on these themes. Hopefully, the paintings can be presented during the 2003 end of year statutory meetings in Geneva.
- During the Inter American Regional Conference, Chile April 2003, a specific workshop addressed “Youth and Violence” and Discrimination. This workshop was co-facilitated by the Federation and ICRC based on the joint approach with addressing violence, as related to discrimination.
- Technical research was finalized in June 2003 identifying, through existing National Societies programmes and based on available data (Partnership profiles, appeals reports, National Societies pledges at the 27th International Conference etc.), how concretely the “Action to Reduce Discrimination” as well as the “Principles and Values” agenda can and/or are integrated in the different programmes and services.
- Links with PERCO network sub-working group on racism and xenophobia, was developed to ensure relevant interaction, cross-fertilization and adequate follow-up of to the European Regional Conference, held in Berlin in April 2002, where there was a specific workshop addressing Racism and Xenophobia as related to migration.
- Attended the Exploring Humanitarian Law workshop organized by the Danish Red Cross (May 2003), where links were formed with the EHL network of lawyers, information and communication contact persons, and youth focal point.
- The basic database of existing and good practices was redesigned to accommodate more detailed case studies and analyses. Based on this, a direct on line database covering 100 cases will be made available on the Federation web site.
- A specific web page on discrimination was launched in the summer of 2002 on the Federation’s Web Site at <http://www.ifrc.org/what/values/discrimination/bg.asp> with several links with National Societies, other organizations. The information has been updated with new links to the “Principles” page of the same site.

- Training tools such as a manual for participants and a manual for the facilitator were developed and tested in several workshops and group meetings. Versions are available in the French, English, and Russian languages. An Arabic language version will be launched during the second half of 2003 as part of MENA's regional activities.
- Links and interaction with key players outside the Movement were ensured through active participation in the Vienna Conference of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, held during the third week of July 2003.
- Active technical support was given with preparing the Council of Delegates 2003 agenda Item 6 "Tolerance, Non Discrimination and Respect for Diversity."
- Federation visibility was increased, and action was taken towards reducing discrimination through advocacy initiatives taken during February's UNESCO & Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights Group of Experts meeting, as well as during the April 2003 Human Rights Commission sessions. Following April's sessions specific guidelines for cooperation were developed jointly with the office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. Implementation of these guidelines is projected for the second half of 2003.

Impact

National Societies are developing new programmes and activities to reduce discrimination and violence in the community, which build upon existing programmes rather than creating new structures and mechanisms. A "cross-fertilization" approach prevents the onset of a "silo effect" with developing new programmes. The final version of the database will provide an opportunity to highlight the complexity of these kinds of programmes.

Constraints

Lack of available funds has reduced the speed of the scaling up phase. However, the development process has resulted in a sustainable approach, ensuring a real long term impact at the local level in terms of changing behaviour in the community.

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ANNEX 1

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PLEDGES RECEIVED

07.08.2003

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
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CASH

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REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				478'075		52.0%
CASH CARRIED FORWARD				41'361		
BRITISH - GOVT/DFID (04)				175'000	24.02.03	
SWEDISH - GOVT		200'000	SEK	32'000	06.05.03	
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				248'361	CHF	52.0%

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	