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### In Brief

Appeal 01.69/2004; Programme Update no. 3, Period covered: 1 September to 31 December 2004; Appeal coverage: 72%; Outstanding needs: CHF 271,261 (USD 239,672 or EUR 175,751).

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Appeal target: CHF 968,791 (USD 855,974 or EUR 627,685).

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#### Programme summary:

The Mongolian Red Cross Society's role in addressing Mongolia's growing number of important social welfare issues continues to evolve through programmes supported by the Federation and participating national societies such as the British and Netherlands Red Cross. The national society's branches are currently helping unregistered families in Ulaanbaatar to navigate their way through the registration process, improving the chances of these families for access to education, health care and employment.

At the same time, the Mongolian Red Cross Society (MRCS) is working to ensure that the country's elderly are not forgotten by bringing attention to them through the sponsoring of events on World Elderly Day, and by engaging the isolated and the lonely through MRCS activities on a regular basis to ensure these valuable members of society continue to play an active role in their communities.

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## **National Context**

There is growing concern over the increasing school dropout rates of children in Mongolia due to poverty and migration of families. Some 11,953 children dropped out of formal education nationwide during the 2003 to 2004 academic year. The reasons vary and estimates made following a recent survey suggest that 2,676 children left school to herd livestock, 2,517 children left due to poverty, 1,832 were reluctant to study, 559 dropped out to find a job, while some children discontinued their schooling because of the migration itself. An increasing number of families are migrating from Mongolia's rural areas to urban ones, particularly following the removal of registration fees for people moving into Ulaanbaatar. According to the Ministry of Education, over 5,000 children move to Ulaanbaatar from rural areas each year. The majority of people migrating to Ulaanbaatar, however, cannot register in their new location due to complications regarding their documentation, and without documentation the schools are unable to accept these children.

The People's Republic Party gained a vast majority of total seats in Mongolia's local elections. As the heads of the middle-level Red Cross branches are chairpersons of the Presidium of the People's Representative, the local election resulted in a replacement of many of heads of the Red Cross branches.

## **Health and Care**

### **Health and First Aid**

**Goal: To alleviate vulnerability of population by providing health and first aid education.**

**Programme objective: To develop the health programme, provide community-based health and first aid education to target groups, and provide favourable conditions to utilise experience gained.**

### **Achievements:**

MRCS celebrated World First Aid Day for the first time on 11 September, using mass media campaigns to promote public awareness about the importance of first aid. The celebration involved 140 MRCS volunteers and staff, and the MRCS estimates that some 100,000 people improved their knowledge on first aid through the society's activities.

Activities conducted by the MRCS on World First Aid Day to further public understanding about first aid included:

- Press conference involving journalists from three national television channels and seven newspapers.
- Twenty second televised 'promotional spots' (two times per day for five days).
- FM radio promotional spots (30 seconds, four times per day for four days).
- A radio interview (20 minutes).
- A television programme (15 minutes).
- Pocket calendars (4,000 copies).
- A promotion board installed on the central street.
- One-page promotion published in the 'daily news'.
- Exchange meetings of first aid trainers and volunteers in three regional centres (Dornod and Uvs *aimag*, Chingeltei district).

The MRCS worked with the following partners:

- The traffic police department.
- Emergency medical centre.
- Health department of the Ministry of Health.
- National television.
- FM radio.
- Ulaanbaatar city council of Red Cross branches.

The middle-level Red Cross branches also celebrated the World First Aid Day at the local level. All Ulaanbaatar district Red Cross branches conducted competitions among first aid trainers trained in 2003.

The health and first aid programme started publishing a series of articles to increase public awareness about basic first aid in the monthly newspaper *Rural Business News*, which circulates throughout Mongolia.

The series of basic health care articles were published under the topic 'let's live healthy'. The following topics were published on a monthly basis over the period October through December:

- First aid principles, wounds and treatment of wounds.
- Fracture and treatment of fractures.
- Bleeding and treatment of bleeding.

A series of televised lessons on health and first aid were broadcasted on Mongolian national television. Each lesson lasted two to five minutes with a total of ten lessons broadcasted. Topics of the lessons included:

- Wounds, types of wounds and treatment.
- Fracture and treatment of fracture.
- Bleeding and treatment of bleeding.

#### **Impact:**

Television broadcasts and newspaper articles published in relation to World First Aid Day functioned as a form of distance training for residents of remote areas and will be continued through March 2005.

#### **Social Welfare Project**

**Goal: To improve the quality of lives of the most vulnerable people living in Mongolia.**

**Objective: To improve health and psychosocial well being of the most vulnerable, and the people affected by internal migration through direct community-based welfare-related activities, referrals, advocacy and awareness-raising endeavours.**

#### **Achievements:**

Community-based social welfare activities aimed at improving access for the elderly to health care and psychological support were carried out by volunteers in the Red Cross branches of four *aimags* (Gobi-Altai, Uvurkhangai, Orkhon and Khuvsgul) and two districts (Nalaikh and Khan-Uul).

The volunteer-driven MRCS community-based care programme implemented by middle-level Red Cross branches provides health, social and psychological support to single, homebound elderly people. In 2004, a total of 550 volunteers provided home care services to approximately 1,000 elderly people. In addition to the provision of home care services, the volunteers also provided in-kind assistance, linked the elderly to each other, organised various kinds of competitions and provided joint assistance with other organisations.

The Khan-Uul district Red Cross branch, within the framework of cooperation with the SSS travel agency, linked the elderly to 14 foreign tourists, who in turn provided in-kind assistance worth Tugrik 73,000 to six elderly people.

The primary-level Red Cross branch volunteers and 'helpful groups' of Gobi-Altai *aimag* organised different kinds of campaigns and public events dedicated to the elderly and provided in-kind assistance in the form of food and clothing.

The Nalaikh district Red Cross branch awarded volunteers who provided community-based social care to the elderly with 100 kilogrammes of potatoes harvested from the branch's own vegetable field.

The Khuvsgul *aimag* Red Cross branch has been running a daily recreation centre for the elderly since 1999. In 2004, the recreation centre received 234 elderly visitors and provided them with traditional, medical and physical treatments such as massages and distribution of vitamins.

The Uvurkhangai *aimag* Red Cross branch provided 80 elderly people with free medical checks based on the agreement signed with the *aimag* medical unit and household hospitals. Over 300 people have benefited from the recreational centre for the elderly established by the Uvurkhangai *aimag* Red Cross branch in cooperation with local authorities.

The Orkhon *aimag* Red Cross branch organised a training lecture entitled 'participation of the individual in the society' for the elderly and disabled, with the purpose of increasing their participation in daily life. The director of the Governance and Management Development Institute gave the lecture. The Red Cross branch also organised an advice lecture given by a professional beautician regarding skin and body care for people above 40. The Orkhon *aimag* Red Cross branch also linked six elderly people to hospitals that provided them with free traditional treatment for 10 days; two elderly people were also provided with wood for heating.

In preparation for World Volunteer Day, a seven-minute television programme on the activities of the Nalaikh district Red Cross branch's community-based social care service was broadcasted over UBS Television on 18 November 2004. Additionally, coverage of the Khan-Uul district Red Cross branch's community-based social care service to the elderly was prepared jointly with the district authority and broadcasted on UBS Television.

#### ***MRCS honours the elderly on World Elderly Day***

In November, World Elderly Day was celebrated widely with the theme 'live healthy and think wisely'. World Elderly Day was celebrated by MRCS together with a number of organisations such as the Ministry of Health, the council of elderly, the Gerontology Centre and the capital city's health department. The prime minister of Mongolia, mayor of Ulaanbaatar city and head of the elderly council also attended this event.

The following activities were conducted as part of World Elderly Day:

- A hiking trip.
- Each of the nine Ulaanbaatar districts Red Cross branches installed a dissemination board on health and social care on their premises. The MRCS programme manager mounted a dissemination board on elderly day in Ulaanbaatar's central street.
- Beneficiaries, who are the elderly, performed a concert.
- The elderly were provided with tea and hot meals.
- The MRCS Secretary-General gave out awards to 12 elderly people following a meeting with the group.

#### ***MRCS empowers communities with community-based training***

The MRCS Khuvsgul *aimag* Red Cross branch conducted training in community-based social care services to the elderly for 25 volunteers on 16 to 18 November. The MRCS social care programme manager facilitated the training with a lecturer from the Mongolian Technical University, which covered issues such as how to provide high quality home care service to the elderly, how to mobilise communities to engage in social care services, how to provide psychological support, and also included subjects such as employment, state law on social care, nutrition and physical exercise. The volunteers discussed and agreed upon a plan of action and a reporting system during the training, and local television then broadcasted the training.

Training about legal acts, procedures, resolutions and rules related to civil registration in Mongolia was conducted in cooperation with the capital city centre for civil registration and information on 2 December. A total of 25 participants including the staff of ten middle-level Red Cross branches attended the training held at MRCS headquarters.

The purpose of the training was to support unregistered migrant residents in registering by providing them with an understanding of the registration process through the Red Cross network. Guidelines introducing the procedures for the registration process were developed with the participation of the MRCS and the capital city centre for civil registration and information, and were published and distributed, together with training materials, to the middle-level branches.

**Impact:**

The East Asia desk officer of the British Red Cross visited Mongolia over the period of 6 to 12 December to monitor the implementation process of the bilateral social care project.

Access for older, disabled, poor and migrated people to government health and social welfare services was improved through community-based, welfare-related activities. The volunteers providing community-based home care services are now more knowledgeable and committed.

The knowledge of beneficiaries, family and community members about their rights, eligibility to services and how to advocate for and access services, support and registration was increased and enhanced.

**Blood Donor Recruitment Project**

**Goal: To secure a safe supply of blood stock in Mongolia, through greater public awareness and education on blood donor recruitment and improving the capacity of the MRCS to manage and implement the voluntary blood donor recruitment programmes.**

**Objective: To improve the technical and managerial capacity of the recruitment of blood donors.**

**Achievements:**

Regional training on the recruitment of voluntary, non-remunerated blood donors involving the Eastern middle-level Red Cross branches was conducted in Dornod *aimag*, based on the Federation manual entitled *Recruitment of Voluntary, Non-remunerated Blood Donors*. A total of 25 participants including the secretaries, instructors of Dornod, Sukhbaatar and Khentii *aimag* Red Cross branches, directors and staff of the local blood centre branches, representatives from the primary-level Red Cross branches, governmental and non-governmental organisations as well as the media attended the training.

Campaigns on the recruitment of voluntary, non-remunerated blood donors were conducted 25 times in cooperation with the Ulaanbaatar city district middle-level Red Cross branches.

A youth blood donor club comprised of 14 Red Cross youth members was established at the MRCS headquarters. The blood donor club members participated in training on donor recruitment over the period 17-18 November. Certified volunteers followed up their training by learning more about activities carried out by Mongolia's blood centre. The volunteers conducted a mobile young donors campaign at the Technical University of Mongolia, and over 400 young people participated in the campaign.

The MRCS blood donor recruitment programme manager attended training on the recruitment of voluntary, non-remunerated blood donors over the period 22-28 November.

**Impact:**

As a result of the regional training, the roles and responsibilities of middle-level Red Cross branches in providing and ensuring a safe blood supply were identified and cooperation with local blood stations was extended.

**HIV/AIDS Project**

Mongolia's fifth reported case of HIV/AIDS was diagnosed in October. Up until October 2004, there were four reported cases of people with HIV/AIDS: the first case in 1992 and the others in 1997, 2001 and 2003. Two of them have since died of AIDS, and there is currently one person living with AIDS and another infected with HIV.

**Goal: To reduce spread of HIV/AIDS or sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and improve the lives of people living with HIV/AIDS.**

**Objective: To protect young people from HIV/AIDS or sexually transmitted infections (STIs) by supporting MRCS branches in implementing an effective and efficient education/prevention programme.**

## **Achievements:**

### ***MRCS develops strategic work plan in regard to HIV/AIDS 2005 to 2010***

With technical support from the Australian Red Cross, MRCS developed a strategic plan for addressing HIV/AIDS covering the period 2005 to 2010. The new plan defines the society's future direction in addressing HIV/AIDS and will be initiated in December.

### ***Train campaigns in Mongolia are facilitating a better understanding of HIV/AIDS among high-risk groups***

A train campaign based on the Federation campaign 'pass it on... the truth about AIDS' was conducted over the period of 20 to 23 August, with the purpose of increasing public awareness amongst high-risk groups. The train campaign was conducted along the railway which links the southern and northern borders of Mongolia.

The following activities were conducted as part of the train campaign:

- Red Cross youth (RCY) were divided into teams and prepared the dissemination materials for the campaign.
- The train campaign was publicised in daily newspapers.
- Train campaign facilitators were divided into eight teams and the teams conducted group discussions with train officers, servers and supervisors.
- Discussion on HIV/AIDS and the use of condoms was conducted for a total of 4000 people.
- Leaflets entitled 'condom is your reliable partner' were distributed on the trains.

At the border railway stations:

- Information and dissemination activities were conducted for 1000 people at places such as markets, hotels, railway stations and border points.
- During the campaign, 5000 male condoms and information sheets were distributed.
- Discussions were held with *aimag* administration staff working at the borders to improve their understanding of HIV/AIDS.
- Over 5000 people were involved in a show entitled 'let's fight together against HIV/AIDS', which was organised during the train campaign.

### ***MRCS recognises World AIDS day with an exhibition at the Mongolian Art Gallery***

An art competition organised for World AIDS Day had a theme that focused on combating stigma and the increased awareness of youth and women on HIV/AIDS. Nine drawings were selected to be used as postcards. Additionally, a five-day exhibition was organised with drawings from the competition at the Mongolian Art Gallery.

In commemoration of World AIDS Day, a famous television competition entitled 'Stage' was produced with the theme 'let's stand united against HIV/AIDS'.

The competition was organised in Mongolia's largest urban areas such as Ulaanbaatar, Darkhan and Erdenet to raise awareness among young people, especially women, about the prevention of HIV/AIDS, and to eradicate stigma and discrimination against people living with HIV/AIDS. The televised competition on the knowledge about HIV/AIDS prevention saw the participation of 160 students.

### ***MRCS is improving its capacity to address HIV/AIDS through continued training***

Twenty-five MRCS headquarters staff received training on HIV/AIDS, which covered topics such as how to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) as well as the Asian Red Cross and Red Crescent HIV/AIDS Network (ART).

Regional training to improve the general population's awareness of and understanding about HIV/AIDS was conducted in Tuv and Orkhon *aimag*, involving 20 workers from the Copper Mining Company of Orkhon *aimag* and 25 volunteers representing five *soums* of Tuv *aimag*. The training also addressed alcoholism, which is a key health issue.

A two-level training of peer facilitators was organised with support from the Federation's East Asia regional HIV/AIDS delegate. The first level of the training was conducted on 4 to 8 October and the second level on 10 to 14 November. Sixteen young people coming from Orkhon and Darkhan *aimags* as well as Baganuur, Chingeltei and Songinohairhan districts have attended the meeting. All the participants were certified as voluntary professional peer facilitators.

Training of peer educators were conducted accordingly at Orhon and Darhan *aimag*, at the railway station Red Cross branch and RCY HIV/AIDS club for the respective young people. The certified peer facilitators, who have attended the above-mentioned two-level training of peer facilitators, facilitated the trainings. Eighty young people were trained and provided with instructions to conduct the training. Issues of gender, STDs and peer influence were added to the training curricula that was developed based on the specialties of the local area. From 15 November to 15 December, each of the 80 peer educators who have attended the training conducted group discussions in their respective local area involving five to ten people, and a total of 760 people gained knowledge on the prevention from HIV/AIDS. Approximately, 1000 dissemination materials and 250 condoms were distributed during the group discussion.

### ***Regional development programme activities***

The Federation's East Asia regional HIV/AIDS delegate provided support to the publication of the *Organisational Development* manual written as part of the 'positive life' project initiated by the HIV-infected people of Mongolia. Up to 300 copies of the manual were printed and delivered to 38 middle-level Red Cross (RC) branches and 45 NGOs.

#### **Impact:**

MRCS estimates that one-third of the train passengers and youth living in railway stations and towns increased their knowledge about HIV/AIDS due to the train campaign. Twenty-five RCY members are now specialised in carrying out MRCS activities related to HIV/AIDS.

Over 4,500 people visited the exhibition organised from 1-5 December. People's awareness of HIV/AIDS improved through the competition and exhibition, hopefully reducing some public misconceptions that contribute to stigmatisation. The exhibition was also a good opportunity to increase public understanding about the MRCS HIV/AIDS programme.

Group discussions organised by the certified peer educators reached some 760 people. Up to 250 condoms as well as 1000 pieces of dissemination material were distributed to the people attending the event.

An estimated 6,000 students from the universities and colleges of Ulaanbaatar city and 2,000 students from Darkhan and Orkhon *aimag* have improved their knowledge about HIV/AIDS and prevention. The televised competition contributed to the promotion of MRCS activities, and also improved internal coordination between the MRCS information and dissemination programme and the RCY programme.

## **Disaster Management**

Winter 2004 has been fairly stable. Earlier this year in October, however, there were severe windstorms in Darkhan. The MRCS provided assistance to the disaster-affected families in cooperation with the American embassy. The assistance, amounting to Tugrik 28.1 million, was provided to the MRCS by the American Embassy. Forty-five families received new gers, and 375 families were provided with second hand clothes.

**Goal: To enhance disaster preparedness in the community in order to mitigate the impact of disasters, by increasing awareness and advocacy among the general public and mobilising local resources for responding to emergencies.**

**Objective: To reduce vulnerability in times of disaster by strengthening the capacity of the Mongolian Red Cross Society and improving integration with local and international organisations within the framework of the disaster preparedness programme and other core activities.**

### **Achievements:**

In August the MRCS, with support from the Australian Red Cross, commenced with activities aimed at enhancing the society's capacity for disaster preparedness (DP) by supporting the regional DP centres. A sampling of activities conducted by the MRCS with support from the Australian Red Cross includes:

- Recruitment of seven regional DP centre managers and one project manager.
- Procurement of training, dissemination equipment and office furniture for the regional DP centres, in which two regional DP centres were also provided with vehicles.
- Training for regional DP centre managers and secretaries held from 10 to 11 November. The Federation's head of delegation in Mongolia and the state disaster prevention agency staff in charge of training were actively involved in the training. The training aimed to identify the roles and responsibilities of the DP centre managers, secretaries and the DP programme managers.

The MRCS carried out other significant activities within this programme. A collaborative forum on the cooperation between governmental and non-governmental organisations in the field of disaster prevention and disaster relief was held on 25 November. A total of 40 participants including the representatives from the state disaster prevention agency, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Nature and Environment, agency for fighting against extreme infectious diseases, secretaries of Dornod, Tuv, Gobi-Sumber, Darkhan, Arkhangai, Baganuur and Bagakhangai RC branches, heads of the nine district disaster prevention agency branches and the MRCS DP programme managers participated in the meeting. The MRCS Under Secretary-General facilitated the collaborative forum meeting. The participants discussed the potential areas and ways of cooperation in order to successfully implement the national programme for disaster prevention. As a result of the meeting, a cooperation agreement was signed between the MRCS and the state disaster prevention agency at the national and local level.

A quarterly review meeting of the regional DP centres was conducted on 14 December at the MRCS headquarters. The review meeting was organised with the purpose to improve the performance of the regional DP centres, to encourage the exchange of experiences and lessons learnt among the centres and to also coach the newly recruited DP centre managers. The regional DP centres provided an update on the activities conducted and the participants discussed the activities to be conducted in the first quarter of 2005 and also the possible cooperation with the local governmental and non-governmental organisations and agencies.

The Hong Kong Red Cross supported the MRCS in producing promotional spots for television to increase public awareness about flooding, forest and steppe fires, and marmot plaque were broadcasted on national television. Furthermore, 9000 copies of posters illustrating the risks posed by floods, fires and violent storms were produced and distributed to rural herders.

Over the period 13-26 September, a representative from the British Red Cross Society (BRCS) visited Mongolia in relation to a joint review carried out by the BRCS, Federation and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation to evaluate and compare the impact of in-kind assistance and cash assistance provided to the dzud-affected population of Mongolia in 2003. Findings of the review were followed up in October and November by a joint MRCS/Federation team headed by the Federation's East Asia reporting/disaster management delegate.

### **Impact:**

The capacity of the seven regional disaster preparedness centres has been improved due to the hiring of responsible managers and the provision of communications equipment that will enable better communication between the centres and MRCS headquarters.

The outcome of the training for the regional DP centre managers and middle-level Red Cross branch secretaries was a tripartite agreement signed between headquarters, middle-level RC branch secretaries and the respective regional DP centre managers. Each of the seven regional DP centres developed their own plan of action during the training.

A working group composed of 10 to 15 members was created after the collaborative forum with the disaster-related organisations to follow up the outcomes of the meeting and to further develop a joint plan of action on cooperation.

**Constraints:**

Activities including training for volunteers of six middle level RC branches; a regional competition among the First Aid Teams; and training on psychological support for volunteers of two middle level RC branches were postponed until 2005 due to a delay in funding.

**Humanitarian Values**

**Goal: To change the general community's behaviour through the promotion of the Movement's fundamental principles and humanitarian values.**

**Objective: To enhance the public's understanding of the Mongolian Red Cross Society and strengthen fundraising activities.**

**Achievements:**

The MRCS introduced its website over the reporting period. The design of the website had been made in collaboration with the X-graphics company of Mongolia and the MRCS information dissemination programme manager. The website offers a wide range of information on the activities of the Mongolian Red Cross Society, including the programmes, laws and strategies of the MRCS, bilateral projects and international cooperation, and is being updated with the latest news and events. The website is currently in the English language, and the MRCS is planning to add a Mongolian version of the website in the coming year.

The MRCS information dissemination programme played an active role in facilitating the cross-border train campaign 'pass it on...the truth about AIDS' described in detail within this report's section covering the HIV/AIDS project.

Two Finnish journalists visited MRCS from 6 to 15 September to observe MRCS RCY activities and learn more about the problems Mongolian children and youth currently face. The journalists used the story to raise funds in Finland in response to world hunger.

**Impact:**

The MRCS website will facilitate the dissemination of information about MRCS activities to a global audience. The society hopes that the website will contribute to improving MRCS foreign relations with other sister national societies and donors.

The joint dissemination activities carried out in partnership with the HIV/AIDS programme contributed to better internal coordination and cooperation between the departments. The train campaign was more appealing to the public due to the participation of young cultural stars who were engaged in the campaign.

**Organisational Development**

**Goal: To become a well functioning national society by qualifying volunteers, formulating reliable financial resources and making branches independent.**

**Objective: To improve working conditions for volunteers at mid-level Red Cross branches. To improve the quality of programmes and enhance capacity with the support of volunteers.**

**Achievements:**

The MRCS organisational development (OD) programme has focus much on activities being implemented with support from the Federation's Capacity Building Fund detailed above.

Representatives of the MRCS senior management, including the Under Secretary-General and OD programme manager (the overall programme coordinator) participated in the Asia Pacific collaborative forum on OD and capacity building held in Kuala Lumpur from 30 November to 3 December 2004. The delegates made a presentation summarising the impact of the capacity building intervention and the main indicators utilised to measure the impact.

**Impact:**

The regional OD and capacity building meeting was very significant for the MRCS in terms of skill and experience sharing in these two areas as each of the 14 national societies provided presentations on their OD and capacity building activities.

**Constraints:**

Some activities planned in 2004 were postponed to early 2005 due to delays in funding.

**Capacity Building Project**

**Goal: Mongolian Red Cross Society is building strong management capacities and sustainable community-based social care at rural areas.**

**Objective: To implement projects focused on improving capacity building and income generation, reducing cost for heating, formulating favourable conditions for volunteers to work as well as enhancing and sustaining permanent community-based social care through trained and committed volunteers.**

**Achievements:**

Another three training courses were conducted within the capacity building project during the reporting period. Each of the training of the trainers courses was conducted at headquarters level involving headquarters staff and secretaries from the six middle-level Red Cross branches (Khentii, Uvs, Umnugobi, Dundgobi, Khuvsgul and Sukhbaatar) covered by the project and also at the local branch level involving branch staff and volunteers.

The financial management training included modules on fundraising, income generation and the project planning process.

Volunteer leadership and volunteer trainings conducted involved some 25 to 30 headquarters staff and middle-level Red Cross branch secretaries as well as 120 to 150 volunteers and middle-level RC branch staff. The Red Cross branch secretaries, staff, primary-level Red Cross branch voluntary staff and volunteers gained fundamental knowledge on fundraising and income generation, volunteer management and the project planning process, including how to conduct a needs assessment, design, planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the project.

The implementation of the capacity building project funded by the Federation's Capacity Building Fund (CBF) was completed on November 2004, while the capacity building project proposal for 2005 to 2007 was developed and submitted to CBF.

**Impact:**

The financial capacity of branches at the local level increased with an improved income and an improved Red Cross image among the public, mobilising individuals and the community in humanitarian activities.

The priority needs and services have been identified, leading to new approaches in services provided to the vulnerable. The activity coverage in relation to the vulnerable increased, while volunteer activities were sustained and volunteers more motivated.

Increased professional skills resulted in improved implementation of the programmes and bilateral projects.

**Implementation and Management**

**Goal: International stakeholders are increasingly supporting the initiatives of the Mongolia Red Cross Society for the benefit of targeted vulnerable groups.**

**Objective: National societies' priorities were better understood by stakeholders especially by the international media, UN organisations, local and international NGOs and diplomats based in Mongolia and Beijing.**

**Achievements:**

The reporting period has been an extremely active period for the MRCS which has hosted a plethora of visitors. Among the visitors, representatives from the Federation met with MRCS senior management regarding the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the MRCS and Federation. Additionally, MRCS staff have actively participated in workshops relating to OD, HIV/AIDS and reporting.

The International Committee of the Red Cross' (ICRC) head of regional delegation from Bangkok, together with the head of the ICRC mines and arms unit visited the MRCS to discuss the forthcoming international humanitarian law (IHL) seminar and to conduct round table informal meeting with the MRCS, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Defence. The ICRC head of regional delegation from Bangkok, together with the ICRC staff, a teacher from the Ukrainian University and the regional coordinator for the IHL programme based in KL visited MRCS from 30 October to 6 November. The delegates conducted the second IHL seminar for secondary school teachers who had attended the previous seminar.

***Bilateral cooperation***

The MRCS is working in partnership with several national societies in regard to the following projects:

*Australian Red Cross:* The Australian Red Cross is supporting the MRCS HIV/AIDS project for the period May 2002 to May 2005. The project objectives are to reduce the spread of HIV/AIDS and improve the lives of people living with HIV/AIDS, as well as to promote voluntary, non-remunerated blood donations with the aim of ensuring a safe and adequate blood supply.

The MRCS disaster preparedness project funded by the Australian Red Cross Society over the period of June 2004 to June 2006 intends to enhance the DP capacity of MRCS through supporting the regional DP centres.

*British and German Red Cross:* A social welfare project funded by the German and British Red Cross for the period April 2004 to April 2005 intends to improve the livelihood and the socio-psychological condition of the most vulnerable and elderly people through home care services carried out by volunteers.

*Hong Kong Red Cross:* The DP project's main objective was to increase awareness about DP among the public through the use of media. The project was completed in November.

*Japanese Red Cross:* The international friendship project funded by the Japanese Red Cross involving Red Cross youth and junior members is planned for implementation over the 2003 to 2006 period. This project aims to improve the quality of education, health and sanitation, support the Red Cross youth and junior activities as well as promote mutual understanding and friendship between youth members of the two countries.

*Netherlands Red Cross:* The capacity building project funded by the Netherlands Red Cross covers the period 2003 to 2007. This project is assisting two middle-level MRCS branches in becoming a more efficient, effective and sustainable organisation that will provide support to the most vulnerable in Mongolian society through better design, implementation and evaluation of programmes, as well as better financial resource mobilisation and strategic development.

The Netherlands Red Cross Society funded life skills project for the period February 2004 to October 2004 helped unregistered migrant (former) herder families improve their livelihood through life skills training. The project targeted some 130 vulnerable families who migrated from rural areas and settled in *ger* districts of the Songinokhairkhan district of Ulaanbaatar.

The Netherlands Red Cross Society funded water and sanitation project for the period 2004 to 2006 was postponed until April 2005 due to weather conditions. The project aims to improve water supply and sanitation conditions of the residents living in three *ger* districts of Ulaanbaatar. The components of the project include health education,

creation of boreholes, construction of public sub-terrain latrines and creation of solid waste points and improvement of individual latrines.

The regional programme manager of the Netherlands Red Cross visited the society over the period 7 to 12 December to monitor the implementation process of three projects and conducted a three-day review meeting with the staff and volunteers of the local Red Cross branches, during which the plan of action for 2005 was discussed.

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## PLEDGES RECEIVED

23/12/2004

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
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## CASH

						TOTAL COVERAGE
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				968,791		72.0%
CASH CARRIED FORWARD				183,234		
AUSTRALIAN - RC		21,000	AUD	18,302	30.09.04	REGIONAL DP CENTRES
BRITISH -RC		9,910	GBP	22,654	28.09.04	CO-ORDINATION & MANAGEMENT
BRITISH - RC				3,195	07.12.04	ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
FINNISH - GOVT/RC		61,340	EUR	95,690	10.02.04	HOD
FINNISH - GOVT/RC		57,000	EUR	89,804	27.02.04	HEALTH AND CARE
FINNISH - GOVT/RC		25,000	EUR	38,525	21.09.04	HEALTH & CARE, SOCIAL CARE
NORWEGIAN - RC		150,000	NOK	28,125	08.11.04	TRAINING OF VOLUNTEERS
NORWEGIAN - GOVT/RC		1,165,049	NOK	217,864	08.12.04	DISASTER MANAGEMENT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				697,393	CHF	72.0%

## KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
Note: due to systems upgrades in process, contributions in kind and services may be incomplete.						
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	